

GOLDEN GOPHER HOOPS

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Release

Minnesota (1-0) vs. Utah State (1-0)

Monday, Nov. 17 - Williams Arena (14,625)
 Start Time: 7 p.m. (Central) - Minneapolis, Minn.

The Series: Utah State leads the series 2-1. The last time the two teams met was Dec. 29, 1967 in the Los Angeles Classic when the Aggies prevailed 73-65.

Television: MSC/Dick Bremer play-by-play, Jim Dutcher, Richard Coffey, analysts.

Minnesota (1-0) vs. Alabama (0-0)

Saturday, Nov. 22 - Williams Arena (14,625)
 Start Time: 2 p.m. (Central) - Minneapolis, Minn.

The Series: Alabama leads the series 2-0, including a 70-67 win last year in Tuscaloosa, which was Minnesota's first loss the the year.

Television: MSC/Dick Bremer, play-by-play; Jim Dutcher, Richard Coffey, analysts.

Radio: WCCO-AM 830/Ray Christensen play-by-play.

	Ppg	Rpg	Apg
Probable Minnesota Starters (1997-98 stats)			
F - 6-6 Sr, Cottage Grove, MN - #5 SAM JACOBSON	13.0	8.0	1.0
F - 6-7 Jr, Little Rock, AR - #20 QUINCY LEWIS	10.0	3.0	3.0
C - 6-8 Jr, Oakland, CA - #42 MILES TARVER	12.0	10.0	1.0
G - 6-3 Sr, Bronx, NY - #33 ERIC HARRIS	7.0	2.0	4.0
G - 6-2 Jr, Savannah, GA - #10 KEVIN CLARK	11.0	8.0	3.0

Head Coach: Clem Haskins, 12th season, 204-139 (17th overall, 305-212)

Associate Head Coach: Bobby Jones

Assistant Coaches: Charles Cunningham, Bill Brown

Program Aide: Brent Haskins

MINNESOTA SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Nov. 6	YUGOSLAVIA-MORNAR (EX)	W 90-48
Nov. 10	VENEZUELA NATL. (EX)	W 126-72
Nov. 14	BCA CLASSIC	
	UM vs. Villanova	W 68-55
Nov. 17	CHASE NIT	
	(UM vs. Utah State)	7 p.m./MSC
Nov. 19	CHASE NIT (if MN wins on 11/17)	
Nov. 22	ALABAMA	2 p.m./MSC
Nov. 26, 28	CHASE NIT (if MN wins on 11/19)	
Dec. 1	CAMPBELL	7 p.m./MSC
Dec. 3	EASTERN MICHIGAN	7 p.m./MSC
Dec. 5	WESTERN CAROLINA	7 p.m./MSC
Dec. 13	NEBRASKA	7 p.m./MSC
Dec. 17	@ Cincinnati	8:30 p.m./ESPN
Dec. 20	FRESNO STATE	8:30 p.m./ESPN
Dec. 22	SACRAMENTO STATE	7 p.m./MSC
Dec. 28	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	Noon/MSC
Jan. 2	PURDUE	Noon/ESPN
Jan. 7	@ Northwestern	7 p.m./MSC
Jan. 10	@ Penn State	11:15 a.m./WCCO
Jan. 14	MICHIGAN STATE	7 p.m./MSC
Jan. 18	IOWA	3 p.m./CBS
Jan. 20	@ Michigan	6:30 p.m./ESPN
Jan. 24	OHIO STATE	1:30 p.m./WCCO
Jan. 27	WISCONSIN	6:30 p.m./ESPN
Jan. 31	@ Indiana	Noon/CBS
Feb. 4	@ Illinois	7 p.m./MSC
Feb. 7	MICHIGAN	1 p.m./CBS
Feb. 12	@ Iowa	6:30 p.m./ESPN
Feb. 14	@ Michigan State	7 p.m./MSC
Feb. 18	PENN STATE	7 p.m./MSC
Feb. 25	@ Purdue	7 p.m./MSC
Feb. 28	NORTHWESTERN	1:30 p.m./WCCO
Mar. 5-8	Big Ten Tournament	CBS/ESPN
	(United Center, Chicago, Ill.)	

Fact Box

MINNESOTA IN THE "BARN"

The Golden Gophers have a 5-2 (.714) overall record vs. teams in the Big West Conference and a 5-0 mark at Williams Arena vs. those teams. The last time Minnesota hosted a Big West team at Williams Arena was Jan. 2, 1982 when the Golden Gophers beat Long Beach State 75-67. Minnesota is 10-10 overall vs. teams from the SEC and 6-1 vs. those teams at Williams Arena. The lone loss at Williams was a 57-53 loss to South Carolina on Dec. 23, 1978.

DID U KNOW?

Minnesota could have as many as five exempted games this year if the team wins its first two Chase NIT games and advance to New York City. The BCA Classic game, coupled with four potential Chase NIT games, would bring Minnesota's nonconference games total to 14 games, the most in school history.

