

GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL

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Minnesota (3-1, 1-0) vs. No. 14 Northwestern (4-1, 2-0)

Saturday, Oct. 14, 1995 • Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome (63,669)
 Kickoff: 6:08 p.m. (Central) • Minneapolis, Minn.

The Series: Minnesota leads 45-24-5.

The Series At Minnesota: Minnesota leads 25-10-3.

The Series At The Metrodome: Tied 2-2-1.

Last Year: Northwestern won 37-31 before 44,377 in the Metrodome.

Last Week: The Golden Gophers defeated Purdue 39-38 in the Metrodome. Northwestern defeated Michigan 19-13 in Ann Arbor.

Television: Midwest Sports Channel (MSC, live) (Dick Bremer play-by-play; Keith Nord analyst; Mike Max sideline reports)

Radio: WCCO-AM (830) (Ray Christensen play-by-play; Paul Flatley analyst)

WINNINGEST DIVISION I-A ACTIVE COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES LIST*

Coach	Wins	Coach	Wins
1. Joe Paterno, Penn State	272	11. Al Molde, West. Michigan	162
2. Bobby Bowden, Florida St.	254	12. Jim Wacker, Minnesota	156
3. Tom Osborne, Nebraska	224	13. George Welsh, Virginia	149
4. LaVell Edwards, BYU	209	14. Terry Donahue, UCLA	147
5. Hayden Fry, Iowa	209	15. John Cooper, Ohio State	140
6. Lou Holtz, Notre Dame	203	16. Jackie Sherrill, Miss. State	133
7. Jim Sweeney, Fresno State	195	17. Dick Twomey, Arizona	120
8. Johnny Majors, Pittsburgh	181	18. Ken Hatfield, Rice	119
9. Don Nehlen, West Virginia	165	19. Larry Smith, Missouri	115
10. Bill Mallory, Indiana	164	20. Danny Ford, Arkansas	108

* At least five years in Division I-A (includes record at all four-year colleges)

MINNESOTA SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Sept. 16	BALL STATE	31-7 W
Sept. 23	at Syracuse	27-17 L
Sept. 30	ARKANSAS STATE	55-7 W
Oct. 7	PURDUE	39-38 W
Oct. 14	NORTHWESTERN	6 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Michigan State	noon
Oct. 28	at Michigan	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	OHIO STATE	6 p.m.
Nov. 11	WISCONSIN	6 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Illinois	1 p.m.
Nov. 25	at Iowa	1 p.m.

All times are Central

Head Coach: Jim Wacker (Valparaiso '60)

Career (Seasons): 156-116-3 (25th season)

Minnesota (Seasons): 12-25 (4th season)

Wacker vs. Northwestern: 1-1

NORTHWESTERN SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Sept. 2	at Notre Dame	17-15 W
Sept. 16	MIAMI (OHIO)	30-28 L
Sept. 23	AIR FORCE	30-6 W
Sept. 30	INDIANA	31-7 W
Oct. 7	at Michigan	19-13 W
Oct. 14	at Minnesota	6 p.m.
Oct. 21	WISCONSIN	1 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Illinois	1 p.m.
Nov. 4	PENN STATE	1 p.m.
Nov. 11	IOWA	1 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Purdue	Noon

All times are Central

Head Coach: Gary Barnett (Missouri '69)

Career (Seasons): 20-36-2 (6th season)

Northwestern (Seasons): 12-25-1 (4th season)

Barnett vs. Minnesota: 1-1

Fact Box

HOMECOMING HISTORY

Saturday's meeting with Northwestern will be the University of Minnesota's 77th Homecoming game. The Golden Gophers will bring an impressive 47-26-3 (.638 winning percentage) Homecoming record into the confrontation with the Wildcats.

	W	L	T	Pct.
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000
Illinois	4	3	1	.563
Indiana	4	2	0	.667
Iowa	10	2	0	.833
Michigan	6	7	0	.462
Michigan State	3	2	0	.600
Northwestern	9	3	2	.714
Ohio State	0	3	0	.000
Purdue	4	2	0	.667
Wisconsin	2	2	0	.500
Others	4	0	0	1.000
TOTALS	47	26	3	.638

DID YOU KNOW?

The Golden Gophers' 3-1 start this season is the program's best since opening the '89 season with a 4-1 record. Led by running back Darrell Thompson, the '89 Golden Gophers finished with a 6-5 overall record and a 4-4 mark in the Big Ten Conference (fifth).

G O L D E N C O P H E R F O O T B A L L

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SPECIALISTS

THE OFFENSE

First Unit

83 - Johnny Woodson (6-2, 180, Sr)
82 - Matt Reem (6-6, 276, Sr)

70 - Mike Giovinetti (6-6, 301, Sr)
60 - Chris Bergstrom (6-3, 297, Jr)
75 - Todd Jesewitz (6-5, 290, Sr)
67 - Toby Anderson (6-6, 309, Sr)
71 - Gann Brooks (6-6, 301, Jr)
85 - Tony Levine (5-10, 198, Sr)
4 - Ryan Thelwell (6-2, 186, So)
17 - Cory Sauter (6-5, 226, So)
44 - Chris Darkins (6-1, 215, Sr)

Pos.

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QB
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Second Unit

9 - Greg Nelson (6-2, 206, So)
80 - Paul Kratochvil (6-4, 246, Jr)
89 - Mark Tangen (6-2, 246, Jr)
63 - Tim Socha (6-6, 315, Fr)
78 - Jon Albrecht (6-6, 313, Fr)
62 - Gregg James (6-4, 275, So)
65 - Luke Herkenhoff (6-5, 284, So)
79 - Chris Fowlkes (6-5, 320, Sr)
1 - Tutu Atwell (5-9, 165, So)
3 - Lee Hutton (5-11, 165, Fr)
19 - Jason Murdock (6-3, 228, Jr)
5 - Rafael Cooper (5-11, 194, So)
21 - Javon Jackson (6-0, 187, So)

Punt - 18 Garrison Harmann,
28 Tim Grate, 88 Ryan Hubbard
PAT/FG - 8 Mike Chalberg, 22 Erin
McManus
KO - 8 Mike Chalberg, 18 Garrison
Harmann
Long Snaps - 50 Scott Williams, 96
Andy Austin
Holder - 18 Garrison Harmann, 19
Jason Murdock
P/Return - 7 Rodney Heath, 1 Tutu
Atwell, 3 Lee Hutton
KO/Return - 5 Rafael Cooper,
42 Rishon Early, 83 Johnny
Woodson, 7 Rodney Heath

THE DEFENSE

First Unit

51 - Ogun Akbar (6-2, 256, Jr)
58 - Antoine Richard (6-4, 266, Fr)
93 - Kevin Holmes (6-2, 287, Jr)
59 - Jerome Davis (6-5, 270, Jr)
20 - Justin Conzemius (6-2, 225, Sr)
37 - Parc Williams (6-3, 229, Fr)
16 - Craig Sauer (6-3, 230, Sr)
25 - Terrance Blayne (5-11, 188, Jr)
23 - Crawford Jordan (5-11, 181, So)
42 - Rishon Early (6-1, 175, Jr)
7 - Rodney Heath (5-10, 170, Jr)

Pos.

