

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



**DEPARTMENT OF
MEN'S ATHLETICS**

***1995-96 GOLDEN GOPHER
ALL-SPORTS SUMMARY***

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The 1995-96 season for the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department was filled with its share of outstanding performances:

BASEBALL

Head Coach John Anderson led the Golden Gophers to their 34th consecutive winning season as the team finished the season by winning nine of its final 12 conference games. Rob Smith was named to the All-Big Ten first team while Steve Huls, Bob Keeney, Phil McDermott, and Justin Pederson were all honored on the league's third team.

BASKETBALL

The Golden Gopher basketball team also finished its season strong, capturing seven of its final nine Big Ten games to end the season with a winning Big Ten record and an invitation to post-season play. Bobby Jackson, Sam Jacobson, and Courtney James were all named honorable mention All-Big Ten.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Golden Gopher cross country team continued to make large strides toward moving into the top echelon of teams in the conference with solid performances from returners such as Rick Obleman, Tony Riter, and Ron Hoffner.

FOOTBALL

Head Coach Jim Wacker's squad led the Big Ten and set a school record by having 15 student-athletes named to the Academic All-Big Ten team. Despite a frustrating 3-8 season, the Golden Gophers ranked 31st in the nation in overall attendance with an average of 48,574 per game. That marked the program's best year at the gate since averaging 53,131 per game in 1987.

GOLF

Minnesota received a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth consecutive season while placing in the top 10 in seven of the 10 regular season tournaments in which they were participants. Golden Gopher Rob Kerr took home medalist honors from the NCAA Central Regional, thus qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

GYMNASTICS

Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger continued to keep the Golden Gophers ranked among the top gymnastics programs in the country, as the team was ranked in the top 10 most of the season. Chris Harrington qualified for the NCAA Championships in the vault.

HOCKEY

Minnesota's "Pride on Ice" had numerous achievements during the 1995-96 season to add credit to the claim of having one of the top programs in the nation. Included among those were the nation's longest unbeaten streak (19 games), extending the nation's longest NCAA Tournament appearance string (12 years), and having a third player (Brian Bonin) honored as the nation's best player by winning the annual Hobey Baker Memorial Award.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Golden Gopher swimming and diving team captured its first Big Ten Championship since 1926 and sent 10 student-athletes to the NCAA Championships, where they placed 12th in the nation. Head Coach Dennis Dale's pool crew also had three athletes gain first-team All-America honors. Senior Bernie Zeruhn was named GTE Co-Academic All-American of the Year and was named Minnesota's Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor recipient.

TENNIS

The netters finished the 1995-96 season on a high note, winning nine of their last 10 matches and the NCAA Region IV Championship to shock the nation and qualify for the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga. It was an ironic twist to see Minnesota qualify for its first NCAA Championships since 1989, because the season also marked the first time in five seasons the Golden Gophers did not win the Big Ten title.

TRACK AND FIELD

Head Coach Phil Lundin's 1995-96 indoor and outdoor track and field squads each posted their best conference finishes in over a quarter of a century. The indoor team finished third in the Big Ten, followed by a runner-up placing during the outdoor season. Both finishes were highwater marks for the program since 1968.

WRESTLING

Three Golden Gophers were honored as All-Americans at the 1996 NCAA Wrestling Championships held at Minneapolis' own Target Center in March. Jason Davids and Chad Kraft, who will both be returning next season for the Maroon and Gold, along with senior Billy Pierce, all earned All-America laurels. Minnesota will return starters in nine of 10 weight classes for the 1996-97 season.

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MEN'S BIG TEN UNOFFICIAL ALL-SPORTS TOTALS FOR 1995-96

(Graduated Scale - 11 pts. for 1st place, 10 for 2nd, 9 for 3rd, etc.)

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MICH	MSU	MINN	NW	OSU	PUR	WIS	PSU
Baseball	9	10	5	8	2	7	4	6	3	--	11
Basketball	3	9.5	8	6.5	5	6.5	1	2	11	4	9.5
Cross Country	8	7	4	10	9	3	--	6	2	11	5
Football	4.5	1	6	8.5	7	2	11	10	3	4.5	8.5
Golf	2	9	1	7.5	3	7.5	5	11	4	10	6
Gymnastics	6	--	10	5	7	8	--	11	--	--	9
Soccer	--	9	--	--	8	--	6	7	--	10.5	10.5
Swimming & Diving	--	8	7	10	3	11	5	9	6	2	4
Tennis	10	3	1	11	7	8.5	8.5	5	6	2	4
Track - Indoor	8	5.5	4	5.5	3	9	--	10	7	11	2
Track - Outdoor	8	7	2	5	3	10	--	6	4	11	9
Wrestling	8	1	11	5	9	6	3	7	2	4	10
TOTALS	66.5	70	59	82	66	78.5	43.5	90	48	70	88.5
PLACE	7	5	9	3	8	4	11	1	10	5	2

FINAL STANDINGS

1. Ohio State	90
2. Penn State	88.5
3. Michigan	82
4. MINNESOTA	78.5
5. Indiana	70
Wisconsin	
7. Illinois	66.5
8. Michigan State	66
9. Iowa	59
10. Purdue	48
11. Northwestern	43.5

DIRECTORS' CUP TROPHY

GOLDEN GOPHERS CRACK TOP 25 IN FINAL SEARS DIRECTORS CUP RANKINGS

The University of Minnesota finished 25th in the third annual Sears Directors Cup rankings released June 11 by NACDA (National Association of College Directors of Athletics). The competition recognizes the finest all-around athletic programs in the nation. This multi-sport national championship represents the partnership between NACDA and Sears. The Sears Directors Cup is part of the Sears Collegiate Champions program, which recognizes athletic participation and rewards performance at all levels of involvement. The program is a partnership between five athletic associations: NACDA, the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), and the National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame (NFFCHF).

The Directors Cup gives men's and women's sports equal weight. Scoring is based on championship results in 22 NCAA Division I sports - 10 core sports each for men and women, and one wild-card sport each for men and women. Standings are based upon a 64-team bracket. First-place teams receive 64 points, second place 63, etc.

1995-96 Final Standings with point totals: 1. Stanford - 961.5; 2. UCLA - 836; 3. Florida - 731.5; 4. Texas - 700; 5. Michigan - 689; 6. North Carolina - 673.5; 7. Arizona - 629.5; 8. Penn State - 626; 9. Nebraska - 623; 10. USC - 598.5; 11. Notre Dame - 566.5; 12. Georgia - 561.5; 13. Tennessee - 559; 14. SMU - 536.5; 15. Wisconsin - 530; 16. Texas A&M - 524.5; 17. Arizona State - 521.5; 18. LSU - 515; 19. Auburn - 512.5; 20. Ohio State - 499; 21. Virginia - 495.5; 22. Princeton - 482.5; 23. Florida State - 478.5; 24. Colorado - 477.5; **25. MINNESOTA - 464.5.**

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

During the 1995-96 academic year, 124 student-athletes were honored as University of Minnesota Scholar-Athletes. This award is in recognition of academic achievement while participating in intercollegiate athletics at the University of Minnesota. In addition, five student-athletes were honored as the University of Minnesota Top-Five Male Scholar-Athletes as indicated in **Bold**.