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Golden Gophers Open Season with Win Over Villanova: The University of Minnesota men's basketball team opened the 1997-98 schedule with an impressive 68-55 win over Villanova in the Black Coaches Association Classic. Minnesota was led by All-America candidate "Slammin" **Sam Jacobson (Cottage Grove, Minn.)** who scored 13 points and hauled down eight rebounds. The other star of the game was junior **Miles Tarver (Oakland, Calif.)** who had the first double-double of his career with 12 points and 10 rebounds, including 10 points and nine rebounds in the first half. Minnesota displayed the intense team defense that took them all the way the Final Four last year as the team forced the Wildcats into 15 first-half turnovers. The Maroon and Gold jumped out to a 39-16 lead at half on the strength of that defense and had leads as large as 29 points before Villanova rallied in the fourth quarter with many Minnesota starters on the bench.

Minnesota To Face Utah State in Chase NIT Opener: The Golden Gophers will face the Utah State Aggies tonight in the opener of the 1997 Chase NIT Tournament. Utah State (1-0) is coming off a 79-67 win over Simon Fraser last Friday night in Logan, Utah. Guard Marcus Saxon led the Aggies with 21 points and four rebounds. Backcourt partner Justin Jones added 15, while Kevin Rice came off the bench to score 16 points. Utah State will be one of the few teams this year that Minnesota will have an edge in size on the front line. Utah State goes 6-6, 6-7, 6-3 at the center and two forward spots. Three starters return from a team that posted a 20-9 mark and a 12-4 mark in the Big West conference one year ago. The winner of the Utah State/Minnesota game will play the winner of the Loyola (Maryland)/Florida State game on Wednesday night.

Alabama Visits the "Barn" Saturday: The Alabama Crimson Tide visits Williams Arena Saturday for a 2 p.m. matinee game. The Tide will be making its first visit ever to the elevated hardwood of Williams Arena. The last SEC team to play at Williams Arena was Georgia which lost 91-71 to Minnesota in the second round of the Chase NIT on Nov. 20, 1993. Alabama gave Minnesota its lone nonconference loss a year ago when the Tide tripped the Golden Gophers up 70-67 on a last-second three-pointer by Eric Washington. Alabama will host North Texas on Nov. 18 in its opener before traveling to Minneapolis for Saturday's game.

Slammin' Sam I Am: Senior swingman Sam Jacobson is one of the most explosive players in the Big Ten and will be the go-to guy for the Golden Gophers this year. Jacobson is a deadly outside shooter who can drive by his defenders to score or elevate and shoot over them. A United States Basketball Writers Association honorable mention All-America selection last year, he is a leading candidate for similar honors this year. He is a preseason top 10 pick for the Wooden and Naismith Awards and preseason All-Big Ten selection by the media. He finished second in preseason player of the year voting. Jacobson was a long-range sniper last year with a team-high 61 three-pointers and a team-leading 39.4 shooting percentage from three-point range. Jacobson is the only active member of the 1,000 point club with 1,140 points in his three-plus seasons. He is coming off an outstanding summer spent with the U.S. 22-and-Under Team in the World Championships, where he led the team in three-point shooting, hitting 64 percent of his treys and finished second in that category for the entire tournament.

"Instant Offense": Junior **Quincy Lewis (Little Rock, Ark.)** continues to embrace his nickname of "Instant Offense" but in a starting position this year. Lewis has moved into one of the forward positions this year. Lewis had a very good opener with 10 points, three rebounds, three assists, three blocks and five steals against the Villanova Wildcats. Lewis worked hard in the weight room over the summer and added 15 pounds of muscle to help with his battles in the paint. The top bench scorer his first two years at Minnesota, he finished sixth on the team in scoring overall at 8.0 points per game last year. He is a very dangerous three-point threat on the perimeter and also has very good

Clem Sez:



On the Villanova Game

"My team hit the floor with such great intensity and defensive pressure that Villanova was not able to get in the game. If we play that kind of defense every night we will win some ball games."

On Miles Tarver

"My secret weapon is out of the bag. Seriously, all along I have told you that Miles could play. I know that because he has done it in practice every day. He was tremendous against Villanova and hopefully that will give him the confidence that he can do that every night."

On Sam Jacobson

"Sam is one of the elite players in the country. He had an excellent summer with the U.S. 22-and-Under team and is shooting the ball really well. He will need to give us 15 to 20 points a night if we are to be successful. He is a scorer—whether it is inside or outside, he gets it done."

On Eric Harris

"What can I say? Eric was the glue that held us together last year, and I believe if he hadn't got hurt against Clemson, we would have beaten Kentucky and gone on to win the national title. He is one of the gutsiest players I have ever had the opportunity to coach. His courageous play vs. UCLA and Kentucky in the NCAA Tournament showed what type of player he is."