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Second Unit

53 - Peter Hiestand (6-3, 246, Sr)
87 - Troy Duerr (6-4, 265, Fr)
95 - Ralph Green (6-1, 280, Sr)
56 - Lamanzer Williams (6-4, 263, So)
41 - Mark Cross (6-3, 238, So)
45 - Deon White (6-2, 226, Fr)
46 - Rufus Smith (6-2, 225, Fr)
2 - Craig Scruggs (5-9, 170, Fr)
15 - Don Williams (6-2, 196, Jr)
39 - Jermel Carr (5-10, 190, Jr)
27 - Joe Justice (5-10, 177, Jr)

Who's Out

Pat Hau - OG
Pilonidal cyst, surgery
Ben Langford - LB
Left shoulder separation

GAME - BY - GAME STARTING LINEUPS

OFF.	FL	TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	SB	SE	QB	RB
Ball St.	Woodson	Reem	Giovinetti	Bergstrom	Jesewitz	Anderson	Brooks	Levine	Thelwell	Sauter	Darkins
Syr.	Woodson	Reem	Giovinetti	Bergstrom	Jesewitz	Anderson	Brooks	Levine	Thelwell	Sauter	Darkins
Ark. St.	Woodson	Reem	Giovinetti	Bergstrom	Jesewitz	Anderson	Brooks	Levine	Thelwell	Sauter	Darkins
Purdue	Woodson	Reem	Giovinetti	Bergstrom	Jesewitz	Anderson	Brooks	Levine	Thelwell	Sauter	Darkins

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MSU
Mich.
OSU
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DEF.	LE	LT	RT	RE	OLB	MLB	OLB	LC	SS	FS	RC
Ball St.	Akbar	Baylor	Richard	Davis	Conzemius	Langford	Sauer	Blayne	Jordan	Early	Heath
Syr.	Akbar	Richard	Holmes	Davis	Conzemius	Langford	Sauer	Blayne	Jordan	Early	Heath
Ark. St.	Akbar	Richard	Holmes	Davis	Conzemius	Langford	Sauer	Blayne	Jordan	Early	Heath
Purdue	Akbar	Richard	Holmes	Davis	Conzemius	Langford	Sauer	Blayne	Jordan	Early	Heath

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NOTES & OTHER STUFF

Did You Know...Part Two: The Golden Gophers are 3-0 in the Metrodome this season. That marks the best home start since the '87 team opened with a 4-0 record.

Shootout: In the last three meetings between Purdue and Minnesota, the Golden Gophers and Boilermakers have combined to score 278 points and rack up 3,356 yards of total offense. That's an average of 92.7 points and 1,118.7 yards of total offense per game.

Co-Big Ten Player Of The Week: Senior running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Chris Darkins set a new single-game school record with 294 yards rushing on a career-high 38 carries and scored three touchdowns in Saturday's 39-38 win over Purdue. As a result, he was honored as the Co-Big Ten Player of the Week (with Ohio State quarterback Bobby Hoying). In the second half alone, Darkins racked up 232 yards on 23 carries and scored all three of his TD's. Furthermore, he had 141 yards on 13 carries and scored two of his three TD's in the third quarter alone.

Record Breaker: Chris Darkins' 294-yard effort Saturday surpassed Kent Kitzmann's single-game school record of 266 yards set in 1977 against Illinois. In that game, Kitzmann also set a school record that still stands today and a then-NCAA mark with 57 carries. Golden Gopher Clarence Schutte set the pre-modern era (before 1945) school record with 282 yards rushing against Illinois in 1924.

Darkins Ahead Of '94 Pace: Chris Darkins is ahead of the pace he set in '94 when he was a first-team All-Big Ten selection and a Doak Walker finalist after rushing for 1,443 yards (131.2 yards per game). Through four games this season, he has 578 yards rushing on 94 carries and has scored five touchdowns. That's an average of 6.1 yards per carry and 144.5 yards per game. Through four games in '94, he had 496 yards rushing on 94 carries and three TD's. That was an average of 5.3 yards per carry and 124.0 yards per game.

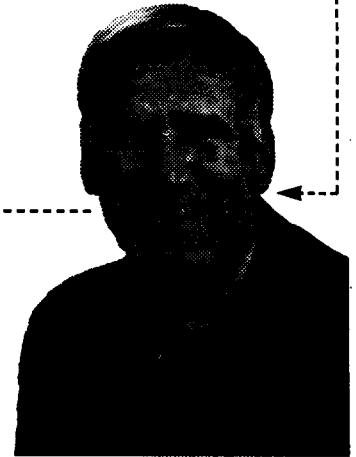
Up Front: Led by senior center Todd Jesewitz and senior tackle Mike Giovinetti, the Golden Gopher offensive line has been simply sensational the past three games. Along with senior guard Toby Anderson, junior guard Chris Bergstrom and junior tackle Gann Brooks, the Golden Gopher front wall paved the way for Chris Darkins' 205-yard effort at Syracuse (9-23), enabled Javon Jackson (120) and Rafael Cooper (102) to put together the first 100-plus yard games by two U of M backs in a single game since 1987 when they accomplished the feat against Arkansas State (9-30), and then Darkins' record-setting 294-yard effort against Purdue Saturday. They have also provided outstanding pass protection for quarterback Cory Sauter.

Ground Wacker?: The Golden Gophers are ranked third in the Big Ten and 14th in the nation in rushing with an average of 236.5 yards per game on the ground this season. In the past three games, the Golden Gophers are averaging 472.3 yards of total offense, including 272.7 yards a game rushing. They are also ranked fourth in the Big Ten with an average of 214.8 yards per game passing. Overall, the team is ranked third in the Big Ten and 15th in the nation in scoring offense (35.5).

Tight Ends: A trio of tight ends — senior Matt Reem, and juniors Mark Tangen and Paul Kratochvil — have not only played a big role in the success of the running game, but ALSO the passing game this season. After catching a total of two passes between them in '94, the trio has combined for six pass receptions already this season. Kratochvil has three for 23 yards. Reem has two for 20 yards, including his first career TD on a 10-yarder against Arkansas State (9-30). Tangen has one for 18 yards.

Sauter Shines: In his first season as the starter, sophomore quarterback Cory Sauter

Wacker Sez:



"It was an incredible performance by Chris (Darkins) Saturday. After a frustrating game against Arkansas State because of the hamstring injury, he bounced back to run for a school record 294 yards. Obviously, the offensive line and tight ends did a great job and they share in the record. Chris is something special and I really believe that he's as good as any back in America."

"We decided early-on in our last drive that if we scored, we were going to go for the two points and the win. I hate ties. Ryan (Thelwell) had to make a fantastic catch (on the two-point conversion). He came through when the game was on the line."

"Cory (Sauter) really played with a lot of confidence and poise once again. He did a nice job of directing our offense. We had five possessions in the second half and we scored four touchdowns and had one field goal."

"It goes without saying that Northwestern is one of the best teams in the nation right now. They've already beaten both Notre Dame and Michigan on the road. We've got a great challenge on our hands Saturday."

NOTES & OTHER STUFF (CONTINUED)

has played like a seasoned veteran. Through four games, he has completed 61.4 percent of his passing attempts (62 of 101) for 775 yards and seven TD's with just three interceptions. He is ranked fourth in the Big Ten and 22nd in the nation in passing efficiency (142.8), and fourth in the Big Ten in total offense (199.5).

Imagine That: Cory Sauter had some interesting rushing statistics in Saturday's win over Purdue. He had five carries for minus three yards, yet scored two touchdowns against the Boilermakers on one-yard quarterback sneaks in the first and fourth quarters.

Thelwell Moves Up To Eighth In Career TD's: In just his second season in Gold Country, Ryan Thelwell has already moved into a tie for eighth-place on the all-time school career receiving touchdowns list.

Name	Years	TD Rec.
1. Dwayne McMullen	1982-84	15
2. Omar Douglas	1990-91, '93-94	14
3. Elmer Bailey	1977-79	12
4. Jay Carroll	1981-83	10
5. Chris Gaiters	1987-89	9
6. Ken Last	1964-66	8
Chester Cooper	1978-81	8
8. Aaron Osterman	1990, '92-94	7
Ryan Thelwell	1994-present	7
10. Mel Anderson	1983-86	6

Going To The WELL(S): Quarterback Cory Sauter has gone to the WELL(S) frequently this season. Sophomores Ryan ThelWELL and Tutu AtWELL are ranked one-two on the team, respectively, in receiving this season. Thelwell has 24 receptions for 327 yards and four TD's. He is ranked second in the Big Ten and tied for 14th in the country with 6.0 receptions per game, as well as fifth in the conference with 81.8 receiving yards per game. A big-play threat both as a receiver and a runner, Atwell has 10 receptions for 229 yards and one TD this season. That's a team-leading average of 22.9 yards per catch. He also has three rushes for 51 yards (17.0).