Name	Sport	Name	Sport
Anderson, Jonathan	Track & Field	Kieffer, Matthew	Gymnastics
Anderson, Michael	Hockey	Kinsella, Tim	Wrestling
Arroyo, Daniel	Golf	Kitzerow, Brandon	Baseball
Barber, Aaron	Golf	Koepl, Rand	Hockey
Barney, Jeffrey	Golf	Komor, Andrew	Golf
Bassett, Benjamin	Track/Cross Country	Kraft, Chad	Wrestling
Bathurst, Ty	Swimming	Kraft, Ryan	Hockey
Bauman, Michael	Swimming	Kristoffersen, Martin	Tennis
Beers, Ryan	Baseball	Krob, Jason	Gymnastics
Bender, Tony	Baseball	Kurgz, Andrew	Swimming
Berger, Dustin	Wrestling	LaFleur, Brian	Hockey
Bernarde, Jared	Track & Field	Landgraff, Todd	Track/Cross Country
Bertogliat, Jesse	Hockey	Langolis, Mark	Golf
Beste, Jim	Golf	Levine, Tony	Football
Bjorklund, Isaac	Swimming/Diving	Lindgren, Erik	Football
Bonin, Brian	Hockey	Lindqvist, Glenn	Track & Field
Braaten, Luke	Football	Lopez, Luis	Swimming
Buchar, Darik	Hockey	Mason, Kevin	Track/Cross Country
Cahoy, John	Swimming	McCarthy, Shane	Baseball
Callinan, Jeffrey	Hockey	McClure, Charles	Track/Cross Country
Campbell, Lowell "Cubby"	Swimming	McDermott, Phillip	Baseball
Carlson, Carl	Wrestling	McManus, Erin	Football
Chalberg, Michael	Football	Mensink, Brian	Baseball
Clay, Nathaniel	Track/Cross country	Miller, Jeff	Swimming
Cline, Keita	Track & Field	Moen, Jeffrey	Hockey
Cockerham, Billy	Football	Monfre, Jason	Baseball
Conzemius, Justin	Football	Nevers, Thomas	Hockey
Copenhagen, Billy	Gymnastics	Nordrum, Travis	Track & Field
Crowley, Michael	Hockey	Oppenheim, Casey	Tennis
Deneen, Niles	Track & Field	Polhill, Jason	Swimming
Dodd, Josh	Wrestling	Quinlan, Robb	Baseball
Dooley, Adam	Golf	Rackley, Derek	Football
Doyle, Matt	Golf	Radke, Matthew	Track/Cross Country
Duerr, Troy	Football	Rantanen, Vesa	Track & Field
Duey, Adam	Swimming	Rodgers, Fred	Football
Dunbar, Kevin	Track/Cross Country	Russell, James Todd	Track/Cross Country
Dunkel, Matthew	Swimming	Rutili, Roberto	Tennis
Eggum, Brandon	Wrestling	Sauter, Cory	Football
Epping, Jay	Swimming	Schlessman, Matthew	Swimming
Felling, Anthony	Baseball	Schoknecht, Mike	Swimming
Fowlkes, Chris	Football	Schroeder, Troy	Golf
Friederichs, Ty	Wrestling	Stommes, Eric	Track & Field
Gangl, Vincent	Baseball	Sudoh, Kenji	Swimming
Godbout, Jason	Hockey	Tallman, James	Football
Gonzales, Mark	Track/Cross Country	Tarver, Miles	Basketball
Grim, David	Basketball	Thornton, Gavin	Swimming
Hagman, Jason	Football	Trebil, Daniel	Hockey
Halverson, Mark	Golf	Tuorila, Ryan	Baseball
Hamner, Thomas	Football	Von Behren, Theoren	Football
Harrington, Christopher	Gymnastics	Walker, Scott	Swimming
Hartung, Tim	Wrestling	Wall, Heath	Gymnastics
Haas, Alex	Football	Williams, Parc	Football
Hau, Patrick	Football	Williams, Scott	Football
Hendrickson, Daniel	Hockey	Winter, Trevor	Basketball
Hiestand, Peter	Football	Witikko, Jeremy	Swimming
Higgins, Russ	Golf	Wynn, Spergon	Football
Hoffner, Ron	Track/Cross Country	Yee, Brian	Gymnastics
Horton, Adam	Baseball	Yenchesky, Chad	Track & Field
James, Bradley	Golf	Zeruhn, Bernie	Swimming
Janquart, Neal	Track/Cross Country	Zeug, Zachary	Baseball
Jones, Robert	Football	Zielinski, Martin	Swimming
Kallal, Simon	Golf	Zwakman, Gregory	Hockey

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ZERUHN NAMED CO-ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

ALSO HONORED AS U OF M BIG TEN CONFERENCE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

Bernie Zeruhn, a senior Golden Gopher swimmer from Hamburg, Germany, was honored by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) along with Mike Fisher, a soccer student-athlete at the University of Virginia, as the 1995-96 co-Academic All-America of the Year.

Zeruhn helped lead Minnesota to its first Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championship since 1926 by winning the 200 fly, 200 and 500 freestyle, and anchored the 400 medley and 800 freestyle relay championship teams.

At the NCAA Championships, Zeruhn earned his third career All-American honor with an eighth-place finish in the 200 freestyle. Zeruhn, who has a 3.93 (4.00 scale) GPA in the Carlson School of Management, was also honored in 1995-96 as the University of Minnesota's Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor recipient.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN (3)

Football (1) - Justin Conzemius

Hockey (1) - Dan Trebil

Swimming and Diving (1) - Bernie Zeruhn

FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN (9)

Hockey (2) - Brian Bonin, Mike Crowley

Swimming and Diving (3) - P.J. Bogart, Derek Williams, Bernie Zeruhn

Track and Field (1) - Paul Michalek

Wrestling (3) - Jason Davids, Chad Kraft, Billy Pierce

FIRST TEAM ALL-BIG TEN (28)

Baseball (1) - Rob Smith

Golf (2) - Aaron Barber, Matt Doyle

Hockey (All-WCHA) (2) - Brian Bonin, Mike Crowley

Swimming and Diving (11) - Ty Bathurst, P.J. Bogart, John Cahoy, Duane Dobko, Mitch Henke, Manolis Lentaris, Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, Derek Williams, Bernie Zeruhn, Martin Zielinski

Tennis (2) - Ben Gabler, Lars Hjarrand

Indoor Track and Field (3) - Chris Darkins, Adrian Ellis, Paul Michalek

Outdoor Track and Field (7) - Scott Beadle, Adrian Ellis, Paul Michalek, Vesa Rantanen, Jason Schleuter, Eric Stommes, Tim Van Voorhis

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN (57)

A total of 57 Golden Gopher student-athletes were honored during the 1995-96 academic year on the Academic All-Big Ten teams. Head Coach Jim Wacker's football team led all schools in the Big Ten for the third straight season with a school record 15 student-athletes honored. Head Coach Dennis Dale's swimming and diving squad had 11 honorees, while Head Coach Doug Woog's hockey program placed 10 student-athletes on the team.

Baseball - Ryan Beers, Tony Felling; **Basketball** - David Grim, Trevor Winter; **Cross Country** - Neal Janquart, Paul Michalek, Rick Obleman; **Football** - Mike Chalberg, Justin Conzemius, Troy Duerr, Chris Fowlkes, Peter Hiestand, Todd Jesewitz, Rob Jones, Tony Levine, Antoine Richard, Craig Sauer, Cory Sauter, Jim Tallman, Dave Watson, Parc Williams, Scott Williams; **Golf** - Dan Arroyo, Aaron Barber, Mark Halvorson; **Gymnastics** - Chris Harrington, Heath Wall; **Hockey** - Jesse Bertogliat, Brian Bonin, Mike Crowley, Jason Godbout, Dan Hendrickson, Ryan Kraft, Brian LaFleur, Jeff Moen, Dan Trebil, Greg Zwakman; **Swimming and Diving** - Ty Bathurst, Mike Bauman, Isaac Bjorklund, P.J. Bogart, Cubby Campbell, Adam Duey, Matt Dunkel, Jay Epping, Matt Schlessman, Kenji Sudoh, Bernie Zeruhn; **Tennis** - Robin Rutili; **Track and Field** - Jonathan Anderson, Niles Deneen, Kevin Dunbar, Neal Janquart, Travis Nordrum, Eric Stommes; **Wrestling** - Josh Dodd, Chad Kraft



B A S E B A L L

Head Coach: John Anderson

Assistant Coaches: Rob Fornasiere, Mike Dee, Herb Isakson

Overall Record: 30-26

Big Ten Record/Finish: 15-12/5th

GOLDEN GOPHERS POST 34TH CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASON

The 1996 Golden Gopher baseball team extended its consecutive winning season mark to 34 years with a 30-26 overall record while finishing fifth in the Big Ten at 15-12. The last Minnesota team to have a losing season was in 1962 when Dick Siebert's squad went 14-16.

Head Coach John Anderson posted his 14th 30-win season in 15 years at the helm, but fell short of making the Big Ten's postseason tournament for only the second time in the last eight seasons and for only the second time since he became the head coach. The only time an Anderson-coached squad has failed to win 30 games was in 1983 when the Maroon and Gold finished 27-21.

Minnesota has traditionally played one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the Big Ten and in 1996 the Maroon and Gold played eight of its first 16 games against teams ranked in various national polls during the season. The Golden Gophers opened the campaign on the road dropping a three-game set to the Florida State Seminoles, a 1996 College World Series participant which had held the No. 1 spot in the rankings during the season.

After taking two of three on the road against the Arizona Wildcats, the Maroon and Gold opened the home season under the 'Dome at the annual Hormel Foods Baseball Classic. Minnesota dropped games to *Baseball America's* No. 5 Tennessee Volunteers (8-4), No. 23 North Carolina State (10-6) and the Connecticut Huskies (8-6). The Golden Gophers then swept a three-game series against the Western Michigan Broncos before a week-long spring trip to Louisiana.