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post moves and excellent court vision, providing opponents with a difficult defensive matchup. Lewis was the Gatorade Player of the Year in Arkansas as a prep senior.

His "D" Never Rests: Point guard **Eric Harris (Sr., Bronx, N.Y.)** was the unsung hero of the 1996-97 team. He runs the offense and keys the defensive pressure for the Golden Gophers. Harris is a tremendous defender who faces some of the best players in the nation every week at point guard last season. Harris finished second in the Big Ten in steals, averaging 2.1 per game. He led the team in free throws made last year with 137 and shot 79.2 percent from the charity stripe. The most improved player on the team, he averaged 30.4 minutes per game. Harris has an excellent 293-146 career assist-to-turnover ratio. Named one of the top five on-the-ball defenders in the nation by *Sports Illustrated* last year, he is a preseason favorite for Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year.

Minnesota in Williams Arena Openers: The Golden Gophers hammered Stephen F. Austin 101-55 at Williams Arena last year in the season and Williams Arena opener. Minnesota is 9-2 overall under Haskins in Williams Arena openers and 23-2 in its last 25 Williams Arena openers. Minnesota lost to Drake 70-67 on Nov. 29, 1987, and the following year the team lost to Ball State 63-57 in overtime on Nov. 26, 1988. In last year's win over Stephen F. Austin, Bobby Jackson had 23 points, while Harris had 16 and Jacobson had nine. Lewis had eight points off the bench as Minnesota's stifling defense held the Lumberjacks to 22 percent shooting (16-72) from the field in the game.

K.C. Is Not Just A City In In Missouri: K.C. is the newest member of the Minnesota starting five. Junior **Kevin Clark (Savannah, Ga.)** proved he is a player with his 11 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three steals performance in his first game as a Golden Gopher. A second-team junior college All-America selection at Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kan., Clark's outstanding quickness and rebounding instincts will remind some people of a recent Minnesota player, but K.C. is his own player. He is an excellent defender and can penetrate and distribute as well as any Minnesota guard in years.

Tarver Talk: Junior forward **Miles Tarver (Oakland, California)** is a student section and crowd favorite. His work ethic and combativeness have captured the imagination of the fans. He had the finest game of his career against Villanova with 12 points and 10 rebounds with most of that in the first half. He will be undersized often times in the post, but if he can use his quickness and tenacity, he will be an effective post player.

Balanced Attack: One of the keys to Minnesota's success a year ago and a basic philosophy of Coach Haskins is to have balanced scoring. Last year, no player averaged more than 15 points per game, but four players averaged in double figures for most of the year. Two of those players are back in Jacobson and Harris. They will be joined in the starting lineup by Lewis who has been one of the top sixth men in the Big Ten the past two years, averaging 6.7 and 8.0 points per game off the bench in those seasons. Minnesota will look to junior college transfer Clark to provide some scoring punch as well as sophomore guard **Russ Archambault (Fort Yates, N.D.)**. In the Villanova game, the Golden Gophers demonstrated good balance with four players in double figures and seven players in double figures for minutes. Redshirt freshman center **Kyle Sanden (Thief River, Falls, Minn.)** has demonstrated his ability to score and provide some solid post defense, with four points in 15 minutes off the bench.

Unselfish Team: The Golden Gophers were a very unselfish team last year. They led the Big Ten with an average of 16.0 assists per game and posted 17 assists against Villanova. In the first game, Harris and Archambault each had four assists. Harris was second on the team with 133 assists last year and is now eight on the Minnesota all-time assist list with 293 after passing current Minnesota Timberwolves coach and

The Last Time

Minnesota scored over 100 points:

Dec. 28, 1996. Minnesota beat Long Island 104-84 at Williams Arena. The Golden Gophers shot 61 percent from the field and held Long Island to 32 percent. Sam Jacobson tallied 18 points to lead the Golden Gophers.

Minnesota allowed over 100 points:

Feb. 20, 1988. Iowa beat Minnesota 107-86 at Williams Arena in one of the worst home defeats in school history.

Minnesota won an overtime game:

March 20, 1997. Minnesota beat Clemson 90-84 in double overtime in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. Bobby Jackson and Sam Jacobson carried the team as they scored career-highs with 36 and 29 points, respectively.

Minnesota lost an overtime game:

Jan. 24, 1996. Minnesota led the game the entire way until Wisconsin tied it with 37 seconds left and went on to win in overtime 75-63. Sam Jacobson led the team with 19 points.

Minnesota won a triple overtime game:

March 5, 1994. Minnesota beat Iowa 107-96 in triple overtime at Williams Arena. Voshon Lenard had a career-high 37 points.

Minnesota held an opponent to less than 60 points:

March 16, 1997. Minnesota defeated Temple 76-57 in the second round of the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament. The Golden Gophers held the Owls to 31 percent shooting (22-71), including 6-of-31 (19 percent) three-point shooting.