Chalberg Perfect: A candidate for the Lou Groza Award which honors the nation's top collegiate placekicker, Golden Gopher senior Mike Chalberg is a perfect five-of-five on field goals and 16-for-16 on extra points through four games.

Speed on Defense: The Golden Gophers made a number of significant changes on defense to improve team speed, most notably moving '94 honor-

The Last Time

Minnesota scored a touchdown on a kickoff return:

Oct. 17, 1992, split end John Lewis returned a Michigan kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown to tie the game 7-7 in the first quarter. Michigan went on to win the game 63-13 in Ann Arbor.

Minnesota scored a touchdown on a punt return:

Sept. 24, 1988, split end Chris Gaiters returned a Northern Illinois punt 79 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, and Minnesota went on to win 31-20 at the Metrodome.

Minnesota blocked a field goal attempt and returned it for a touchdown:

Oct. 21, 1989, free safety Frank Jackson blocked an Indiana field goal attempt and cornerback Fred Foggie returned it 98 yards for a fourth quarter touchdown. Indiana went on to win 28-18 at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington.

Minnesota scored a touchdown on a blocked punt:

Sept. 17, 1994, late in the second quarter, strong safety Justin Conzemius stormed through to block a San Diego State punt attempt, free safety Mose Taylor scooped it up at the nine-yard line, and then ran it into the end zone to give the Golden Gophers a 23-10 halftime advantage en route to a 40-17 victory.

Minnesota scored a touchdown on an interception:

Sept. 30, 1995, on the fourth play of the game, strong safety Crawford Jordan picked off a Johnny Covington pass and return it 45 yards for his first career TD to put the Golden Gophers on top 7-0 en route to a 55-7 rout of Arkansas State.

THIS IS IMPORTANT

The weekly Big Ten coaches teleconference call will take place every Tuesday throughout the season beginning at 11 a.m. Central. Each Big Ten coach will be available for 10 minutes to preview their upcoming game. Coach Wacker is scheduled from 12:40 to 12:50 p.m. Media should call (312) 864-5021 to participate. All times are Central:

*11 a.m. - John Cooper, Ohio State
 11:10 a.m. Lloyd Carr, Michigan
 11:20 a.m. Bill Mallory, Indiana
 11:30 a.m. Nick Saban, Michigan State
 11:40 a.m. Hayden Fry, Iowa
 11:50 a.m. Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin
 Noon - Lou Tepper, Illinois
 12:10 p.m. Jim Colletto, Purdue
 12:20 p.m. Joe Paterno, Penn State
 12:30 p.m. Gary Barnett, Northwestern
 12:40 p.m. Jim Wacker, Minnesota
 12:50 p.m. Players of the Week (if avail.)*

The entire teleconference will also be available for 48 hours after its completion by calling (312) 864-2820 and code "10". Please do not release these phone numbers to the public.

NOTES & OTHER STUFF (CONTINUED)

able mention All-Big Ten choice Justin Conzemius, a senior, from strong safety to outside linebacker. Sophomore Crawford Jordan then was moved from the starting free safety spot to strong safety and then Rishon Early took over at free safety. Senior Peter Hiestand, who started at outside linebacker in '94, has moved up to defensive end.

Young Defense: The Golden Gophers' starting defensive unit the first four games included just two seniors...outside linebackers Justin Conzemius and Craig Sauer. In fact, there are only four seniors on the defensive two-deep heading into Saturday's game against Northwestern.

Heath Sizzles: Junior cornerback Rodney Heath has four interceptions through four games and is also a double threat returning punts for the Golden Gophers. He is tied for first in the Big Ten and tied for second in the nation in interceptions (1.00), and is also first in the Big Ten and third in the country in punt returns (17.5).

Linebacker Trio: It's no secret that the Golden Gophers have a wealth of talent and experience at linebacker this season. Craig Sauer is tied for the team lead through four games with 25 total tackles. He had a big fumble recovery Saturday against Purdue. Fellow outside linebacker Justin Conzemius has 14 total tackles in '95. Ben Langford, who will miss the Northwestern game after suffering a left shoulder separation against Purdue Saturday, is tied with Sauer for the team lead with 25 total tackles. That includes a team-leading four tackles for losses and one sack.

Looking Good: A young, but talented corps of linebackers in sophomore Mark Cross and redshirt freshmen Deon White, Parc Williams and Rufus Smith has also been impressive thus far this season. When Langford went to the sidelines in the first half Saturday with a shoulder injury, Williams stepped up with a big performance. He led the team with nine total tackles, including one tackle for a loss. He is expected make his first career start against Northwestern Saturday.

Davis & Holmes Lead The Way Up Front: Junior defensive end Jerome Davis and junior defensive tackle Kevin Holmes are tied for fourth on the team through four games with 19 total tackles. Davis has three tackles for losses and a team-leading two sacks, while Holmes has two tackles for losses.

Turnovers A Key: It was no secret that improving the team's turnover margin would be a big key for the Golden Gophers in '95. For the season, the Golden Gophers are +1.25 in turnover margin to rank third in the Big Ten and 15th in the nation. They have ranked 10th in the Big Ten in the statistical category the last two seasons (-11 in '93) (-8 in '94).

THIS IS IMPORTANT, 2

"LUNCH WITH WACKER"

The University of Minnesota Goal Line Club will present "Lunch with Wacker" at the Thunderbird Hotel & Convention Center in Bloomington the Friday before each Golden Gopher home football game this season.

Coach Jim Wacker will take a look back at the previous week's game and look ahead to the next opponent. He will be joined each week by two players who will be interviewed by a celebrity emcee. A social hour at 11:30 a.m. will kick off the festivities, followed by lunch at noon and the program at 12:30 p.m.

The remaining luncheons are scheduled for Oct. 13, and Nov. 3 and 10. The cost is \$13 per luncheon, or a full season pass for \$72. Those who plan to attend should RSVP to Gina Leonard in the U of M Football Office at (612) 624-1344 the Wednesday prior to each luncheon. For more information, call Mark Williams at (612) 897-1110.

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The Last Time

Minnesota scored a safety:

Oct. 8, 1994, Purdue quarterback Rick Trefzger ran out the back of the end zone with nine seconds remaining in the Boilermakers' 49-37 win over the Golden Gophers at West Lafayette, Ind.

Minnesota shut out its opponent:

Oct. 20, 1990, Minnesota beat Indiana 12-0 in the Metrodome behind a solid defensive performance to record its first shutout since 1977.

Minnesota played to a scoreless tie:

Sept. 29, 1962, Minnesota and Missouri played to a scoreless tie in front of 60,133 fans at Memorial Stadium.

AND THE WINNER IS:

The University of Minnesota football program has charted a 559-368-42 (.599) overall record heading into the Northwestern game.

6 National Titles	18 Big Ten Titles
1934	1900
1935	1903
1936	1904
1940	1906
1941	1909
1960	1910
	1911
	1915
	1927
	1933
	1934
	1935
	1937
	1938
	1940
	1941
	1960
	1967

G O L D E N G O P H E R F O O T B A L L

NOTES & OTHER STUFF (CONTINUED)

Football Rocks: Sponsored by Pepsi, the Edge, KQRS, the Twin Cities Reader and the Minneapolis Downtown Council, the third free rock concert of the '95 season for U of M students will be held in the northwest corner of the Metrodome parking lot prior to Saturday's game.

Family Night: Saturday's Homecoming game is also Family Night. Fans can purchase four upper level tickets, four soft drinks and four hot dogs for \$39. For more information, call the Golden Gopher Athletic Ticket Sales Office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.

Weekly Coach Wacker Media Luncheons: A weekly luncheon/news conference with Coach Jim Wacker is held at 11:30 a.m. (Central) on Tuesdays throughout the season in the Bierman Building Student Learning Center. Northwestern Coach Gary Barnett will join this Tuesday's luncheon via the Big Ten teleconference call at 12:30 p.m. Parking is limited, but will be available in the main lot in front of the Bierman Building.

Weekly Player Teleconference: Selected Minnesota players will be available each week by teleconference call. Senior running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Chris Darkins, and senior linebacker Craig Sauer will be available this Tuesday. The teleconference call will take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays throughout the season. The number for media to call to participate is (612) 625-2003.