The first three games of the spring trip were against NCAA regional qualifiers Tulane (5-6, 8-11) and New Orleans (6-7). The Golden Gophers were 0-3 in these games dropping a pair of one-run decisions. Minnesota salvaged two of the final three games on the road trip against Southeastern Louisiana (2-6, 19-17, 6-1) for an 8-11 overall mark heading into conference play. **Bryan Guse (New Brighton, Minn.)** hit the Golden Gophers' first home run of the year in the 18th game of the season in the 19-17 win over the Lions.

The Big Ten season opened with the first two series on the road at West Lafayette, Ind., against the Purdue Boilermakers and at Ann Arbor, Mich., against the Michigan Wolverines. Against Purdue, the Maroon and Gold won two of three games (9-4, 2-8, 6-1) while one game was lost to the weather. Senior **Brad Kearin (Minnetonka, Minn.)** threw a complete game shutout in the final game against then-league leading Michigan (3-7, 2-6, 2-4, 4-0) to salvage one game against the Wolverines. Minnesota was 12-15 overall and 3-4 in the Big Ten heading into the conference home opener.

Weather again played a role in the conference home opener against Penn State. Rain postponed Friday's game, before the two teams split a pair on Saturday with Minnesota winning the opener 6-5 and dropping the nightcap 7-2. Friday's game was made up Sunday morning at the Metrodome with an 8:32 a.m. start. Penn State won the final two games leaving the Maroon and Gold at 13-19 overall and 4-7 in the league.

Minnesota would then win five of its next seven games with a two-game sweep of UW-Milwaukee (5-2, 10-2), a single game win against Concordia-St. Paul (12-1) and a four-game split against Ohio State (7-5, 1-4, 6-10, 2-0), last season's Big Ten Champion. Junior **Justin Pederson (Chippewa Falls, Wis.)** earned Big Ten Pitcher of the Week

honors for his performance against UW-Milwaukee and Ohio State. The righthander picked up two wins against Ohio State and had a save against UW-Milwaukee. In his only start he threw a complete game, two-hit shutout in Minnesota's 2-0 win over Ohio State in the series finale. He only faced two batters over the minimum and only one runner advanced past first base. These wins pulled the Maroon and Gold to 18-21 and 6-9 in the league, still in the hunt for a playoff berth.

After a non-conference loss to the Iowa State Cyclones at the end of April, Minnesota posted a 12-4 record the rest of the way, including a 10-3 conference mark. After the loss to the Cyclones, the Golden Gophers were four games under .500 (18-22) and 6-9 in the conference. The Maroon and Gold went on to win its next three conference series and finish in fifth place in the conference race by winning five of its last six league games. Minnesota played 24 of its final 29 games at home with only the road trip to Iowa State and a four-game series at Northwestern on the road.

League leader Illinois brought its first-place record to Siebert Field at the end of April and the Golden Gophers were unkind hosts claiming three of four games (6-5, 11-8, 1-14, 5-2). Junior shortstop **Steve Huls (Cold Spring, Minn.)** earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors for his effort against the Illini. He had six hits in 15 at-bats (.400) with six RBI and five runs scored. In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, he delivered a two-out, three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to give Minnesota an 11-8 win. The Maroon and Gold now stood at 21-23 overall and 9-10 in the league.

Minnesota reached the .500 mark for the first time during the season after taking three of four games against the Northwestern Wildcats in Evanston, Ill., in the league's second-to-last series of the year. The wins improved the Golden Gophers to 25-25 and 12-11 in the league. With only four conference games left on the schedule, the Maroon and Gold still had an outside shot at the league playoffs.

With seven teams vying for the league's top four spots and a berth in the post season tournament, Iowa came to town with both teams needing to sweep the four game series and get some help. The Hawkeyes claimed the first game (6-5), before Minnesota bounced back to win the next three (5-1, 9-6, 3-2) to finish alone in fifth-place at 15-12 (30-26 overall), two games out of the playoff hunt. Penn State, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan qualified for the post season tournament, comprising a whole new tournament squad from last season when Minnesota, Purdue, Northwestern and Ohio State met for the Big Ten's post season title in Columbus, Ohio.

Four seniors were honored during the final regular season series against Iowa at Siebert Field. The four seniors were **Mike Mahady (Minnetonka, Minn.)**, Kearin, **Rob Smith (Menomonie, Wis.)** and **Joe Westfall (Marathon, Wis.)**. Smith went out in style with six hits in six at-bats, three home runs, two singles, a double, seven RBI and four runs scored in the two games.

Smith earned first team all-Big Ten honors at third base, while Huls (shortstop), **Bob Keeney (Burnsville, Minn.)**, **Phil McDermott (Roseville, Minn.)** and Pederson (relief pitcher) earned third team honors. Junior pitcher **Tony Felling (Roseville, Minn.)** and junior catcher **Ryan Beers (Slayton, Minn.)** were named to the academic all-Big Ten squad.

G O L D E N G O P H E R B A S E B A L L

1996 Schedule and Results

(All games)

