

GOLDEN GOPHER GOLF

1998 NCAA Central Regional Notes

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Dates: May 14-16, 1998

Course: Oak Hills Country Club

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Par: 71

Yardage: 6,556

Minnesota Looks For NCAA Championship Bid This Weekend: The Golden Gophers will be looking to advance to the NCAA Championships for the first time since 1993 with a top 10 finish in this weekend's NCAA Central Regional in San Antonio, Texas. The University of Minnesota has advanced to the regional portion of the NCAA tournament in each of the last five seasons, with its highest finish being a 12th place showing in 1996. Last year's squad finished 17th at the regionals in Norman, Oklahoma.

School-Record Three Golden Gophers On All-Big Ten Team: Minnesota placed a school-record three student-athletes on the 1998 All-Big Ten team, announced at an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the 1998 Big Ten Championships in East Lansing, Mich. Senior All-America candidate **ROB KERR** (Point Claire, Quebec, Canada), junior **ADAM DOOLEY** (Albany, Minn.), and freshman **JAMES MCLEAN** (Wahgunyah, Victoria, Australia) comprised three of the 10-member conference squad. Only one other time (1996) had the Golden Gophers been represented by more than one player on the all-conference squad.

Minnesota Ties For Third At Big Ten Championships: The Golden Gophers finished in a tie for third place at last weekend's Big Ten Championships at Forest Akers West Golf Course in East Lansing, Mich. Indiana claimed the team title, with fellow NCAA Central Regional competitors Ohio State (second) and Northwestern (tie for third with Minnesota) rounding out the top four. Two Golden Gopher golfers (Dooley - 77-74-68-74--293, tied for seventh; McLean - 75-76-76-69--296, tied for ninth) posted top 10 individual finishes. The team placing was the sixth time in the last seven seasons that the squad posted an upper-division finish at the conference tournament.

McLean Named Big Ten Freshman Of The Year: McLean was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year at an awards ceremony following the Big Ten Championships last weekend in East Lansing, Mich. McLean, who is also a leading candidate for National Freshman of the Year honors, has claimed individual titles at the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate (March 28-29) and the Wolverine Invitational (May 2-3) this season.

McLean Honored With Les Bolstad Award: McLean added to his trophy case by taking home the Les Bolstad Award, given annually to the conference golfer with the lowest season-stroke average. Heading into play at this weekend's NCAA Central Regional, McLean has a 71.75 stroke average through 24 collegiate rounds this season. McLean, who is ranked fifth in the latest Golfstat Cup rankings, has posted top 10 finishes in his last five events and carded scores in the 60s in four of his last seven rounds.

Spanning The Globe: The Golden Gophers are well represented from all corners of the earth on their 1997-98 roster. Kerr is a native of Canada, with McLean from Australia and sophomore **MARTIN LEMESURIER** (South Hampton, England), and freshman **SANTIAGO FERNANDEZ** (Bogota, Columbia) both hailing from outside the United States. The team also has a strong contingent from its home state, with eight players on the roster from Minnesota.

Minnesota To Host Big Ten And NCAA Championships In 1999: The University of Minnesota will host both the 1999 Big Ten Championships and the 1999 NCAA Championships next season. The conference tournament will be at the U of M's Les Bolstad Golf Course, with the NCAA's contested at Hazeltine National. Hazeltine was the site of the 1970 and 1991 U.S. Opens and the future site (2001) of the PGA Championship.

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TEAM SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite Dellwood, Minnesota	Scores 287/286/282	Total/Finish 855/1st out of 12
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite East Lansing, Michigan	Scores 296/288/294	Total/Finish 878/T2nd out of 17
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic Corvallis, Oregon	Scores 301/299/295	Total/Finish 895/T13th out of 22
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic Las Cruces, New Mexico	Scores 289/300/291	Total/Finish 880/2nd out of 21
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American Bay St. Louis, Missouri	Scores 286/301/rain	Total/Finish 587/3rd out of 18
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic Rio Mar, Puerto Rico	Scores 297/298/290	Total/Finish 885/T4th out of 15
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercollegiate Atlanta, Georgia	Scores 301/289/284	Total/Finish 874/9th out of 12
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate Denton, Texas	Scores 291/284/294	Total/Finish 869/1st out of 18
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invite Huntington, West Virginia	Scores 291/290/290	Total/Finish 871/5th out of 20
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate Akron, Ohio	Scores 290/280/300	Total/Finish 870/2nd out of 19
May 2-3	Wolverine Invite Ann Arbor, Mich.	Scores 281/291/286	Total/Finish 858/T3rd out of 18
May 8-10	Big Ten Championships East Lansing, Mich.	Scores 302/303/290/293	Total/Finish 1,188/T3rd out of 11
May 13-15 May 24-30	NCAA Central Regional NCAA Championships		