Golden Gopher Hotline: The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with coaches and players. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The Hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day (unless noted). Do not release the number to the public. This week's schedule is as follows:
Monday: Northwestern scouting report with Assistant Coach Mark Tommerdahl
Tuesday: Coach Jim Wacker's Tuesday media luncheon (available 1 p.m.)
Wednesday: Hockey Coach Doug Woog
Thursday: Senior hockey center Brian Bonin
Friday: Redshirt freshman linebacker Parc Williams
Saturday-Sunday: Coach Wacker's postgame news conference (available 11 p.m. Sat.)

Weekly Big Ten Satellite Feed: Highlights and coach/player interviews from every Big Ten school will be available via satellite each Wednesday during the season from 2 to 3 p.m. Central (15 minutes test, 45 minutes highlights/interviews). The coordinates are Telstar 302, Transponder 3V (channel 5). The trouble number is (708) 524-9451. Please do not release these numbers or coordinates to the public.

Fax On Demand: One phone call from a fax machine handset allows instant access to the Big Ten member schools' up-to-date information (releases/game notes, statistics, depth charts, etc.). The information can be accessed by calling (770) 399-3066 and entering the Big Ten passcode #282. This is for media use only. The University of Minnesota football "cell" numbers are listed below:

- #2202 Weekly release (includes notes, quotes, statistics, depth chart, etc.)
- #2203 Cumulative team & ind. statistics
- #2206 Statistics from most recent game
- #2209 Honors candidates
- #2210 Alphabetical/Numerical rosters
- #2212 Signees list

Media Credentials: Requests for working media credentials must be made in advance on letterhead to Karen Zwach. The Media Relations Office fax number is (612) 625-0359.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Minnesota is ranked third overall with 18 Big Ten football championships.

A complete listing follows:

1. Michigan - 37
2. Ohio State - 26
3. **MINNESOTA - 18**
4. Illinois - 14
5. Iowa & Wisconsin - 9
7. Purdue & Chicago - 7
9. Michigan State - 6
10. Northwestern - 5
11. Indiana - 2
12. Penn State - 1

BIG TEN FACT

The Big Ten has charted an impressive 27-7-1 overall record (.786 winning percentage) in non-conference play this season, the finest mark since 1985 when conference teams were 24-6 (.800). Moreover, conference schools have posted an 8-4 record this year against teams ranked in the top 25 nationally.

STAYING INDOORS

The Golden Gophers will not play a game outdoors in '95 until meeting Michigan State in East Lansing on Oct. 21. They opened the season against Ball State in the Metrodome on Sept. 16, played Syracuse in the Carrier Dome Sept. 23, and will wrap up a three-game homestand this Saturday.

TURF CONTROL

In addition to playing the first five games of the '95 season indoors, the Golden Gophers will play a grand total of just two games on grass this year — Oct. 28 at Michigan and Nov. 25 at Iowa.

NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS

Individual Stats (Avg.)	(Top 10) Big Ten	NCAA
Rushing, Darkins (144.5)	5th	7th
Receptions, Thelwell (6.0)	2nd	14th (t)
Receiving Yards, Thelwell (81.8)	5th	---
Passing Efficiency, Sauter (142.8)	4th	22nd
Total Offense, Sauter (199.5)	4th	---
All Purpose Yardage, Darkins (154.0)	7th	24th
Scoring, Chalberg (7.8)	6th	---
Scoring, Darkins (7.5)	7th (t)	---
Kick Scoring, Chalberg (7.8)	2nd	*
Punt Returns, Heath (17.5)	1st	3rd
Kickoff Returns, Early (19.3)	7th	---
Interceptions, Heath (1.0)	1st (t)	2nd (t)
Fumbles Recovered, Early (1)	8th (t)	*
Fumbles Recovered, Kratochvil (1)	8th (t)	*
Fumbles Recovered, Sauer (1)	8th (t)	*
Fumbles Recovered, Sauter (1)	8th (t)	*
Fumbles Recovered, Thelwell (1)	8th (t)	*

* Not an official NCAA Stat

Minnesota in the Big Ten/NCAA (Top 25) Stats:

Team Stats (Avg.)	Big Ten	NCAA
Rushing Offense (236.5)	3rd	14th
Passing Offense (214.8)	4th	---
Total Offense (451.3)	5th	21st
Scoring Offense (35.5)	3rd	15th
Rushing Defense (158.3)	8th	---
Passing Efficiency Defense (106.7)	5th	---
Total Defense (337.5)	5th	---
Scoring Defense (19.8)	7th	---
Net Punting (22.5)	11th	---
Punt Returns (14.9)	1st (t)	6th (t)
Kickoff Returns (19.4)	7th	---
First Downs Offense (24.0)	4th	*
First Downs Defense (17.5)	5th	*
3rd-Down Conv. Offense (.469)	6th	*
3rd-Down Conv. Defense (.386)	7th	*
Penalties (60.3)	8th	*
Turnover Margin (+1.25)	3rd	15th
Quarterback Sacks (1.0)	10th (t)	*

Minnesota Record:

Home	3-0
Road	0-1
Domes	3-1
Turf	3-1
Grass	0-0
Ahead at halftime	2-0
Behind at halftime	1-1
Ahead after the third quarter	2-0
Behind after the third quarter	1-1
Golden Gophers score first	2-1
Opponent scores first	1-0
Rush for 150 yards or more	2-1
Pass for 200 yards or more	2-1
Total 350 yards or more on offense	3-1
Score 20 points or more	3-0
Opp. has less than 150 yards rushing	2-0
Opp. has less than 200 yards passing	2-0
Opp. has less than 350 total yards	2-0
Hold opponent to 20 points or less	2-0
Less turnovers than opponent	2-0
More turnovers than opponent	0-1
Turnovers are equal	1-0
Less penalty yardage than opponent	2-0
More penalty yardage than opponent	1-1
Games decided between 1-10 pts.	1-1
Games decided between 11-20 pts.	0-0
Games decided between 21-30 pts.	1-0
Games decided by more than 30 pts.	1-0
Largest halftime lead	41
(41-0 vs. Arkansas State)	
Largest halftime deficit	3
(13-10 at Syracuse)	



The Golden Gophers are scoring points 88.2 percent of the time once they reached the "red zone" (the 20-yard line on in).

Opp.	No.	TD	FG	Fgm	TO	Dn	Pnt	Score %
BSU	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1.000
Syr.	5	2	1	-	2	-	-	.600
Ark. St.	7	5	2	-	-	-	-	1.000
Purdue	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	1.000
NW								
MSU								
Mich.								
OSU								
Wis.								
Ill.								
Iowa								
Totals	17	11	4	-	2	-	-	.882

Fgm: (field goals missed); TO: (turnovers);

Dn: (lost ball on downs); Pnt: (punted)

G O L D E N G O P H E R F O O T B A L L

Game #1 • Ball State at Minnesota Sept. 16, 1995 • Metrodome (48,420)

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	Final
Ball State	0	0	0	7	7
MINNESOTA	3	14	14	0	31

SCORING SUMMARY

- 1st Qtr.: UM-6:58-Chalberg 42 FG
 2nd Qtr.: UM-14:55-Thelwell 21 pass from Sauter (Chalberg kick)
 UM-3:17-Thelwell 36 pass from Sauter (Chalberg kick)
 3rd Qtr.: UM-11:22-Thelwell 32 pass from Sauter (Chalberg kick)
 UM-3:50-Darkins 2 run (Chalberg kick)
 4th Qtr.: BSU-:12-Abernathy 14 pass from Knisely (Locklear kick)

	MINNESOTA	Ball State
First Downs	20	13
Rushing Yards	128	80
Passing Yards	260	96
Net Yards	388	176
Att/Comp/Int	35/17/0	32/17/2
Punts/Avg	7/30.9	8/54.1
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties/Yds	7/56	8/69

RUSHING

UM: Chris Darkins - 20/70, 1 TD
 BSU: Michael Blair - 17/58

PASSING

UM: Cory Sauter - 31/17/0, 260 yards, 3 TD's
 BSU: Matt Knisely - 15/10/0, 66 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING

UM: Ryan Thelwell - 8/167, 3 TD's
 BSU: Ed Abernathy - 3/20, 1 TD

HIGHLIGHTS

A pair of sophomores - quarterback Cory Sauter and split end Ryan Thelwell - connected on three touchdown passes to pace the Golden Gophers to a 31-7 season-opening victory over Ball State before 48,420 at the Metrodome. After Mike Chalberg gave the Golden Gophers a 3-0 lead with a 42-yard field goal in the first quarter, Sauter hit Thelwell on scoring aerials of 21 and 36 yards in the second quarter and then a 32-yarder in the third quarter to put the Maroon & Gold on top 24-0. An interception by Craig Sauter set up the Golden Gophers' final TD, a two-yard scamper by Chris Darkins. Sauter connected on 17 of 31 attempts for 260 yards and had no interceptions in his first collegiate start. Thelwell had eight receptions for 167 yards. Led by defensive end Jerome Davis, the defense held BSU to just two first downs in the first half.