Game date	Opposing team	Score	r h e/r h e	Inns	Overall	Conference	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
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Feb 16, 1996	at Florida State	7-9 L	7 12 3/9 11 2	9	0-1-0	0-0-0	Dobis (L 0-1)	992	2:35
Feb 17, 1996	at Florida State	11-23 L	11 13 4/23 26 4	9	0-2-0	0-0-0	Westfall (L 0-1)	1864	3:30
Feb 18, 1996	at Florida State	2-8 L	2 5 0/8 8 0	9	0-3-0	0-0-0	Kearin (L 0-1)	2544	2:50
Feb 23, 1996	at Arizona Wildcats	W 12-11	12 17 5/11 12 2	(10)	1-3-0	0-0-0	Diebolt (W 1-0)	733	3:40
Feb 24, 1996	at Arizona Wildcats	W 7-5	7 12 1/5 12 2	9	2-3-0	0-0-0	Pederson (W 1-0)	780	3:01
Feb 25, 1996	at Arizona Wildcats	2-4 L	2 9 1/4 11 1	9	2-4-0	0-0-0	Freeman (L 0-1)	975	2:40
Mar 01, 1996	Connecticut Huskies	6-8 L	6 11 0/8 16 1	9	2-5-0	0-0-0	Dobis (L 0-2)	1448	3:03
Mar 02, 1996	Tennessee Volunteers	4-8 L	4 12 1/8 14 0	9	2-6-0	0-0-0	Pederson (L 1-1)	3147	3:16
Mar 03, 1996	North Carolina St.	6-10 L	6 3 4/10 14 0	9	2-7-0	0-0-0	Diebolt (L 1-1)	1446	3:07
Mar 06, 1996	Iowa State Cyclones	W 15-2	15 17 0/2 10 2	9	3-7-0	0-0-0	Dobis (W 1-2)	564	2:52
Mar 08, 1996	Western Michigan	W 5-3	5 10 1/3 9 0	9	4-7-0	0-0-0	Pederson (W 2-1)	183	2:17
Mar 09, 1996	Western Michigan	W 4-3	4 6 2/3 9 2	9	5-7-0	0-0-0	Diebolt (W 2-1)	262	2:14
Mar 10, 1996	Western Michigan	W 7-0	7 7 1/0 2 4	9	6-7-0	0-0-0	Pautz (W 1-0)	267	2:18
Mar 19, 1996	at Tulane Green Wave	5-6 L	5 11 2/6 10 2	9	6-8-0	0-0-0	Pederson (L 2-2)	171	2:50
Mar 20, 1996	at Tulane Green Wave	8-11 L	8 13 3/11 11 3	9	6-9-0	0-0-0	Dobis (L 1-3)	152	3:06
Mar 21, 1996	at New Orleans	6-7 L	6 10 0/7 8 2	9	6-10-0	0-0-0	Kearin (L 0-2)	200	2:40
Mar 22, 1996	at Southeastern La.	2-6 L	2 10 0/6 6 1	9	6-11-0	0-0-0	Westfall (L 0-2)	305	2:45
Mar 23, 1996	at Southeastern La.	W 19-17	19 22 3/17 18 2	9	7-11-0	0-0-0	Zrust (W 1-0)	416	3:47
Mar 24, 1996	at Southeastern La.	W 9-6	9 9 1/6 9 2	9	8-11-0	0-0-0	Diebolt (W 3-1)	231	2:46
*Mar 29, 1996	at Purdue Boilermakers	W 9-4	9 11 2/4 5 3	7	9-11-0	1-0-0	Pederson (W 3-2)	119	2:16
*Mar 30, 1996	at Purdue Boilermakers	2-8 L	2 3 1/8 10 2	7	9-12-0	1-1-0	Diebolt (L 3-2)	177	2:02
*Mar 30, 1996	at Purdue Boilermakers	W 6-1	6 10 1/1 5 1	7	10-12-0	2-1-0	Dobis (W 2-3)	0	1:50
Apr 03, 1996	St. Thomas Tommies	W 10-9	10 16 1/9 12 3	9	11-12-0	2-1-0	Kearin (W 1-2)	314	3:03
*Apr 06, 1996	at Michigan Wolverines	3-7 L	3 3 1/7 8 1	7	11-13-0	2-2-0	Pederson (L 3-3)	1000	1:46
*Apr 06, 1996	at Michigan Wolverines	2-6 L	2 8 1/6 7 1	7	11-14-0	2-3-0	Diebolt (L 3-3)	0	1:38
*Apr 07, 1996	at Michigan Wolverines	2-4 L	2 6 0/4 5 0	7	11-15-0	2-4-0	Westfall (L 0-3)	300	1:40
*Apr 07, 1996	at Michigan Wolverines	W 4-0	4 7 0/0 7 2	7	12-15-0	3-4-0	Kearin (W 2-2)	0	1:46
Apr 09, 1996	Creighton Bluejays	4-5 L	4 14 2/5 10 0	(13)	12-16-0	3-4-0	Werner (L 0-1)	80	3:48
*Apr 13, 1996	Penn State	W 6-5	6 6 3/5 4 1	7	13-16-0	4-4-0	Kearin (W 3-2)	0	2:09
*Apr 13, 1996	Penn State	2-7 L	2 5 2/7 13 0	7	13-17-0	4-5-0	Diebolt (L 3-4)	214	2:07
*Apr 14, 1996	Penn State	3-5 L	3 7 0/5 9 1	7	13-18-0	4-6-0	Westfall (L 0-4)	0	1:50
*Apr 14, 1996	Penn State	1-3 L	1 11 1/3 7 0	7	13-19-0	4-7-0	Felling (L 0-1)	201	2:05
Apr 16, 1996	UW-Milwaukee	W 5-2	5 9 1/2 6 2	7	14-19-0	4-7-0	Dobis (W 3-3)	0	1:33
Apr 16, 1996	UW-Milwaukee	W 10-2	10 12 2/2 4 1	7	15-19-0	4-7-0	DeWitt (W 1-0)	127	1:53
Apr 17, 1996	Concordia College	W 12-1	12 11 2/1 7 3	9	16-19-0	4-7-0	Freeman (W 1-1)	79	2:43
*Apr 19, 1996	Ohio State	W 7-5	7 9 0/5 7 0	7	17-19-0	5-7-0	Pederson (W 4-3)	344	1:50
*Apr 20, 1996	Ohio State	1-4 L	1 4 1/4 10 2	7	17-20-0	5-8-0	Kearin (L 3-3)	235	2:13
*Apr 20, 1996	Ohio State	6-10 L	6 8 0/10 13 1	7	17-21-0	5-9-0	Freeman (L 1-2)	0	2:00
*Apr 21, 1996	Ohio State	W 2-0	2 9 0/0 2 0	7	18-21-0	6-9-0	Pederson (W 5-3)	335	1:35
Apr 24, 1996	at Iowa State Cyclones	5-6 L	5 12 3/6 11 0	9	18-22-0	6-9-0	Werner (L 0-2)	107	2:35
*Apr 26, 1996	Illinois Illini	W 6-5	6 8 3/5 7 1	7	19-22-0	7-9-0	Diebolt (W 4-4)	309	2:09
*Apr 27, 1996	Illinois Illini	W 11-8	11 18 2/8 13 0	7	20-22-0	8-9-0	Pederson (W 6-3)	0	2:20
*Apr 27, 1996	Illinois Illini	1-14 L	1 5 1/14 16 0	7	20-23-0	8-10-0	Felling (L 0-2)	786	2:05
*Apr 28, 1996	Illinois Illini	W 5-2	5 9 2/2 5 0	7	21-23-0	9-10-0	Pederson (W 7-3)	709	2:04
Apr 30, 1996	U. of South Dakota	W 17-6	17 19 1/6 9 3	9	22-23-0	9-10-0	Zrust (W 2-0)	196	2:35
May 01, 1996	Mankato State	11-16 L	11 15 1/16 18 2	9	22-24-0	9-10-0	Werner (L 0-3)	395	3:10
*May 03, 1996	at Northwestern	W 8-2	8 8 2/2 5 1	7	23-24-0	10-10-0	Westfall (W 1-4)	145	1:45
*May 04, 1996	at Northwestern	0-4 L	0 7 1/4 6 2	7	23-25-0	10-11-0	Pederson (L 7-4)	321	1:37
*May 04, 1996	at Northwestern	W 12-7	12 16 2/7 9 2	7	24-25-0	11-11-0	Diebolt (W 5-4)	321	2:08
*May 05, 1996	at Northwestern	W 3-2	3 3 0/2 10 1	7	25-25-0	12-11-0	DeWitt (W 2-0)	246	2:03
May 07, 1996	St. Cloud State	W 19-6	19 18 1/6 11 3	9	26-25-0	12-11-0	Zrust (W 3-0)	454	2:52
May 09, 1996	St. Olaf	W 15-4	15 10 1/4 11 4	9	27-25-0	12-11-0	Westfall (W 2-4)	201	2:36
*May 11, 1996	Iowa	5-6 L	5 8 2/6 7 0	7	27-26-0	12-12-0	Westfall (L 2-5)	821	2:08
*May 12, 1996	Iowa	W 5-1	5 8 2/1 6 0	7	28-26-0	13-12-0	Felling (W 1-2)	0	1:50
*May 12, 1996	Iowa	W 9-6	9 12 1/6 10 2	7	29-26-0	14-12-0	Freeman (W 2-2)	1179	1:53
*May 13, 1996	Iowa	W 3-2	3 6 0/2 6 0	7	30-26-0	15-12-0	Zrust (W 4-0)	663	1:41

*Conference game

() extra inning game

Minnesota Golden Gopher Baseball
Overall Statistics for Minnesota (as of May 14, 1996)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 30-26-0 Home 20-12-0 Away: 10-14-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-SBA	PO	A	E	FLD%
40 Rob Smith.....	.368	43-43	152	37	56	6	0	8	44	86	.566	11	3	19	3	.419	1	1	7-8	81	40	7	.945
21 Bryan Guse.....	.367	50-48	169	38	62	16	1	4	39	92	.544	22	5	15	4	.452	1	1	5-6	319	32	3	.992
43 Phil McDermott...	.342	49-48	152	29	52	17	2	3	28	82	.539	26	8	33	5	.457	2	0	0-3	43	2	0	1.000
23 Bob Keeney.....	.333	40-40	147	42	49	7	1	1	19	61	.415	22	2	15	1	.424	1	0	9-9	66	1	1	.985
10 Steve Huls.....	.325	56-55	212	55	69	12	2	9	40	112	.528	22	1	31	0	.390	1	3	7-13	71	154	12	.949
9 Robb Quinlan.....	.325	53-51	194	32	63	9	6	2	34	90	.464	5	1	22	1	.342	2	3	7-9	39	58	10	.907
16 Craig Selander...	.313	45-36	115	15	36	8	1	1	24	49	.426	4	1	13	2	.342	0	8	1-1	33	2	2	.946
15 Troy Stein.....	.286	51-39	140	27	40	5	1	1	21	50	.357	13	7	23	1	.375	0	1	5-9	67	2	2	.972
13 Adam Horton.....	.276	50-44	127	19	35	4	0	1	17	42	.331	13	0	23	3	.343	0	3	2-4	309	23	9	.974
22 Eric Welter.....	.260	56-56	200	37	52	10	0	4	40	74	.370	18	4	29	2	.333	0	1	5-8	91	140	12	.951
4 Mike Mahady.....	.194	33-15	62	9	12	1	0	0	5	13	.210	9	0	11	2	.296	0	1	4-5	24	3	1	.964
--- Others ---																							
49 Ben Griffin.....	.385	20-8	39	12	15	2	0	0	5	17	.436	9	1	6	2	.500	1	1	0-0	35	2	0	1.000
30 Mark Groebner....	.259	17-8	27	6	7	2	0	1	6	12	.444	7	0	7	0	.412	0	0	0-0	6	1	0	1.000
44 Casey Hankinson..	.222	7-1	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	.222	3	0	2	0	.417	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
3 Matt Skovran.....	.211	15-4	19	3	4	1	0	0	0	5	.263	1	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	41	4	0	1.000
17 Ryan Beers.....	.176	16-8	34	5	6	1	0	2	7	13	.382	2	0	12	2	.222	0	0	0-0	44	5	0	1.000
36 Brad Kearin.....	.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	4	10	1	.933
Totals.....	.311	56-56	1799	369	560	101	14	37	329	800	.445	187	33	263	28	.385	9	23	52-75	1312	562	78	.960
Opponents.....	.297	56-56	1774	332	527	125	14	50	289	830	.468	186	41	384	29	.375	9	37	61-83	1297	570	77	.960