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former Golden Gopher Flip Saunders (192/1973-77).

The Turnover Tale: Minnesota was the top team in the Big Ten in turnover margin last year with a +4.17 mark led by Bobby Jackson and Harris. With Harris and the super quick Clark and Archambault in the backcourt, this team will create some turnovers with its defensive pressure. Against Villanova, they caused 15 turnovers in the first half and 20 for the game. Minnesota also led the Big Ten in steals in 1997, averaging 8.5 per game, and with this backcourt group the team will again be one of the conference leaders in that category as evidenced by the 12 steals they posted in the season opener: Quincy Lewis led the team with five steals, while Clark added three.

Defense, Defense, Defense: The Golden Gophers' stifling team defense last season was one of the keys to their excellent season. They held their opponents to an average of 63.4 points per game and 38.5 percent shooting from the field. That same defensive intensity is back and if Minnesota can defend opponents the way they did vs. Villanova, holding them to 55 points on 38 percent shooting, the team will win a lot of games. The Golden Gophers were 24-2 last year when they held their opponents to 70 points or less. In 14 games at Williams Arena last season, Minnesota only allowed an average of 59.0 points (826) and scored an average of 82.1 (1,150).

Minnesota Notches Highest Ranking In School History Last Spring: Minnesota was ranked second in the nation in the AP poll on March 3, 1997, and finished third in the final poll for the highest AP ranking in school history. Minnesota is not ranked in either the AP poll or the USAToday/ESPN poll to start this season. By votes Minnesota is ranked 33rd in the AP Poll and 31st in the USAToday/ESPN poll.

Attendance Numbers: The Golden Gophers had a banner season for attendance last year with 210,806 fans coming out to see the games, an average of 14,054 per game. That figure was fourth in the Big Ten and 13th in the nation. The all-time and season-high single-game figure was set on March 1 vs. Indiana when 14,625 fans jammed into Williams Arena. In fact, four of the five biggest crowds since the remodeling came last season (Indiana-14,625, Michigan State-14,568, Iowa-14,552, Illinois-14,554).

Preseason Predictions: The Golden Gophers were picked anywhere from first to seventh in the Big Ten by various preseason publications last year, and this year seems to be the same. The highest preseason ranking for the team is second by *Playboy Magazine*, which also has Minnesota eighth in the nation. The *Basketball Times* has the Golden Gophers picked third in the Big Ten and 18th in the country. *Street and Smith* magazine has Minnesota finishing fourth in the Big Ten.

How Haskins Ranks: Clem Haskins is in his 12th season as the Golden Gopher head coach. He has a 203-139 record and a 304-212 career coaching record. He is now third for length of tenure with 12 seasons. Dr. L.J. Cooke leads the list with 27 seasons (1897-1924), while Dave MacMillan is second with 18 seasons (1927-42, 1945-48). Haskins' 203 wins at the University of Minnesota puts him second behind Cooke (244).

"Surf The Net": Information on the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department is now available on the Internet. The World Wide Web site contains news releases, statistics, rosters, schedules, student-athlete/coach/administration profiles, departmental directory, ticket and merchandise information and much, much more. The Web page can be accessed at: <http://www.gophersports.com>

New Faces: The Golden Gophers have several new faces on the roster this year beginning with incoming recruits Clark and Kevin Nathaniel (Fr., Camarillo, Calif.), who tallied four points and four rebounds in 13 minutes in the exhibition game. Antoine Broxsie (Fr., Tampa, Fla.) and Dusty Rychart (Fr., Grand Rapids, Minn.) are a pair

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The Last Time

Minnesota was held to less than 60 points:

Feb. 26, 1997. Michigan held Minnesota to 55 points in a 55-54 win for the Golden Gophers that clinched the Big Ten title. Minnesota shot 45.7 percent from the field (21-46) and 25.0 percent from beyond the arc (3-12), while Michigan shot just 38.2 percent from the field (21-55) and 29.4 percent from three-point range (5-17).

Minnesota held an opponent to less than 50 points:

March 14, 1997. Minnesota beat Southwest Texas State 78-46 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Golden Gophers caused 17 turnovers and held the Bobcats to 17 points in the first half.

Minnesota was held to less than 50 points:

Jan. 15, 1992. The Badgers held Minnesota to 49 points in a 49-48 Minnesota victory. Dana Jackson hit a rebound basket with 4.2 seconds left to give Minnesota the win. Wisconsin held Minnesota to 40 percent shooting (19-47), but the Golden Gophers overcame a 28-15 halftime deficit, outscoring the Badgers 34-20 in the second stanza. **Note:** The last time Minnesota was held to less than 50 points and lost was Feb. 4, 1987, at Iowa, when the Hawkeyes beat the Golden Gophers 78-47.