Game #2 • Minnesota at Syracuse Sept. 23, 1995 • Carrier Dome (42,780)

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	Final
MINNESOTA	3	7	7	0	17
Syracuse	3	10	14	0	27

SCORING SUMMARY

- 1st Qtr.: UM-6:58-Chalberg 27 FG
 SYR-0:52-Mare 29 FG
 2nd Qtr.: UM-11:23-Darkins 1 run (Chalberg kick)
 SYR-8:24-Mare 48 FG
 SYR-5:02-Harrison 94 punt return (Mare kick)
 3rd Qtr.: SYR-13:02-Thomas 14 run (Mare kick)
 SYR-4:55-Harrison 30 pass from McNabb (Mare kick)
 UM-3:50-Nelson 13 pass from Sauter (Chalberg kick)
 4th Qtr.: No Scoring

	MINNESOTA	Syracuse
First Downs	25	21
Rushing Yards	213	189
Passing Yards	205	216
Net Yards	418	405
Att/Comp/Int	27/17/2	16/11/1
Punts/Avg	2/36.5	0/0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties/Yds	6/30	5/25

RUSHING

UM: Chris Darkins - 33/205, 1 TD
 SYR: Malcolm Thomas - 13/74, 1 TD

PASSING

UM: Cory Sauter - 27/17/2, 205 yards, 1 TD
 SYR: Donovan McNabb - 16/11/1, 216 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING

UM: Ryan Thelwell - 7/77
 SYR: Marvin Harrison - 8/184, 1 TD

HIGHLIGHTS

Chris Darkins rushed for 205 yards on 33 carries and scored a touchdown, but it wasn't enough as host Syracuse came away with a 27-17 victory in the Carrier Dome. The Golden Gophers were victimized by three turnovers and a 94-yard punt return for a touchdown by Syracuse senior star Marvin Harrison. The first Minnesota turnover, an interception early in the second half, led directly to a Syracuse touchdown. A fumble in the third quarter and an interception in the fourth quarter stopped Golden Gopher drives deep in Syracuse territory. Quarterback Cory Sauter was 17 of 27 for 205 yards through the air on the day, which included a 13-yard scoring strike with Greg Nelson late in the third quarter. Sauter's favorite target once again was Ryan Thelwell, who had seven receptions for 77 yards.

G O L D E N G O P H E R F O O T B A L L

Game #3 • Arkansas St. at Minnesota Sept. 30, 1995 • Metrodome (42,742)

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	Final
Arkansas State	0	0	7	0	7
MINNESOTA	24	17	7	7	55

SCORING SUMMARY

- 1st Qtr.:* UM-12:31-Jordan 45 interception return (Chalberg kick)
 UM-11:00-Thelwell 11 pass from Sauter (Chalberg kick)
 UM-5:03-Cooper 1 run (Chalberg kick)
 UM-:38-Chalberg 21 FG
- 2nd Qtr.:* UM-13:46-Atwell 17 run (Chalberg kick)
 UM-8:43-Atwell 28 pass from Sauter (Chalberg kick)
 UM-:15-Chalberg 30 FG
- 3rd Qtr.:* UM-12:56-Reem 10 pass from Sauter (Chalberg kick)
 ASU-3:24-McIntosh 30 pass from Covington (Caldwell kick)
- 4th Qtr.:* UM-14:46-Levine 16 run (Chalberg kick)

	MINNESOTA	Arkansas State
First Downs	25	11
Rushing Yards	283	85
Passing Yards	252	141
Net Yards	535	226
Att/Comp/Int	27/17/0	39/18/4
Punts/Avg	6/36.3	9/43.7
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Penalties/Yds	4/30	11/122

RUSHING

UM: Javon Jackson - 13/120
 ASU: Austin Tinsley - 9/37

PASSING

UM: Cory Sauter - 17/13/0, 168 yards, 3 TD's
 ASU: Johnny Covington - 31/14/3, 118 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING

UM: Tutu Atwell - 5/130, 1 TD
 ASU: Jerome McIntosh - 4/63, 1 TD

HIGHLIGHTS

There were a number of heroes as the Golden Gophers posted a 48-point win over visiting Arkansas State. With Chris Darkins limited to three carries due to a hamstring strain, Javon Jackson (120) and Rafael Cooper (102) became the first U of M tandem to each rush for 100-plus yards in a single game since 1987. Cory Sauter was 13 of 17 passing for 168 yards and three TD's. Tutu Atwell had five receptions for 130 yards and a TD. He also added another TD on a reverse from 17 yards out. The defense picked off four ASU passes, including two by Rodney Heath. On the game's first series, Crawford Jordan intercepted a Johnny Covington pass and returned it 45 yards to put the Golden Gophers up 7-0. On the next series, Ben Langford's interception set up the second score of the game and the Gophers coasted home with the win.

Game #4 • Purdue at Minnesota Oct. 7, 1995 • Metrodome (39,343)

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	Final
Purdue	7	10	14	7	38
MINNESOTA	7	0	17	15	39

SCORING SUMMARY

- 1st Qtr.:* PUR-11:28-Alstott 11 run (Bobich kick)
 UM-0:30-Sauter 1 run (Chalberg kick)
- 2nd Qtr.:* PUR-7:37-Bobich 19 FG
 PUR-:03-Alstott 1 run (Bobich kick)
- 3rd Qtr.:* UM-10:12-Darkins 7 run (Chalberg kick)
 PUR-9:04-Alstott 3 run (Bobich kick)
 UM-6:38-Darkins 45 run (Chalberg kick)
 UM-1:03-Chalberg 48 FG
 PUR-:00-Alford 78 pass from Trefzger (Bobich kick)
- 4th Qtr.:* UM-12:59-Darkins 24 run (Chalberg kick)
 PUR-8:59-Trefzger 4 run (Bobich kick)
 UM-1:38-Sauter 1 run (Thelwell pass from Sauter)

	MINNESOTA	Purdue
First Downs	26	25
Rushing Yards	322	279
Passing Yards	142	264
Net Yards	464	543
Att/Comp/Int	26/15/1	24/13/0
Punts/Avg	3/35.3	3/39.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	2/2
Penalties/Yds	6/39	6/55

RUSHING

UM: Chris Darkins - 38/294, 3 TD's
 PUR: Mike Alstott - 28/133, 3 TD's

PASSING

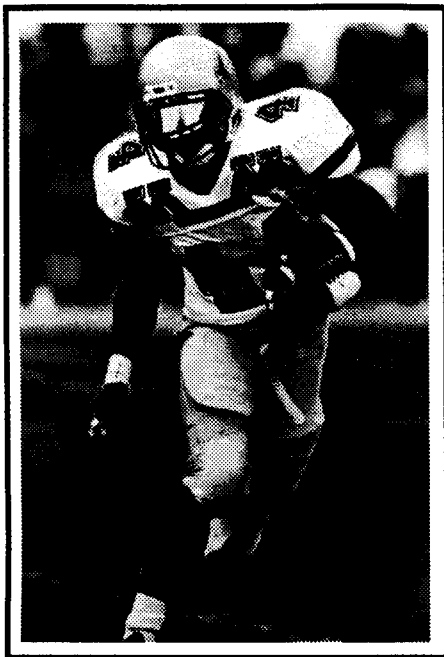
UM: Cory Sauter - 26/15/1, 142 yards
 PUR: Rick Trefzger - 24/13/0, 264 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING

UM: Ryan Thelwell - 6/55
 PUR: Brian Alford - 6/172, 1 TD

HIGHLIGHTS

Chris Darkins set a new single-game school record with 294 yards rushing on a career-high 38 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead the Golden Gophers to a 39-38 win. Mike Alstott paced Purdue with 133 yards on 28 carries. He also scored three TD's. The Boilermakers dominated the first half with a 291-120 advantage in net yards and an 18-6 bulge in first downs. The Golden Gophers, however, scored on all five possessions in the second half when they racked up 344 yards of total offense. Cory Sauter's one-yard sneak with 1:38 remaining brought the Golden Gophers to within a point at 38-37. Then Sauter hit Ryan Thelwell over the middle for the two-point conversion that proved to be the game-winner. A 42-yard Purdue field goal with 21 seconds remaining just missed to the left. The two teams have now combined to score 278 points and rack up 3,356 yards of total offense in their last three meetings.



Chris Darkins

Senior Running Back
6-1, 215
Houston, Texas

No. 44

CHRIS' NUMBERS

Career Rushing Stats

Year	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
1992	11	78	357	4.6	0	40 vs. Ind.
1993	10	124	610	4.9	4	35 vs. Ill.
1994	11	277	1443	5.2	11	56 vs. Iowa
1995	4	94	578	6.1	5	45 vs. Pur.
Total	36	573	2988	5.2	20	56 vs. Iowa

Career Receiving Stats

Year	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
1992	11	14	161	11.5	1	27 vs. Ill.
1993	10	18	180	10.0	2	39 vs. Wis.
1994	11	22	299	13.6	2	67 vs. Mich.
1995	4	5	38	7.6	0	21 vs. BSU
Total	36	59	678	11.5	5	67 vs. Mich.

GAME-BY-GAME IN '95

	Rush/Yds	Rec./Yds	TD
BSU	20/70	2/19	1
Syr.	33/205	2/7	1
Ark. St.	3/9	0/0	0
Purdue	38/294	1/12	3
NW			
MSU			
Mich.			
OSU			
Wis.			
Ill.			
Iowa			
Total	94/578	5/38	5

All-America and Heisman Trophy candidate...first-team All-Big Ten selection and a Doak Walker finalist in '94 when he set the single-season school rushing record with 1,443 yards... '95 *Sporting News* pre-season Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year...named to a number of other pre-season All-America and All-Big Ten teams...team captain for the second straight year...averaging 144.5 yards per game this season to rank seventh in the nation...ahead of his '94 pace when he averaged 124 yards per game through four contests...set the single-game school record with 294 yards rushing on a career-high 38 carries and scored three touchdowns in the win over Purdue (10-7)...had 232 yards on 23 carries and scored all three of his TD's in the second half against the Boilermakers...had just three carries for nine yards against Arkansas State (9-30) due to a left hamstring strain...rushed for 205 yards on 33 carries against Syracuse (9-23)...scored the Golden Gophers' first TD against the Orangemen...had 70 yards on 20 carries and scored a TD in the season opener against Ball State (9-16) despite suffering a bruised right knee late in the first half and going up against eight- and nine-man defensive fronts designed to stop the run...ranked third on the all-time school rushing list with 2,988 yards, just 99 yards behind runnerup Marion Barber...also tied for fourth with 20 career rushing touchdowns and ninth in scoring with 150 career points.

CAREER TOP TEN LISTS

RUSHING

	Att.	Yards
1. Darrell Thompson ('86-89)	830	4,518
2. Marion Barber ('77-80)	656	3,087
3. Chris Darkins ('92-)	573	2,988
4. Garry White ('77-80)	442	2,345
5. "Pug" Lund ('32-34)	416	2,264
6. Paul Giel ('51-53)	551	2,188
7. Rickey Foggie ('84-87)	510	2,038
8. "Red" Williams ('42-45)	320	1,999
9. Barry Mayer ('68-70)	831	1,829
10. Rick Upchurch ('73-74)	294	1,783

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

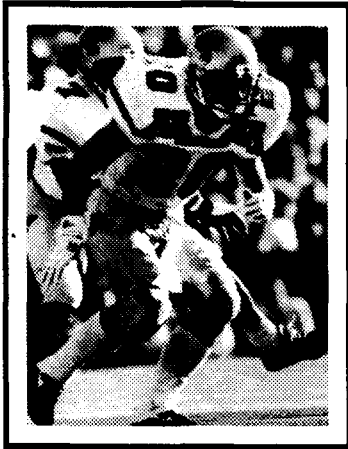
	TDs
1. Darrell Thompson ('86-89)	40
2. Marion Barber ('77-80)	33
3. Rickey Foggie ('84-87)	24
4. Chris Darkins ('92-)	20
Billy Bye ('46-49)	20
Paul Giel ('51-53)	20
Jim Carter ('67-69)	20
8. Jim Perkins ('74-76)	19
9. Sandy Stephens ('59-61)	18
10. Garry White ('77-80)	16

SCORING

	Pts
1. Darrell Thompson ('86-89)	260
2. Chip Lohmiller ('84-87)	254
3. Paul Rogind ('76-79)	217
4. Jim Gallery ('80-83)	216
5. Marion Barber ('77-80)	212
6. Brent Berglund ('88-90)	175
7. Mike Chalberg ('91-)	174
8. Rickey Foggie ('84-87)	154
9. Chris Darkins ('92-)	150
10. Jim Carter ('67-69)	136

"His size, speed and toughness make him the most exciting running back to watch in the Midwest. While a lot of fans across the country may not know a lot about Chris Darkins, the NFL scouts certainly do."

G O L D E N G O P H E R F O O T B A L L



Justin Conzemius

Senior Linebacker
6-2, 225
Fargo, N.D.

No. 20

Candidate for numerous postseason honors...honorable mention All-Big Ten selection and a first-team GTE Academic All-America choice in '94...has made a successful move to outside linebacker after playing the past three seasons at strong safety...team captain...has never missed a game during his career, playing in 37 straight contests...tied for ninth on the all-time school list with seven career interceptions...has registered 14 tackles through four games...should also crack the top 10 in career tackles this season...registered five solo tackles and a pass breakup in the season opener vs. Ball State (9-16)...led the defense with 113 tackles, including 70 solos, and saw action in a team-leading 877 plays in '94 when he ranked seventh in the Big Ten with 10.3 tackles per game.

JUSTIN'S NUMBERS

Career Defensive Stats

Year	G	Solo	Ass't	Tot.	T/L	Int.	PBU	FR	Sack
1992	11	39	26	65	2/3	1	1	1	0/0
1993	11	37	31	68	3/29	3	1	2	2/27
1994	11	70	43	113	5/29	3	2	0	1/17
1995	4	11	3	14	1/1	0	1	0	0/0
Total	37	157	103	260	11/62	7	5	3	3/44

GAME-BY-GAME IN '95

Opp.	Solo	Ass't	Tot.	T/L	Int.	PBU	FR	Sack
BSU	5	0	5	0/0	0	1	0	0/0
Syr.	1	0	1	0/0	0	0	0	0/0
Ark. St.	3	1	4	0/0	0	0	0	0/0
Purdue	2	2	4	1/1	0	0	0	0/0
NW								
MSU								
Mich.								
OSU								
Wis.								
Ill.								
Iowa								
Total	11	3	14	1/1	0	1	0	0/0

CRAIG'S NUMBERS

Career Defensive Stats

Year	G	Solo	Ass't	Tot.	T/L	Int.	PBU	FR	Sack
1992	1	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0/0
1993	11	46	22	68	12/54	2	3	2	3/20
1994	11	66	29	95	11/45	0	3	1	3/32
1995	4	14	11	25	1/3	1	0	1	0/0
Total	27	126	62	188	24/102	3	6	4	6/52