LOB - Team (387), Opp (404). DPs turned - Team (38), Opp (35). CI - Team (1), Guse 1, Opp (2). IBB - Team (4), Guse 1, Welter 1, Smith 1, Horton 1, Opp (11). Picked off - Keeney 2, Stein 2, Huls 1, Horton 1, Quinlan 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
42 Brad Pautz.....	0.00	1-0	4	1	0	0/1	0	10.1	5	1	0	1	10	0	1	0	39	.143	2	1	0	0	2
36 Brad Kearin.....	3.58	3-3	19	5	1	1/0	4	37.2	43	23	15	20	25	10	0	4	174	.285	10	0	0	1	2
18 Bob DeWitt.....	3.86	2-0	13	2	0	0/0	0	23.1	26	14	10	5	16	10	0	2	104	.286	1	3	0	2	3
28 Ted Zrust.....	3.96	4-0	20	0	0	0/0	0	36.1	46	22	16	7	37	15	0	2	164	.313	2	4	0	0	6
41 Justin Pederson..	4.20	7-4	22	11	2	1/0	4	85.2	81	53	40	45	82	13	2	4	383	.249	9	11	2	0	1
39 Tony Felling.....	4.67	1-2	20	4	0	0/0	1	34.2	47	26	18	19	21	8	0	5	173	.329	4	4	0	3	4
34 Kelly Werner.....	5.06	0-3	9	5	0	0/0	0	16.0	22	16	9	11	15	2	0	1	84	.324	2	3	1	0	2
29 Jason Dobis.....	6.17	3-3	10	9	0	0/0	0	42.1	57	36	29	13	24	11	1	6	201	.318	7	5	0	1	3
27 Mike Diebolt.....	6.42	5-4	27	7	0	0/0	2	54.2	69	51	39	22	63	12	5	7	261	.304	11	2	2	0	10
32 Joe Westfall.....	7.11	2-5	16	8	2	0/0	0	57.0	71	51	45	25	60	22	2	9	267	.302	9	2	2	1	4
25 Kai Freeman.....	8.76	2-2	15	4	0	0/1	0	37.0	57	39	36	17	31	21	3	10	186	.350	4	5	0	1	0
--- Others ---																							
20 Mike Leatherman..	0.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	12	.300	1	1	0	0	0
Totals.....	5.29	30-26	56	56	5	3/1	11	437.1	527	332	257	186	384	125	14	50	2048	.297	62	41	7	9	37
Opponents.....	6.18	26-30	56	56	10	1/0	12	432.1	560	369	297	187	263	101	14	37	2053	.311	43	33	4	9	23

PB - Team (16), Guse 12, Skovran 4, Opp (14). Pickoffs - Team (10), Pederson 3, Skovran 1, Diebolt 1, Guse 1, Zrust 1, Freeman 1, Kearin 1, DeWitt 1, Opp (7). SB/SBA - Guse (53-68), Pederson (15-20), Diebolt (15-19), Werner (7-8), Beers (6-8), Kearin (6-7), Dobis (4-6), Felling (5-6), Freeman (4-5), Westfall (2-5), DeWitt (2-4), Zrust (1-3), Skovran (2-3).

BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Clem Haskins

Assistant Coaches: Milton Barnes, Larry Davis, Bill Brown

Overall Record: 19-13

Big Ten Record/Finish: 10-8/5th

HOOPSTERS WIN SEVEN OF LAST NINE BIG TEN GAMES TO LAY FOUNDATION FOR 1996-97

The 1995-96 basketball season was hailed as a new era in Golden Gopher basketball. That new era started slowly but finished very strong as the Golden Gophers won seven of their final nine conference games to finish 10-8 in the Big Ten. That finish was the strongest finish ever by a Clem Haskins-led team, but was not enough to beat down the detractors of the Big Ten conference as the NCAA snubbed the Golden Gophers for the second time in the past four years. The Golden Gophers did receive an invitation to the NIT marking the fifth consecutive year, and the seventh time in the last eight seasons, that Minnesota has made it to postseason play.

The season began in November in a small gym on an island in the Pacific Ocean at the Big Island Invitational in Hilo, Hawaii. The tournament marked the debut of five new Golden Gopher players and what a debut it was. Junior swingman **Mark Jones (Milwaukee, Wis.)** scored 19 points in his first game as a Golden Gopher as Minnesota beat Valparaiso 70-66. He followed that with a 10-point performance in a 64-55 win over Wichita State and 19 points in a losing effort against Nebraska (85-96). That Big Island Invitational championship game loss to Nebraska also marked the emergence of freshman **Quincy Lewis (Little Rock, Ark.)**. The sharpshooter poured in a tournament-high 26 points on 9-of-14 shooting.

The Golden Gophers returned home to Williams Arena for a stretch of three straight games that would finish with a rematch against the Cornhuskers. In the home opener Minnesota crushed Charleston Southern (82-67), and followed that with a 93-53 win over Bethune Cookman. The team posted its best performance of the young season beating by Nebraska 91-80 in the rematch. Sophomore **Sam Jacobson (Cottage Grove, Minn.)** led the team in scoring in all three games by averaging 23.3 points.

The Maroon and Gold then faced a difficult stretch of four games in 10 days starting with a tough road trip to 12th-ranked Cincinnati, followed by a home game with California (Metrodome), before finishing the stretch with road trips to Clemson and Sacramento State. Cincinnati beat up on Minnesota 84-50, and then a crowd of 25,614 at the Metrodome and the debut of junior **Bobby Jackson (Salisbury, N.C.)** was not enough, as California held on to beat the Golden Gophers 70-67. Jackson scored 10 points and had a team-high eight rebounds in 21 minutes of action. The Golden Gophers started strong at Clemson, jumping out to a 20-8 lead. But the Tigers clawed back, taking the lead just before half and going on to win 79-66. Minnesota rebounded by beating Sacramento State 86-63 behind Jones' 19 points. They followed that up with non-conference wins over Mount St. Mary's (87-62), and Mercer (92-56). Jacobson led the team in scoring in both games with 16 and 20 points, respectively. Minnesota finished the non-conference schedule with an 8-4 record and Jacobson as the leading scorer with a 15.8 average.

The Maroon and Gold opened up the Big Ten schedule with a 69-64 upset of 13th-ranked Illinois. The game was a coming-out party for powerful freshman forward **Courtney James (Indianapolis, Ind.)** who scored 13 points, had 16 rebounds and was a dominant force inside. That game was the second of five double-doubles that James' posted during the season. Minnesota's record in those games was 5-0. James' inside play, coupled with veteran center **John Thomas (Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.)** play in the paint, gave the Maroon and Gold a potent one-two inside attack. The great start ended as quickly as it started as the next eight games proved to be a struggle. Minnesota won just two of them (@ OSU 56-60, and Northwestern 77-68), and the stretch included key home losses to Purdue (76-62), Michigan State (68-54), and Indiana (81-66).

Remarkably, the turnaround of the season began away from the traditionally friendly confines of Williams Arena. Minnesota beat Northwestern in Evanston 66-47 led by Jackson's 18 points. They followed that with a 64-63 double-overtime win at Michigan State. James led the way in East Lansing by scoring 18 points and hauling down 12 rebounds. The team returned home to Williams Arena and knocked off Wisconsin (70-66) and Ohio State (60-57) to stretch their winning streak to four games. James had a double-double vs. Wisconsin (15 pts, 11 rbs) and garnered Big Ten Player of the Week honors for his efforts vs. MSU and UW. Jackson led the charge vs. Ohio State by leading the team in points (17) and rebounds (11).

The Golden Gophers' streak came to an end as they suffered a pair of tough road losses to Michigan (65-62), and Purdue (67-61). They bounced back to upset 12th-ranked Penn State 65-60, as senior **David Grim (Massillon, Ohio)** came off the bench to score 16 points. Iowa was the next upset victim as Minnesota knocked off the 19th-ranked Hawkeyes 72-64 led by Jackson's 21 points and Grim's season-high nine rebounds. The final game of the year loomed huge as the Golden Gophers would travel to Illinois to attempt to win at Assembly Hall, where Minnesota had not won since 1978. To make matters worse, the game would mark the final Big Ten game for Illinois coaching legend Lou Henson.