Minnesota had a player score 30 points or more:

March 20, 1997. Bobby Jackson had 36 points in the double overtime win over Clemson.

Minnesota had a player score 25 points or more:

Mar. 20, 1997. Bobby Jackson had 36 points in the double overtime win over Clemson and Sam Jacobson added 29.

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of newcomers in the frontcourt. In addition, two transfers are practicing with the team but cannot play until next year. **Terrance Simmons (So., Houghton, La.)**, a 6-3 guard, transferred from LSU after playing in 29 games as a freshman for the Tigers. He looks like he will be a big contributor next season. In addition, the 1996 "Mr. Basketball" award winner in Minnesota, **Mitch Ohnstad (So., Faribault, Minn.)**, transferred from Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo after playing in 30 games as a freshman, including 24 starts at point guard. Those two players provide Minnesota with an excellent backcourt on the scout team to challenge Harris, Clark and Archambault in practice. Minnesota's frontcourt depth will be bolstered by the addition of 6-8, 225 forward **Rob Schoenrock (Sr., Finlayson, Minn.)**, a junior college transfer from Hibbing Community College who spent last year as a team manager. **John Aune (Maple Grove, Minn.)**, a 6-9, 250-pound freshman center, also joined the team as a walk-on, and his size will help provide depth in the post position.

Golden Gopher Single Game Tickets On Sale: The University of Minnesota Athletics Ticket Office has announced that a limited number of single-game tickets are currently on sale. Over-the-counter sale opened on Monday, Nov. 3. Tickets are also available by phone at (612) 624-8080 and 1-800-UGOPHER. All seats will have some view obstruction, but the majority of the obstructions are not severe enough to impair enjoyment of the game. Tickets are \$22.50, and the ticket office accepts VISA, Mastercard and Novus (Discovery).

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 basketball "cell" numbers are listed below:

- 2220 Weekly release
- 2221 Cumulative team & ind. statistics
- 2223 Box score from most recent game
- 2222 Alphabetical/Numerical rosters

Michigan And Iowa Games Sold Out: The Michigan and Iowa games at Williams Arena are sold out. A limited number of single-game tickets are currently on sale for all of the other games during the 1997-98 season.

Last Game's Boxscore

MINNESOTA 68, VILLANOVA 55 (BCA)
 Target Center • Nov. 14, 1997 • Attendance: 12,121

Recap: Hosting the fourth annual BCA Classic at the Target Center, the Golden Gophers opened the 1997-98 campaign with an impressive victory over the Wildcats. Junior Miles Tarver emerged to lead the attack with his first career double-double, scoring 12 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Tarver's play was a pleasant addition, as Jacobson (13), Clark (11) and Lewis (10) also scored in double figures.

Minnesota	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	Pt	Villanova	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	Pt
Jacobson, F	35	6-19	0-0	8	1	13	Allen, F	30	4-8	0-0	8	3	8
Lewis, F	32	4-12	1-2	3	3	10	Penn, F	33	5-11	2-2	11	1	13
Tarver, C	27	6-12	0-0	10	1	12	Bigus, C	27	6-9	0-0	9	2	12
Harris, G	32	2-5	1-2	2	4	7	Celestand, G	31	2-5	0-0	6	4	4
Clark, G	28	4-8	0-0	8	3	11	Lynch, G	17	2-8	0-0	2	0	4
Archambault	20	2-8	1-1	2	4	5	Medley	15	2-12	0-0	4	3	4
Nathaniel	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	O'Connor	14	5-11	0-2	1	0	10
Stanford, Ja	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	Brown	13	0-2	0-0	3	1	0
Broxsie	9	3-3	0-0	5	0	6	Caouette	20	0-2	0-0	0	2	0
Sanden	15	2-4	0-0	1	1	4	TEAM				3		
TEAM						2	Totals		26-68	2-4	47	14	55
Totals	29-72	6-9	41	17	68								

Halftime: Minnesota 39, Villanova 16. **3-Pt Goals:** Minn - 4-13 (Harris 2-3, Lewis 1-1, Jacobson 1-5, Sanden 0-1, Archambault 0-3), Villanova - 1-18 (Penn 1-2, Medley 0-5, Celestand 0-3, O'Connor 0-3, Brown 0-2, Lynch 0-2, Caouette 0-1). **Turnovers:** Villanova 20, Minnesota 13. **Personal Fouls:** Villanova 11, Minnesota 11. **Technical:** None. **Fouled Out:** None. **Att:** 12,121

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The Last Time

Minnesota had a player score 20 points or more:

Mar. 29, 1997. Bobby Jackson had 23 points in a 78-69 loss to Kentucky in the NCAA semifinals.

Minnesota had a player with 15 or more rebounds:

Nov. 23, 1996. Minnesota beat Stephen F. Austin 101-55 in the season opener as John Thomas pulled down a career-tying high of 17 rebounds and posted his fifth career double-double by adding 11 points.