GAME-BY-GAME IN '95

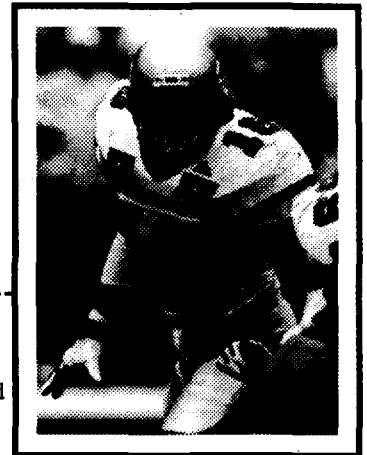
Opp.	Solo	Ass't	Tot.	T/L	Int.	PBU	FR	Sack
BSU	3	1	4	0/0	1	0	0	0/0
Syr.	4	6	10	1/3	0	0	0	0/0
Ark. St.	3	1	4	0/0	0	0	0	0/0
Purdue	4	3	7	0/0	0	0	1	0/0
NW								
MSU								
Mich.								
OSU								
Wis.								
Ill.								
Iowa								
Total	14	11	25	1/3	1	0	1	0/0

Craig Sauer

Senior Linebacker
6-2, 225
Sartell, Minn.

No. 16

Postseason honors candidate at outside linebacker...team captain...converted quarterback who has become a standout at linebacker for the Golden Gophers...tied for the team lead with 25 total tackles...had seven tackles and a big fumble recovery in the win over Purdue (10-7)...led the team with 10 tackles against Syracuse (9-23)...registered four tackles and had an interception that he returned 25 yards to set up a TD in the season-opening win over Ball State (9-16)...tied for fifth on the all-time school list with 24 career tackles for losses...tied for 10th with six career sacks...also has a shot at cracking the school's all-time top 10 in career tackles...led the team with 11 tackles for losses and three sacks in '94.



CAREER DEFENSIVE TOP TEN LISTS

TOTAL TACKLES

Rank	Name (Year)	Tackles
1.	Pete Najarian ('82-85)	478
2.	Bill Light ('69-71)	395
3.	Steve Stewart ('74-77)	349
4.	Russ Heath ('90-93)	329
5.	Joel Staats ('88-91)	319
6.	Glenn Howard ('78-81)	308
7.	Bruce Holmes ('83-86)	303
8.	Sean Lumpkin ('88-91)	289
9.	Jim Fahnhorst ('77-81)	288
10.	Andre Davis ('89-92)	284

TACKLES FOR LOSSES

Rank	Name (Year)	TFL	Yds
1.	Steve Neils ('71-73)	33	213
2.	Ed Hawthorne ('91-94)	27	85
3.	Stan Sytsma ('76-78)	26	133
	Ron Goetz ('86-89)	26	100
5.	Karl Mecklenberg ('80-82)	24	124
	Craig Sauer ('92-)	24	102
6.	Dennis Cappella ('90-93)	23	86
	Gary Hadd ('84-87)	23	140
9.	Fred Orgas ('79-82)	22	90
10.	Steve Midboe ('75-77)	21	93
	Jon Leverenz ('86-89)	21	86

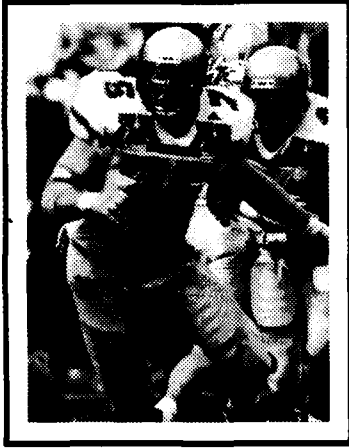
QUARTERBACK SACKS

Rank	Name (Year)	Sacks	Yds
1.	Ben Williams ('88-91)	13	102
2.	Dennis Cappella ('90-93)	10.5	67
3.	Andy Kratochvil ('90-93)	10	80
	Skeeter Akre ('88-90)	10	83
5.	Anthony Bryant ('88-91)	9	70
	Gary Hadd ('84-87)	9	65
	Mike Sunvold ('87-90)	9	57
8.	Ed Hawthorne ('91-94)	7	48
9.	Russ Heath ('90-93)	6.5	61
10.	Larry Joyner ('83-86)	6	41
	Craig Sauer ('92-)	6	52

INTERCEPTIONS

Rank	Name (Year)	Int.
1.	Jeff Wright ('68-70)	12
2.	Walter Bowser ('69-70)	11
	Sean Lumpkin ('88-91)	11
	Tom Sakal ('65-67)	11
5.	Frank Jackson ('87-90)	9
	Rick Witthus ('79-82)	9
7.	Mike White ('70-72)	8
	Noel Jenke ('66-68)	8
9.	Keith Edwards ('76-79)	7
	Justin Conzemius ('92-)	7
	Juan Hunter ('91-94)	7

G O L D E N G O P H E R F O O T B A L L



Todd Jesewitz

Senior Center
6-5, 290
Willow Springs, Ill.

No. 75

Returning starter at center and a prime candidate for postseason honors...*Football News* first-team All-Big Ten selection and an honorable mention All-Big Ten choice by the coaches in '94...team captain...consistent

player who delivers a solid performance game in and game out...veteran leader of the offensive line that has helped pave the way for the Golden Gophers to average 472.3 yards of total offense the past three games, including 272.7 yards a game on the ground during the three-game stretch...ranked second on the team with 800 total plays last season when he was a big factor in Darkins' successful assault on the single-season school rushing record.

CAREER TOP TEN SCORING LISTS

OVERALL SCORING

	Pts
1. Darrell Thompson ('86-89)	260
2. Chip Lohmiller ('84-87)	254
3. Paul Rogind ('76-79)	217
4. Jim Gallery ('80-83)	216
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10. Jim Carter ('67-69)	136

KICK SCORING

	PAT-Att	FG-Att	Pts
1. Chip Lohmiller ('84-87)			
95-97	53-69	254	
2. Paul Rogind ('76-79)			
85-87	44-71	217	
3. Jim Gallery ('80-83)			
96-106	40-63	216	
4. Brent Berglund ('88-90)			
70-71	35-51	175	
5. Mike Chalberg ('91-)			
69-72	35-50	174	

Mike Chalberg

Senior Kicker
5-11, 170
Auckland, N. Zealand

No. 8

Candidate for the Lou Groza Award which honors the nation's top collegiate placekicker...will also vie for All-America and All-Big Ten honors...semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award in '94 when he was a second-team All-Big Ten selection...ranked seventh on the all-time school list in overall scoring and fifth in kick scoring with 174 career points...a perfect five-of-five on field goals and 16-of-16 on extra points through four games...nailed a career-long 48-yarder and four extra points against Purdue Saturday...hit two field goals and six extra points against Arkansas State (9-30)...drilled a 42-yarder in the season-opening win over Ball State (9-16).