Illinois jumped out to a 24-11 lead and things did not look good for the Golden Gophers. Illinois shot at a 56 percent clip in the first half to Minnesota's 40 percent and led by 10 points at halftime. But the Golden Gophers kept battling back. They whittled away at the Illini lead and finally had their first lead of the game on Grim's three pointer at the 4:38 mark. It was a seesaw battle from that point forward until Jacobson nailed the game-winner with 15 seconds remaining and Kiwane Garris' bank shot rolled off with the final seconds ticking off the clock. Clem Haskins had his first win ever at Illinois and the Golden Gophers had done the remarkable, climbing from 3-6 in the Big Ten to 10-8, and earning a fifth-place finish with another postseason berth seemingly assured.

Although the Golden Gophers did not receive the invitation to the tournament of their choice, the fact that they did qualify for postseason play after being 12-11 and 3-6 in the Big Ten on Feb. 6, is in itself an amazing accomplishment. The team had put together one of the finest late-season runs in school history and gave Haskins his sixth upper-division finish in 10 years, and the fourth consecutive upper-division finish. The run also established the Golden Gophers as a team to be reckoned with in 1996-97. Grim and defensive specialist **Hosea Crittenden (Rosemount, Minn.)** are the only departing seniors. The team returns all of its starters and its top six scorers in Jackson, Jacobson, Thomas, Jones, James, and Lewis. With the core of the team returning and being joined by three promising prospects next fall, the future looks very bright.

The season ended with some notable awards being handed out. Jacobson, Jackson, James and John Thomas all were named honorable mention All-Big Ten. Jackson and James were Big Ten Player of the Week selections. Grim, for the fourth straight year, and junior **Trevor Winter (Slayton, Minn.)** were named Academic All-Big Ten. John Thomas was named the team MVP, Jacobson the free throw leader, Jackson the defensive player of the year, **Eric Harris (So., New York, N.Y.)** the assists leader, **Charles Thomas (Fr., Harlan, Ky.)** the most improved player, James the rebound leader, and **Miles Tarver (Fr., Oakland, Calif.)** the hustle award winner.

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MN	FG%	OPPONENT	OPP FG%	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDER	ATTEND	PLACE & DATE
70	43.9	Valparaiso*	66 43.8	19 Jones	8 Thomas 8 Grim	1,500	5:30, Nov. 24, Hilo, Hawaii
64	44.1	Wichita State*	55 32.8	15 Thomas	12 James	1,500	2:15, Nov. 25, Hilo, Hawaii
85	47.4	Nebraska*	96 47.9	26 Lewis	7 James	1,200	7:45, Nov. 26, Hilo, Hawaii
82	44.4	Charleston Souther	67 41.5	22 Jacobson	8 James	13,735	7:05, Nov. 28, Williams Arena
93	56.5	Bethune Cookman	53 27.5	26 Jacobson	10 Thomas	13,761	7:05, Nov. 30, Williams Arena
91	48.3	Nebraska	80 46.0	22 Jacobson	10 Thomas	13,956	6:05, Dec. 9, Williams Arena
50	34.5	@Cincinnati	84 56.1	15 Jones	7 Jacobson	12,393	6:30, Dec. 13, Cincinnati, Ohio
67	39.3	California	70 41.8	12 Lewis	8 Jackson 8 James	25,614	8:30, Dec. 16, Metrodome
66	40.7	@Clemson	79 45.3	16 Jackson	10 Jacobson	7,500	6:30, Dec. 19, Clemson, S.C.
86	50.0	@Sacramento State	63 35.1	19 Jones	6 Jackson	823	4:00, Dec. 23, Sacramento, Calif.
87	56.5	Mount St. Mary's	62 37.1	16 Jacobson	6 Grim 6 Jones	13,660	7:00, Dec. 28, Williams Arena
92	49.3	Mercer	56 31.8	20 Jacobson	10 Jacobson 10 James	13,786	3:00, Dec. 31, Williams Arena
69	35.7	Illinois	64 37.0	22 Jacobson	16 James	14,221	7:00, Jan. 3, Williams Arena
63	35.2	@Iowa	92 49.0	27 Lewis	9 James	15,500	7:00, Jan. 6, Iowa City, Iowa
61	45.5	@Penn State	76 45.9	17 Jackson	9 Thomas	14,852	6:30, Jan. 11, University Park, Pa.
62	44.2	Purdue	76 45.8	15 Jacobson	6 Tarver	14,322	1:15, Jan. 13, Williams Arena
56	34.0	@Ohio State	50 29.6	15 Jacobson	13 James	11,707	7:00, Jan. 20, Columbus, Ohio
65	36.5	OT @Wisconsin	73 47.2	19 Jacobson	9 Jacobson	11,483	7:00, Jan. 24, Madison, Wis.
54	33.3	Michigan State	68 44.7	12 Jacobson 12 Thomas 12 Jackson	6 Thomas	14,267	3:15, Jan. 27, Williams Arena
77	49.1	Northwestern	68 37.5	17 Jacobson	7 Thomas	14,015	7:00, Jan. 31, Williams Arena
66	37.9	Indiana	81 44.9	13 Thomas C	13 Thomas	14,366	6:30, Feb. 6, Williams Arena
66	46.0	@Northwestern	47 34.0	18 Jackson	9 Thomas	4,485	7:00, Feb. 10, Evanston, Ill.
64	42.4	OT @Michigan State	63 36.2	18 James	12 James	13,416	7:00, Feb. 14, East Lansing, Mich.
70	44.4	Wisconsin	66 39.6	15 James	11 James	14,379	1:15, Feb. 17, Williams Arena
60	29.1	Ohio State	57 42.9	17 Jackson	11 Jackson	14,081	7:00, Feb. 21, Williams Arena
62	43.9	@Michigan	65 31.7	18 Jackson	8 Thomas 8 Jackson 8 James	13,562	7:00, Feb. 24, Ann Arbor, Mich.
61	34.9	@Purdue	67 36.2	18 Jacobson	9 Thomas	14,123	7:00, Feb. 29, West Lafayette, Ind.
65	42.0	Penn State	60 36.5	16 Grim	10 James	14,168	2:15, Mar. 2, Williams Arena
72	50.0	Iowa	64 50.0	21 Jackson	9 Grim	14,306	7:00, Mar. 6, Williams Arena
67	44.6	@Illinois	66 48.9	24 Jackson	6 Thomas	16,863	1:15, Mar. 9, Champaign, Ill.
68	42.9	ST LOUIS ++	52 31.6	17 Jackson	8 Winter	6,894	6:30 p.m. , Mar. 13, Williams Arena
66	34.2	TULANE++	84 46.3	19 Jacobson	17 Thomas	10,843	6:30, March 18, Williams Arena