Minnesota had a player with seven or more assists:

Feb 26, 1997. Eric Harris had a career-high tying seven assists in the 55-54 win over Michigan in Ann Arbor. The seven assists equaled his previous high set twice before.

AND THE WINNER IS:

The University of Minnesota basketball program has charted a 1,247,898-4 (.581) overall record heading into the '97-'98 season. In addition, Minnesota has had 21 winning seasons in the last 27 years and has made it to postseason play eight of the last nine seasons. In addition, Minnesota has had five straight 20-win seasons and notched 20 or more wins in six of the last eight seasons.

2 Helms	9 Big Ten Titles
Foundation	1906
National Titles	1907
1901-02	1911
1918-19	1917
	1919
1 National	1937
Invitational	1972
Tournament	1982
National Title	1997
	1993

Minnesota Record When:

Ahead at halftime	19-0
Behind at halftime	7-2
Tied at halftime	1-0
Leading with five minutes remaining	26-1
Trailing with five minutes remaining	1-1
Tied with five minutes remaining	0-0
Leading with one minute remaining	25-0
Trailing with one minute remaining	2-2
Tied with one minute remaining	0-0
Shoot 50% or above from the field	11-0
Shoot below 50% from the field	16-2
Opponent shoots 50% or above from the field	1-0
Opponent shoots below 50% from the field	26-2
Shoot 40% or above from the field	26-1
Shoot below 40% from the field	1-1
Opponent shoots 40% or above from the field	13-2
Opponent shoots below 40% from the field	14-0
Outshoot opponent from the field (%)	21-0
Outshot by opponent from the field (%)	6-2
Shooting is equal	0-0
Outrebound opponent	19-0
Outrebounded by opponent	7-2
Rebounds are equal	1-0
Less turnovers than opponent	22-1
More turnovers than opponent	4-0
Turnovers are equal	1-1
Bench outscores opponents bench	18-1
Bench outscored by opponents bench	7-1
Bench scoring is equal	2-0
Bench outrebounds opponents bench	17-0
Bench outrebounded by opponents bench	8-2
Bench rebounds are equal	2-0
Score 70 points or more	19-1
Score less than 70 points	8-1
Hold opponent to less than 70 points	21-1
Opponent scores 70 points or more	6-1
Games decided between 1-5 pts.	7-1
Games decided between 6-10 pts.	5-1
Games decided between 11-15 pts.	5-0
Games decided by more than 15 pts.	10-0

Vital Statistics	
Home Record	15-0
Williams Arena Record	14-0
Record Away From Williams Arena	12-2
Road Record	9-2
Big Ten home record	9-0
Big Ten away record	7-1
Neutral Record	3-0
Overtime record	1-0
Record vs. Ranked Teams	7-0
Record on National TV	2-1
Largest halftime lead	44
(59-15 vs. Alabama State)	
Largest halftime deficit	6
(40-34 @ Alabama)	
Largest deficit overcome to win	11
(17-8 @ Michigan)	
Largest lead surrendered in a loss	6
(13-7 vs. Alabama & three times @ Illinois)	
Bench scoring	22.1-14.0 (641-407)
Bench rebounding	10.3-8.8 (298-256)
Point average at Williams Arena	82.1(1150/14)
Point average away from home	80.9 (1,213/15)
Point average all home games	81.8(1132/14)
Opponent point avg at Williams Arena	59.0(826/14)
Opp. point avg. away from Minn. home	66.3 (928/14)
Opp. point average all Minn. home gm	59.1(887/15)

The Attendance Report

Total home attendance	210,806/15*
Home overall avg. attendance	14,054*
Williams Arena attendance/avg.	194,430/13,888
Largest home crowd (West Virginia at Target Center)	16,376*
Largest Williams Arena crowd (Indiana)	14,625
Total home Big Ten attendance	129,918
Average home Big Ten attendance	14,435
Total road attendance	132,977
Average road attendance	12,089/11
Total road Big Ten attendance	103,751/8
Average road Big Ten attendance	12,969
Largest road crowd (at Indiana)	16,231

* includes West Virginia game at the Target Center

Crunch Time at the Line

(Free Throws in the final two minutes of a game decided by 10 points or less; in overtime games, includes all free throws in the final two minutes of regulation and throughout each overtime session)

Minnesota	42-63	67%
Bobby Jackson	13-20	65%
Eric Harris	17-25	68%
Quincy Lewis	4-6	67%
Sam Jacobson	3-4	75%
John Thomas	5-6	83%
Courtney James	0-2	0%
Opponents	32-40	80%

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Individual Highs (1996-97)