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Kerr Looks To Duplicate Success: Kerr will try to work some postseason magic again this season at the NCAA Central Regional. The senior captain snared individual honors at the 1996 event at the University of Michigan Golf Course in Ann Arbor, Mich., with a final round 69.

Minnesota vs. Central Regional Teams This Season: Minnesota has a "record" of 24-6-2 against teams in the regional in tournaments they have participated in during the 1997-98 season.

Event	MN Score	Conf School/Score
ReliaStar	855	Oklahoma/865 Miami/875 W-2, L-0
Northern	878	Kent State/868 Miami/878 Toledo/896 W-1, L-1, T-1
Nike	895	Drake/898 W-1, L-0
Coca-Cola	880	Wichita State/881 W-1, L-0
Bridges	587	Northwestern/585 Kansas/589 W-1, L-1
Puerto Rico	885	Kent State/903 Texas/907 W-2, L-0
Cuscowilla	874	Kent State/899 W-1, L-0
Dr. Pepper	869	Miami/893 Toledo/894 Southern Methodist/894 Kent State/896 Nebraska/901 Northwestern/902 W-6, L-0
Marshall	871	Ohio State/866 Northwestern/873 Miami/874 Toledo/884 W-3, L-1
Cobra	870	Kent State/861 Toledo/871 Miami/880 W-2, L-1
Wolverine	858	Ohio State/854 Kent State/855 Northwestern/870 Toledo/873 Miami/883 W-3, L-2
Big Ten	1188	Ohio State/1177 Northwestern/1188 W-1, L-0, T-1

vs. NCAA Central: 24-6-2
Overall Record: 154-32-5

Note: The .819 winning percentage (154-32-5 record) represents the highest in school history

1997-98 Player Stats/Info

Rob Kerr

Senior • Pointe Claire Quebec, Canada

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T-56th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T-19th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	69/72	142	141/1st out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	76/73/72	216	221/T-17th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	78/75/71	210	224/T-8th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	74/71/74	216	219/T-41st out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	74/76/74	213	224/T-55th out of 100
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	79/69/78	216	226/T-31st out of 100
May 2-3	Wolverine Invitational	71/78/71	213	220/T-34th out of 94
May 8-10	Big Ten Championships	76/77/73/75	288	301/T-15th out of 55
Rounds: 36	Strokes: 2643			Average: 73.4

- Won back-to-back individual medalist honors at ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational and Northern Collegiate Invitational during the fall season
- Captured rain-shortened Bridges All-American title
- Fired career-low collegiate round of 65 in second 18 holes of the Northern Collegiate
- Has steadily lowered his stroke average each season (78.9, 75.9, 74.4, 73.4)
- Four rounds in the 60's this season
- Won five collegiate events, including NCAA Central Regional title as a sophomore
- Named an All-American following his sophomore season in which he qualified for the NCAA Championships

Martin LeMesurier

Sophomore • South Hampton, England

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T-32nd out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T-59th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	72/72/75	216	219/T-11th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	71/75/68	210	214/T-12th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	72/73/73	216	218/T-6th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	72/71/73	213	216/T-12th out of 100
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	74/72/73	216	219/T-12th out of 100
Rounds: 27	Strokes: 1977			Average: 73.2

- Has been hampered by a back injury which forced him to withdraw from the Wolverine Invitational and miss the Big Ten Championships - status for this weekend is questionable
- Has not carded higher than a 75 in any of his last 20 rounds
- Top 12 finishes in each of the last six tournaments he has participated
- 1997 Big Ten Freshman of the Year - finished fourth in last year's championships
- Named to the 1997 All-Big Ten team

Jeff Barney

Junior • Appleton, Minn.