TEAM RECORD ALL GAMES 19-13 59.3 %
 LEAGUE 10- 8 55.5 %
 TOURNAMENT 1 - 1 50.0 %

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NAME	INCLUDES LEAGUE GAMES & NON-LEAGUE GAMES & TOURNAMENT GAMES																														
	TOTAL FG			3-PT FG			FREE THROWS			REBOUNDS			AVG			AVG															
	G	ST	FG	FGA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DIS	AST	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN	PTS	AVG						
Jacobson HIGHS:	32	32	143	347	41.2	47	118	39.8	75	95	78.9	60	94	154	4.8	82	1	64	2.0	84	8	37	26	408	12.8						
	PTS 26 vs Bethune Cookman						RBS 10 vs Clemson						AST 5 vs Bethune Cookman																		
Jackson HIGHS:	25	15	115	283	40.6	28	95	29.5	74	94	78.7	44	75	119	4.8	63	1	68	2.7	56	7	34	27	332	13.3						
	PTS 24 vs @Illinois						RBS 11 vs Ohio State						AST 6 vs Northwestern																		
Thomas HIGHS:	32	32	106	221	48.0	0	0	.0	66	127	52.0	74	132	206	6.4	97	2	25	.8	61	24	24	26	278	8.7						
	PTS 17 vs TULANE++						RBS 17 vs TULANE++						AST 3 vs Valparaiso																		
Jones HIGHS:	32	16	104	229	45.4	15	51	29.4	33	60	55.0	50	52	102	3.2	42	0	38	1.2	39	5	21	18	256	8.0						
	PTS 19 vs Valparaiso						RBS 8 vs Nebraska						AST 4 vs California																		
James HIGHS:	31	30	80	164	48.8	0	1	.0	67	119	56.3	95	119	214	6.9	60	1	57	1.8	51	16	25	27	227	7.3						
	PTS 18 vs Michigan State						RBS 16 vs Illinois						AST 5 vs Nebraska																		
Lewis HIGHS:	30	1	76	167	45.5	26	71	36.6	24	36	66.7	15	41	56	1.9	68	2	35	1.2	42	11	17	13	202	6.7						
	PTS 27 vs Iowa						RBS 6 vs TULANE++						AST 5 vs Bethune Cookman																		
Grim HIGHS:	30	3	70	189	37.0	26	88	29.5	30	41	73.2	25	60	85	2.8	62	1	43	1.4	36	8	20	18	196	6.5						
	PTS 17 vs @Illinois						RBS 9 vs Iowa						AST 3 vs Valparaiso																		
Harris HIGHS:	32	30	47	120	39.2	3	18	16.7	52	76	68.4	13	69	82	2.6	60	1	111	3.5	58	0	34	25	149	4.7						
	PTS 11 vs Nebraska						RBS 7 vs Bethune Cookman						AST 7 vs Mount St. Mary's																		
Thomas C HIGHS:	24	0	29	83	34.9	10	35	28.6	12	13	92.3	5	14	19	.8	36	0	15	.6	25	0	7	10	80	3.3						
	PTS 13 vs Indiana						RBS 4 vs Ohio State						AST 2 vs California																		
Winter HIGHS:	32	0	26	58	44.8	0	0	.0	15	25	60.0	19	48	67	2.1	53	1	5	.2	19	21	3	10	67	2.1						
	PTS 9 vs Charleston Southern						RBS 9 vs Mercer						AST 1 vs Wichita State																		
Tarver HIGHS:	25	0	10	31	32.3	0	0	.0	7	20	35.0	16	22	38	1.5	32	0	5	.2	7	5	5	6	27	1.1						
	PTS 7 vs Sacramento State						RBS 6 vs Purdue						AST 2 vs Sacramento State																		
Crittenden HIGHS:	21	1	1	6	16.7	0	2	.0	2	7	28.6	2	13	15	.7	10	0	16	.8	10	1	4	5	4	.2						
	PTS 2 vs Cincinnati						RBS 3 vs Penn State						AST 3 vs @Illinois																		
Stanford Ja HIGHS:	4	0	0	1	.0	0	1	.0	1	2	50.0	1	1	2	.5	0	0	0	.0	1	0	0	1	1	.3						
	PTS 1 vs ST LOUIS ++						RBS 1 vs Charleston Southern																								
Stanford Je HIGHS:	3	0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	1	1	.3	1	0	0	.0	0	0	0	1	0	.0						
							RBS 1 vs ST LOUIS ++																								
TEAM															89	2.8															1
TOTAL HIGHS:	32	807	1899	42.5	155	480	32.3	458	715	64.1	419	830	1249	39.0	666	10	482	15.1	490	106	231	2227			69.6						
OPPONENTS HIGHS:	32	727	1797	40.5	188	565	33.3	528	785	67.3	423	747	1170	36.6	628	14	425	13.3	493	106	227	2170			67.8						
	PTS 96 vs Nebraska*						RBS 46 vs California						AST 21 vs @Iowa																		

CROSS COUNTRY

Head Coach: Roy Griak

Overall Record/Big Ten Record: N/A
Big Ten Finish: 9th

OBLEMAN LEADS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON THE PATH TO IMPROVEMENT

From the first meet of the season to the last, the 1995 Golden Gopher cross country team was led by junior captain **Rick Obleman (Regina, Sask.)**. Obleman captured the Iowa Invitational title with an 8,000 meter time of 25:14 on Sept. 23, and was the first Golden Gopher to cross the line at all five of the meets in which he competed during the season.

Behind Obleman's first-place finish at the Iowa Invitational, the Golden Gophers placed second in the final team standings with 43 points. Senior captain **Jason Boon (Cottage Grove, Minn.)** joined Obleman in the top 10, placing ninth in 26:16.

At the Minnesota Invitational, the Golden Gophers scored 325 points, good for a team finish of 13th in the University division. Obleman placed 36th, crossing the line in 26:00. He was the only Gopher to finish in the top 50.

Iowa State University hosted the Iowa State Cross Country Memorial Classic on Oct. 14. It was a preview of the course that played host to the 1995 NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships. The Golden Gophers finished 17th with 429 points. Obleman turned in a time of 27:28 to finish 46th, and was followed by teammates **Tony Riter (Shoreview, Minn.)** and **Ron Hoffner (Brooklyn Park, Minn.)**, who finished 81st (28:05) and 92nd (28:14), respectively.

The University of Minnesota and the Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course played host to the 81st annual Big Ten Cross Country Championships on Oct. 28. As expect-

ed, the team race was dominated by the University of Wisconsin and Michigan's Kevin Sullivan, who became the sixth runner in conference history to win three individual titles. He crossed the finish line more than 20 seconds ahead of the second-place competitor.

For the Golden Gophers, Obleman led the way for the fourth consecutive meet, finishing 25th in a time of 25:49.6. Also scoring for the ninth-place Golden Gophers were freshman **Todd Landgraff (26:28.4, St. Peter, Minn.)**, Riter (26:29.9), senior **Paul Michalek (26:34.8, Bloomington, Minn.)** and Boon (26:41.2).

The NCAA District IV Cross Country Championships were originally scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11 in West Lafayette, Ind., but extremely high winds and snow at Purdue forced the first 10,000 meter race of the season to Sunday, Nov. 12.

Once the District Championships were run, the Golden Gophers turned in a 16th-place finish. Obleman finished in a team-leading 27th-place with a time of 32:07, meaning that neither the team nor any Golden Gopher individuals were able to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Three Golden Gophers, seniors **Neal Janquart (Wauwatosha, Wis.)** and Michalek, along with Obleman, earned spots on the 1995 Fall Academic All-Big Ten Team. Janquart turned in the top team GPA with a 3.76 for a Biology/Physiology major.

1995 Cross Country Schedule/Results

Sat. Sept. 23	Iowa-Drake Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	2nd/43 pts
Sat., Sept. 30	Minnesota Invitational	UM Golf Course	13th/325 pts
Sat., Oct. 14	Iowa State CC Memorial Classic	Ames, Iowa	17th/429 pts
Sat., Oct. 21	Marathon Sports Open (5,000m)	UM Golf Course	No Team Scoring
Sat., Oct. 28	Big Ten Championships	UM Golf course	9th/226 pts
Sun., Nov. 12	District Championships (10,000m)	West Lafayette, Ind.	16th/408 pts

All distances 8,000 meters unless otherwise noted

CROSS COUNTRY

1995 University of Minnesota Men's Cross Country Performance Chart

Name	Iowa	MN Inv.	NCAA Prep	Marathon#	Big Ten	Dist IV
Matt Anderson						
Ben Bassett				16:41 (14th)		
Jason Boon	26:16 (9th)	27:12 (134th)	29:14 (146th)		26:41.2 (57th)	
Allen Broderius	26:52 (18th)	26:55 (106th)	28:40 (119th)		27:48.8 (81st)	33:59 (127th)
Nathaniel Clay	27:11 (24th)			16:11 (7th)		
Kevin Dunbar	27:52 (35th)					
Andrew Hoenisch				16:53 (17th)		
Ron Hoffner	27:32 (30th)		28:14 (92nd)		26:56.0 (62nd)	33:31 (98th)
Kevin Hopp				16:45 (15th)		
Neal Janquart	29:02 (44th)			16:48 (16th)		
Todd Landgraff	26:24 (11th)	26:28 (62nd)	28:36 (114th)		26:28.4 (50th)	33:12 (79th)
Patrick Markey	26:48 (17th)	27:05 (125th)		15:53 (4th)	26:58.7 (65th)	34:50 (164th)
Kevin Mason	27:09 (23rd)	27:46 (177th)		15:59 (5th)		
Charles McClure	27:52 (35th)	27:04*(124th)	29:27 (150th)	16:09 (6th)		
Paul Michalek	26:09 (6th)	27:37 (165th)	28:33 (111th)		26:34.8 (53rd)	
Brendan O'Brien	27:29 (29th)	27:12*(133rd)	29:10 (144th)	15:39 (3rd)	26:57.4 (63rd)	36:53 (195th)
Rick Obleman	25:14 (1st)	26:00 (36th)	27:28 (46th)		25:49.6 (25th)	532:07 (27th)
Matthew Radtke				16:34 (13th)		
Tony Riter	28:34 (43nd)	27:11 (132nd)	28:05 (81st)	26:29.9 (51st)	33:08 (77th)	
Todd Russell	27:05 (21st)	27:29 (155th)				

#All athletes ran unattached

FOOTBALL

FRUSTRATING SEASON ENDS WITH A 3-8 OVERALL RECORD; SAUER NAMED MVP

Head Coach: Jim Wacker

Overall Record: 3-8

Big Ten Record (Finish): 1-7 (10th)

Assistant Coaches: Bob DeBesse (Offensive Coordinator), Marc Dove (Defensive Coordinator), Scott Brown, Chip Garber, Gordon Shaw, Kevin Sumlin, Mark Tommerdahl, Buddy Wyatt, Jim Zorn

The Golden Gophers entered the '95 season with high expectations and optimism reached the boiling point when Coach Jim Wacker's squad opened the season with a 3-1 record. Injuries to key players and some old-fashioned bad breaks, however, paved the way for a frustrating seven-game losing streak to end the season.