MIKE'S NUMBERS

Career Kicking Stats

Year	10-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PAT	Long
1991	3/4	2/3	0/0	0/1	2/3	92 vs. Wis.
1993	2/2	3/3	3/8	0/1	26/27	46 vs. SDSU
1994	7/9	7/8	3/6	0/0	25/26	44 vs. SDSU
1995	2/2	1/1	2/2	0/0	16/16	48 vs. Purdue
Total	14/17	13/15	8/16	0/2	69/72	48 vs. Purdue

GAME-BY-GAME IN '95

Opp.	FG/Att	Long	PAT/Att	Pts
BSU	1/1	42	4/4	7
Syr.	1/1	27	2/2	5
Ark. St.	2/2	30	6/6	12
Purdue	1/1	48	4/4	7
NW				
MSU				
Mich.				
OSU				
Wis.				
Ill.				
Iowa				
Total	5/5	48	16/16	31

MINNESOTA FOOTBALL STATISTICS
All Games

RECORD: 3-1-0 (1-0-0 Conf)

GAME SUMMARY

DATE	OPPONENT	(ATT.)	SCORE
09-16	vs BALL STATE	48,420	31- 7
09-23	at Syracuse	42,780	17- 27
09-30	vs ARKANSAS STATE	42,742	55- 7
10-07	vs. PURDUE	39,343	39- 38

TEAM STATISTICS	MINNESOTA	OPP
Total First Downs	96	70
First Downs-Rushing	47	33
First Downs-Passing	45	33
First Downs-Penalty	4	4
Rushing Att-Yds	163-946	155-633
Rushing Yards per Game	236.5	158.3
Pass Comp-Att-Int	66-115-3	59-111-7
Passing Yards	859	717
Passing Yards per Game	214.8	179.3
Punting Number-Yds-Avg	18-613-34.1	20-945-47.3
Fumbles-Lost	6-2	3-3
Penalties-Yards	30-247	23-179
Sacks by-Yds Lost	4-24	3-13
Third Down Conversions	23-49	22-57
Third Down Conversion Pct.	.469	.386
Fourth Down Conversions	2-3	1-5
Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.667	.200
Avg. Time of Possession	30:25	32:05

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT	AVG
MINNESOTA	37	38	45	22	142	35.5
Opponent	10	20	35	14	79	19.8

RUSHING	G	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	PG	TD	LP
Chris Darkins	4	94	587	9	578	6.1	144.5	5	45
Rafael Cooper	4	32	143	4	139	4.3	34.8	1	19
Javon Jackson	3	17	129	0	129	7.6	43.0	0	32
Tutu Atwell	4	3	51	0	51	17.0	12.8	1	18
Cory Sauter	4	11	29	6	23	2.1	5.8	2	9
Tony Levine	4	1	16	0	16	16.0	4.0	1	16
Rob Jones	1	1	6	0	6	6.0	6.0	0	6
Tommy Watson	2	1	2	0	2	2.0	1.0	0	2
Jason Murdock	2	3	16	14	2	0.7	1.0	0	16
MINNESOTA	4	163	979	33	946	5.8	236.5	10	45
Opponents	4	155	678	45	633	4.1	158.3	5	

PASSING	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/G	RTNG	TD	LP
Cory Sauter	4	101	62	3	.614	775	193.8	142.8	7	42
Jason Murdock	2	14	4	0	.286	84	42.0	79.0	0	34
MINNESOTA	4	115	66	3	.574	859	214.8	135.0	7	42
Opponent	4	111	59	7	.532	717	179.3	106.7	4	

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	PLAY	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG
Cory Sauter	4	112	23	775	798	199.5
Chris Darkins	4	94	578	0	578	144.5
Javon Jackson	3	17	129	0	129	43.0
Jason Murdock	2	17	2	84	86	43.0
Rafael Cooper	4	32	139	0	139	34.8
Tutu Atwell	4	3	51	0	51	12.8
Rob Jones	1	1	6	0	6	6.0
Tony Levine	4	1	16	0	16	4.0
Tommy Watson	2	1	2	0	2	1.0

MINNESOTA	4	278	946	859	1805	451.3
Opponent	4	266	633	717	1350	337.5

RECEIVING	G	REC	YDS	AVG	YDS/G	C/G	TD	LP
Ryan Thelwell	4	24	327	13.6	81.8	6.0	4	36
Tutu Atwell	4	10	229	22.9	57.3	2.5	1	42
Johnny Woodson	4	7	61	8.7	15.3	1.8	0	16
Tony Levine	4	6	44	7.3	11.0	1.5	0	13
Chris Darkins	4	5	38	7.6	9.5	1.3	0	21
Greg Nelson	4	3	27	9.0	6.8	0.8	1	13
Paul Kratochvil	4	3	23	7.7	5.8	0.8	0	12
Rafael Cooper	4	2	22	11.0	5.5	0.5	0	13
Matt Reem	4	2	20	10.0	5.0	0.5	1	10
Derrick Harvey	2	1	22	22.0	11.0	0.5	0	22
Mark Tangen	4	1	18	18.0	4.5	0.3	0	18
Lee Hutton	3	1	16	16.0	5.3	0.3	0	16
Ryan Hubbard	3	1	12	12.0	4.0	0.3	0	12

MINNESOTA	4	66	859	13.0	214.8	16.5	7	42
Opponent	4	59	717	12.2	179.3	14.8	4	

SCORING	TD	PAT				SAF	FG	PTS
		XP	2PT	DXP				
Mike Chalberg	0	16-16	0-0	0-0	0	5-5	31	
Chris Darkins	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	30	
Ryan Thelwell	4	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	26	
Cory Sauter	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	12	
Tutu Atwell	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	12	
Tony Levine	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6	
Matt Reem	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6	
Crawford Jordan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6	
Greg Nelson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6	
Rafael Cooper	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6	
Scott Koelfgen	0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	1	

MINNESOTA	18	17-17	1-1	0-0	0	5-5	142
Opponents	10	10-10	0-0	0-0	0	3-5	79

PUNTING	G	NO	YDS	AVG	LP	BLK
Garrison Harmann	4	18	613	34.1	47	0

MINNESOTA	4	18	613	34.1	47	0
Opponents	4	20	945	47.3		0

PUNT RETURNS	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LP
Rodney Heath	4	8	140	17.5	0	44
Tutu Atwell	4	1	12	12.0	0	12
Lee Hutton	3	2	12	6.0	0	8

MINNESOTA	4	11	164	14.9	0	44
Opponents	4	10	208	20.8	1	

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LP
Rafael Cooper	4	3	59	19.7	0	29
Rishon Early	4	8	154	19.3	0	34

MINNESOTA	4	11	213	19.4	0	34
Opponent	4	22	538	24.5	0	

INTERCEPTIONS	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LP
Rodney Heath	4	4	38	9.5	0	19
Ben Langford	4	1	21	21.0	0	21
Crawford Jordan	4	1	45	45.0	1	45
Craig Sauer	4	1	25	25.0	0	25

MINNESOTA	4	7	129	18.4	1	45
Opponents	4	3	48	16.0	0	

MISCELLANEOUS YARDS (Blocked FGs and Fumbles Advanced)

PLAYER	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	PG	TD
MINNESOTA	4	0	0	0.0	0.0	0
Opponents	4	0	0	0.0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	SOLO	AST	TOT	TFL-YDS	SCK-YDS	PBU	FC	FR
Ben Langford	4	16	9	25	4- 13	1- 8	0	0	0
Craig Sauer	4	14	11	25	1- 3	0- 0	0	0	1
Rishon Early	4	13	11	24	1- 2	0- 0	2	0	1
Kevin Holmes	4	13	6	19	2- 2	0- 0	0	0	0
Jerome Davis	4	10	9	19	3- 18	2- 11	0	0	0
Parc Williams	4	10	6	16	1- 1	0- 0	0	1	0
Terrance Blayne	4	11	4	15	1- 1	0- 0	1	1	0
Crawford Jordan	4	8	6	14	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0
Justin Conzemius	4	11	3	14	1- 1	0- 0	1	1	0
Rodney Heath	4	10	2	12	0- 0	0- 0	1	1	0
Antoine Richard	4	5	6	11	1- 2	0- 0	0	0	0
Jermel Carr	4	8	1	9	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Peter Hiestand	4	5	3	8	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Ogun Akbar	4	5	3	8	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Ralph Green	3	5	2	7	3- 3	0- 0	0	0	0
Mark Cross	4	5	1	6	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Don Williams	4	4	1	5	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Troy Duerr	4	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Lamanzer Williams	3	2	2	4	1- 1	0- 0	1	0	0
Rufus Smith	4	3	1	4	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Joe Justice	4	4	0	4	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Mark Tangen	4	3	0	3	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Mari Moore	3	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Greg Nelson	4	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Rafael Cooper	4	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Ryan Thelwell	4	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	1
Craig Scruggs	4	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Raymond Baylor	2	1	0	1	1- 5	1- 5	0	0	0
Jim Tallman	3	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Deon White	4	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Mike Chalberg	4	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0
Paul Kratochvil	4	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	1
Cory Sauter	4	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	1