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite*	71/73/70	216	214/T-4th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T-53rd out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T-70th out of 110
March 8-9	Alabama-Birmingham Invite	81/77	144	n/a
May 8-10	Big Ten Championships	75/79/73/76	288	303/T-23rd out of 55
Rounds: 15	Strokes: 1135			Average: 75.7

1997-98 Player Stats/Info

James McLean

Freshman • Wahgunyah, Victoria, Australia

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	71/83	142	154/T-50th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	73/73/68	216	214/5th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	74/67/72	210	213/11th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	70/69/73	216	212/1st out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	73/70/72	213	215/T-9th out of 100
May 2-3	Wolverine Invitational	69/67/68	213	204/1st out of 94
May 8-10	Big Ten Championships	75/76/76/69	288	296/T-9th out of 55
Rounds: 24	Strokes: 1722			Average: 71.75

- Named Big Ten Athlete of the Month for April
- Captured individual titles this season at Dr. Pepper Invitational in Denton, Texas and Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Led the Big Ten in stroke average this season
- Claims seven of 24 collegiate rounds this season in the 60's, including all three rounds in Wolverine Invitational win and a final round 69 at Big Ten Championships
- Has 11 sub-par rounds this season
- Finished in the top 10 in five of his last six tournaments
- Cumulative score of two-under par in his last six tournaments

Adam Dooley

Junior • Albany, Minn.

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	74/77/70	216	221/T-28th out of 65
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	77/74/73	216	224/T-35th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	72/79	142	151/T-35th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	80/80/76	216	236/T-62nd out of 75
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	77/71/76	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	72/75/71	213	218/T-22nd out of 100
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	74/68/74	216	216/5th out of 100
May 2-3	Wolverine Invitational	68/67/74	213	209/T-4th out of 94
May 8-10	Big Ten Championships	77/74/68/74	216	293/T-7th out of 55
Rounds: 27	Strokes: 1992			Average: 73.8

- Provided career best round (67), individual place (tied for fourth), and 54-hole score (209) at the Wolverine Invitational
- Five of his last 11 rounds have been at or under par
- Top 10 finishes in his last three tournaments

Bill Thompson

Junior • Wayzata, Minn.

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T-10th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T-13th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	76/76	142	152/T-38th out of 90
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	78/72/73	210	223/T-38th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	75/75/74	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	74/74/76	213	224/T-55th out of 100
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	72/72/75	216	219/T-12th out of 100
May 8-10	Big Ten Championships	76/76/80/75	288	307/T-34th out of 55
Rounds: 33	Strokes: 2449			Average: 74.2

- Best finish was a tie for sixth at ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational at Dellwood, Minn.
- 32 of 33 rounds this season have been in the 70's
- Finished 12th at the 1997 Big Ten Championship

Chip Shots

Tournament Championships (2)

ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational
Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate

Top Five Finishes (10)

ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational
Northern Collegiate Invitational
Coca-Cola Classic
Bridges All-American
Puerto Rico Classic
Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate
Marshall Invitational
Cobra Collegiate
Wolverine Invitational
Big Ten Championships

Top 10 Finishes (11)

ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational
Northern Collegiate Invitational
Coca-Cola Classic
Bridges All-American
Puerto Rico Classic
Cuscowilla Intercollegiate
Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate
Marshall Invitational
Cobra Collegiate
Wolverine Invitational
Big Ten Championships

Out Of The Top 10 Finishes (1)

Nike Northwest Classic

Sub Par Rounds (Team)

6 (last time 281, -3, at Wolverine)

Sub Par Rounds (Individual)

36 (last time James McLean, 69, at Big Tens)

Rounds In The 60s

James McLean (7)

Feb. 24 (68) at Puerto Rico Classic
March 23 (67) at Cuscowilla Intercollegiate
March 28 (69) at Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate
May 2 (69, 67) and 3 (68) at Wolverine
May 10 (69) at Big Ten Championships

Rob Kerr (4)

Sept. 14 (68) at ReliaStar Collegiate Invite
Sept. 27 (65) at Northern Collegiate Invite
Feb. 16 (69) at Bridges All-American
Apr. 25 (69) at Cobra Collegiate

Adam Dooley (3)

May 2 (68, 67) at Wolverine Invitational
May 9 (68) at Big Ten Championships

Justin Royer (1)

Sept. 15 (69) at ReliaStar Collegiate Invite

Martin LeMesurier (1)

March 24 at Cuscowilla Intercollegiate