	Minnesota	Opponents
Points	29 Sam Jacobson (Iowa)	30 Chad Austin (Purdue)
FG Made	12 Sam Jacobson (Iowa)	11 Chad Austin (Purdue)
FG Att.	20 Bobby Jackson (Stephen F. Austin & @ Indiana)	24 Charles Jones (Long Island)
3PT FG Made	5 Sam Jacobson (Iowa)	5 Kevin Turner (@ Illinois)
3PT FG Att.	6 Bobby Jackson (Stephen F. Austin) Sam Jacobson (Creighton, Michigan, Iowa) Eric Harris (Illinois)	14 Rafael Martinez (P.R.-Mayaguez)
FT Made	11 Eric Harris (Wisconsin)	13 Kiwane Garris (@ Illinois)
FT Att.	13 Eric Harris (@Ohio State)	18 Charles Jones (Long Island)
Rebounds	17 John Thomas (Stephen F. Austin)	14 Antonio Smith (Michigan State)
Assists	9 Bobby Jackson (@ Illinois, Penn State)	10 Tyson Wheeler (@ Rhode Island)
Turnovers	8 Russ Archambault (Long Island)	8 Bruce Simms (Mercer)
Blocked Shots	5 Courtney James (Stephen F. Austin)	3 Maceo Baston (Michigan) Guy Rucker (Iowa), Brad Miller (Pur)
Steals	6 Sam Jacobson (Alabama State)	8 Mike Campbell (Long Island)
Minutes Played	40 Bobby Jackson (@ Indiana) Eric Harris (@ Indiana, @ Purdue)	40 Chad Austin (@ Purdue)

Miscellaneous Individual Leaders (1996-97)

Double figure scoring games:	Jacobson (23), Jackson (23), Harris (22), J. Thomas (12), Lewis (10), James (11), C. Thomas (6), Winter (2), Tarver (1), Archambault (1)
Double figure rebounding games:	James (6), Thomas (4), Jacobson (2), Jackson (2), Winter (1)
Double-Doubles (Points & Rebounds):	James (3), Jacobson (2), Jackson (2), Thomas (1)
15+ point scoring games	Jackson (13), Jacobson (12), Harris (9), Thomas (5), James (2)
20+ point scoring games:	Jackson (6), Jacobson (2), Thomas (1), Lewis (1)
30+ point scoring games:	
Games leading team in scoring:	Jackson* (11), Jacobson* (8), Harris* (7), Thomas (4), James (1)
Games leading team in rebounding:	James * (15), Thomas* (6), Jackson* (6), Jacobson (4), Lewis (1) Winter * (1)

* tied for lead

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GOLDEN GOPHERS INK THREE BASKETBALL PLAYERS TO NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

The University of Minnesota announced today that three prep stars have signed national letters of intent to attend Minnesota and play basketball. That group is highlighted by preseason high school All-America selection Joel Przybilla of Monticello, Minn. The Golden Gophers also received tenders from 6-2 guard Kevin Burluson of Seattle's O'Dea High School and 6-6 forward Nick Sinville of Loyola College Prep in Shreveport, La.

Przybilla is a seven-foot center who became the most sought-after Minnesota recruit in state history, climbing to the top of every recruiters' list with his play in the national camp tournaments this past summer. An outstanding defensive player who averaged 10.3 blocks per game last year, he is rated as the top center in the country and the third best player overall by recruiting expert Bob Gibbons of *All-Star Publications*. Przybilla was the Associated Press Player of the Year in Minnesota as a junior when he averaged 18.3 points and 13.3 rebounds per game.

"Joel is one of the premier big men in the country," said Haskins. "He is a great shot blocker and passer and runs the court very well. He is a pure center and will make an immediate impact for us in the post area."

Burluson is a combination guard who can play point or shooting guard. He has helped lead O'Dea High School to two consecutive Washington State Class AA championships. He is an excellent shooter and ball handler and is coming off a great summer in camps.

"Kevin is a gifted combination guard," said Haskins. "He can shoot the three, penetrate and score or distribute the ball. He comes from an excellent program and has been a big part of their two state titles."

Sinville might be the sleeper of the group. A swing man who can play forward or guard, he averaged 21.1 points and 14 rebounds per game as a junior at Loyola College Prep. He is a very strong physical player who has excellent moves in the low post. A top 100 pick, he is called a "high-major to big-time prospect" by *Prep Stars Recruiters Handbook*.

"Nick is a powerful player who is very strong in the low post," said Haskins. "He is blue collar in his approach to the game and will add great depth to our young low post players."

"These three players all can contribute next year," said Haskins. "They come from winning programs, and we are excited about them joining the Golden Gopher family."

MINNESOTA BASKETBALL STATISTICS

REPORT 3 - SEASON BOX SCORE - ALL GAMES
 SEASON: 97-98

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P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG	T O T A L		3-POINTERS		FT-FTA	PCT	R E B O U N D S				PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS - AVG								
			FG-FGA	PCT	FG-FGA	PCT			OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG																
05 Jacobson, Sam	1	1	34	34.0	6	19	.316	1	5	.200	0	0	.000	3	5	8	8.0	1	0	1	1	1	0	13	13.0	
42 Tarver, Miles	1	1	27	27.0	6	12	.500	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	4	6	10	10.0	2	0	1	1	0	2	12	12.0	
10 Clark, Kevin	1	1	28	28.0	4	8	.500	0	0	.000	3	4	.750	3	5	8	8.0	2	0	3	4	0	3	11	11.0	
20 Lewis, Quincy	1	1	32	32.0	4	12	.333	1	1	1.00	1	2	.500	1	2	3	3.0	1	0	3	2	3	5	10	10.0	
33 Harris, Eric	1	1	31	31.0	2	5	.400	2	3	.667	1	2	.500	0	2	2	2.0	2	0	4	2	0	1	7	7.0	
40 Broxsie, Antoine	1	0	9	9.0	3	3	1.00	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	4	1	5	5.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	6.0	
03 Archambault, Russ	1	0	20	20.0	2	8	.250	0	3	.000	1	1	1.00	1	1	2	2.0	2	0	4	1	0	1	5	5.0	
51 Sanden, Kyle	1	0	15	15.0	2	4	.500	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	1	0	1	1	2	0	4	4.0	
13 Nathaniel, Kevin	1	0	2	2.0	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
30 Stanford, Jason	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
50 Aune, John	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
45 Rychart, Dusty	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
31 Stanford, Jermaine	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
21 Schoenrock, Rob	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
TEAM REBOUNDS.....														1	1	2										
MINNESOTA	1		201		29	72	.403	4	13	.308	6	9	.667	18	23	41	41.0	11	0	17	13	7	12	68	68.0	
Opponents	1		201		26	68	.382	1	18	.056	2	4	.500	19	28	47	47.0	11		14	20	6	5	55	55.0	

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	16	39	0	0	0	0	55
MINNESOTA	39	29	0	0	0	0	68

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	0	0	0
MINNESOTA	0	2	2

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(1-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(1-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(1-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(1-0)

ESPN REGIONAL SPORTS/Chase NIT First Round

Minnesota vs. Utah State

Program of Events

Thursday, Nov. 17, 1997

NOTE: Tip-off -- 7:07 p.m.

PRE-GAME ACTIVITY	STANDARD CLOCK	GAME CLOCK
Clock Operative	6:04	60:00
Floor Cleaning	6:19	45:00
Squads May Take Floor	6:24-6:44	40:00-20:00
Teams leave the floor	6:45	19:00
National Anthem	6:47	17:00
Timer Notifies teams to return	7:00	4:00
Floor cleared for introductions	7:03	1:00
Horn Sounds - Starting Lineups	7:04	0:00
Teams return to benches	7:06	
Tip-Off	7:07	20:00

HALFTIME ACTIVITY

Halftime Events	15:00
Announcements/Floor Cleaning	6:00
Teams May Take Floor	5:00
Second Half Begins	0:00

NOTE: TIP-OFF TIME CANNOT BE ALTERED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE

Experimental Format: Four 10:00 minute quarters, 40 second shot clock

Quarter Break: The break between the first and second and third and fourth quarters is 75 seconds, the first horn will blow at the 60 second mark.

Full Timeouts: Two per quarter -- 6:00, 3:00 on the clock. In the experimental rules quarter format, the visiting team's control period is from 10:00-to the first deadball after the 6:00 minute mark of each quarter. They can call a full timeout any time they have possession during that span. If they do not, the first deadball after the 6:00 minute mark a TV timeout will occur which kills their full timeout for that quarter. The home team's control period is from the 6:00 minute mark to the first deadball after the 3:00 minute mark of each quarter (if the visiting team used its full timeout during their control period).. If the first TV timeout was after the 6:00 minute mark, the home team's control period begins immediately after play resumes following that timeout. The home team can use their full timeout anytime during their control period. If they don't the second TV timeout of the quarter will be at the first deadball after the 3:00 minute mark. A full timeout can't be called by a team unless it is their control period. Each team has the one control period per quarter and those timeouts don't carry over.

The full timeouts are to last no more than 105 seconds (the additional 15 seconds is "cushion" for going in and out of commercial break). The timeout begins when both teams arrive at their respective benches. **TIMER:** The first horn shall sound at 90 seconds, and the second horn, signaling the start of play, shall be sounded 15 seconds later. Under no circumstances may television request, or be granted, a timeout in excess of 90 seconds plus the 15-second cushion described above.

30 Second Timeouts: Each team is allocated four 30 second timeouts per game (two per half). Only one may be carried over to the second half. No 30 second timeout can be used as a TV timeout, nor do they influence the use of TV timeouts. 30 second timeouts can be used at anytime when it is the opponent's control period. If the team calling the timeout is in their control period, they must first use their full timeout before they can call a 30 second timeout--- Source, Big Ten Office.