The season opener against Ball State in the Metrodome on Sept. 16 gave Golden Gopher fans a sneak preview of things to come on the offensive side of the ball. A pair of sophomores — quarterback **Cory Sauter (Hutchinson, Minn.)** and split end **Ryan Thelwell (London, Ontario, Canada)** — connected on three touchdown passes to pace the Golden Gophers to an impressive 31-7 win over Ball State before 48,420 fans.

Heisman Trophy candidate **Chris Darkins (Houston, Texas)** took center stage in a 27-17 loss at Syracuse on Sept. 23. The senior running back rushed for 205 yards on 33 carries and scored one touchdown, but it wasn't enough as the Golden Gophers were victimized by three turnovers and a 94-yard punt return for a touchdown. The Golden Gophers held a 418-405 edge in total net yards over the Gator Bowl-bound Orangemen.

With Darkins limited to three carries due to a hamstring strain, sophomores **Javon Jackson (Newport News, Va.)** (120) and **Rafael Cooper (Detroit, Mich.)** (102) because the first U of M tandem to rush for 100-plus yards in a single-game since 1987 in a 55-7 rout of Arkansas State at the Metrodome on Sept. 30. The defense picked off four ASU passes, including two by junior cornerback **Rodney Heath (Cincinnati, Ohio)**. On the game's first series, sophomore strong safety **Crawford Jordan (Fort Worth, Texas)** intercepted a pass and returned it 45 yards for the Golden Gophers' first touchdown.

The Golden Gophers went to 3-1 on the season with a thrilling 39-38 victory over Purdue at the Metrodome on Oct. 7. Darkins set a new single-game school record with 294 yards rushing on a career-high 38 carries and scored three touchdowns. After being outplayed in the first half, the Golden Gophers scored on all five possessions in the second half when they racked up 334 total net yards. Sauter's one-yard sneak with 1:38 remaining brought the Golden Gophers to within a point at 38-37. Then Sauter hit Thelwell over the middle for the two-point conversion that proved to be the game-winner.

The victory set up a huge game against nationally-ranked and eventual Big Ten champ Northwestern before 50,504 fans at the Metrodome on Oct. 14. After the Wildcats took a 3-0 lead, the Golden Gophers stormed back with two straight touchdowns to take a 14-3 lead. The first score was a four-yard pass from Sauter to junior tight end **Paul Kratochvil (New Prague, Minn.)**, his first career touchdown reception. The second touchdown, a six-yard run by Darkins, came after junior **Sean McMenemy (Rosemount, Minn.)** blocked a punt deep in Northwestern territory. The Wildcats then took advantage of some costly Golden Gopher turnovers to reel off 24 straight points en route to the victory.

The Golden Gophers then dropped a heartbreaking 34-31 decision to host Michigan State on Oct. 21. Faced with a fourth-and-two late in the game deep in MSU territory, the Golden Gophers were turned back when a Sauter pass fell incomplete. Sauter had another great game, connecting on 24-of-37 pass attempts for a career-high 404 yards and four touchdowns. The 404-yard effort ranks No. 3 on the all-time single-game school records list. A trio of receivers — Thelwell, sophomore **Tutu Atwell (Miami, Fla.)** and senior **Tony Levine (St. Paul, Minn.)** — had six receptions apiece. Darkins, who moved past Marion Barber into No. 2 on the all-time school career rushing list, went to the sidelines with an ankle injury that would force him to miss three of the team's final five games.

Playing without the injured Darkins, the Golden Gophers then dropped back-to-back games at No. 9 Michigan (52-17) on Oct. 28 and at the Metrodome the following week to No. 4 Ohio State (49-21). The

Golden Gophers actually led the Buckeyes 14-7 after one quarter, but the injury bug hit once again when Sauter was forced to the sidelines with a sprained left knee. He was a perfect seven-of-seven for 123 yards prior to the injury.

A last-minute Golden Gopher drive stalled at the Wisconsin 20-yard line enabling the Badgers to escape with a 34-27 victory before a sellout crowd of 64,016 at the 'Dome on Nov. 11. Sauter was impressive once again, completing 20-of-36 pass attempts for 355 yards and three touchdowns. Atwell had eight receptions for 148 yards, including a 51-yard scoring play in the second quarter. The Golden Gophers did have the edge in most statistical categories, including total net yards (525-422). The effects of another emotional defeat seemed to take its toll as the Golden Gophers fell 48-14 at Illinois on Nov. 18 and 45-3 at Iowa on Nov. 25 to close out the season.

Senior linebacker **Craig Sauer (Sartell, Minn.)**, who led the Golden Gophers with 76 tackles, was honored as the winner of both the Bronko Nagurski Award as the overall team MVP and the Carl Eller Award as the defensive team MVP. He finished his career ranked second on the all-time school records list with 27 tackles for loss and tied for eighth with seven career sacks.

Sauter was named the Bruce Smith Award winner as the offensive MVP. The signal-caller set new single-season school records with 2,600 yards passing and a completion percentage of .604 (204-of-338). He just missed Mike Hohensee's single-season school marks for completions (210, '82) and touchdown passes (20, '81). Sauter, who ranked second in the Big Ten and 25th in the nation in total offense (226.6 yards per game) and fourth in the league and 27th in the country in passing efficiency (134.9), completed 204 passes and threw for 18 touchdowns in '95.

A finalist for the Lou Groza Award which honors the nation's top collegiate placekicker, senior **Mike Chalberg (Auckland, New Zealand)** was named the team's Bobby Bell Award winner as the special teams MVP. He made 11-of-14 field goal attempts and was a perfect 32-of-32 on extra points. The 32 PAT's set a new single-season school record and he finished his career ranked sixth in all-time scoring at the U of M and fourth in kick scoring with 208 career points.

Darkins was named the Paul Giel Award winner for total unselfishness and most concern about the U of M. Despite struggling through an injury-filled senior season, he finished his career ranked second on the all-time school lists in rushing with 3,235 yards, fourth in rushing touchdowns with 21 and eighth in scoring with 156 career points. Ranked sixth in school history with 317 career tackles, **Justin Conzemius (Fargo, N.D.)** was the Butch Nash Award winner for competitiveness on the field and in the classroom. The senior linebacker never missed a game during his collegiate career, playing in 44 consecutive contests.

Heath, who tied for second in the Big Ten and 22nd in the nation with five interceptions, and senior center **Todd Jesewitz (Willow Springs, Ill.)** were second-team All-Big Ten selections by the media. In addition, Jesewitz was a *Football News* first-team All-Big Ten choice. Chalberg, senior offensive tackle **Mike Giovineti (Philadelphia, Pa.)** and Thelwell, who paced the team with 58 receptions, were named honorable mention All-Big Ten by the media. Heath also received honorable mention All-Big Ten honors from the coaches.

The Golden Gophers continued to shine in the classroom. Conzemius earned Academic All-America honors for the third straight season to lead the way. A National Football Foundation and Burger King Scholar-Athlete Award winner, he was a first-team choice in '94 and a second-team selection in both '93 and '95. He was joined on the Academic All-District V Team by senior offensive tackle Chris Fowlkes.

The Golden Gophers also had a school record and league-leading 15 student-athletes honored on the Academic All-Big Ten Team. Conzemius, Fowlkes and senior defensive end **Peter Hiestand (Moorhead, Minn.)** collected the honor for the fourth time in their careers. They were joined on the team by Chalberg, redshirt freshman defensive tackle **Troy Duerr (Buffalo, Minn.)**, Jesewitz, junior quarterback **Rob Jones (Cincinnati, Ohio)**, Levine, redshirt freshman defensive tackle **Antoine Richard (Houston, Texas)**, Sauter, junior linebacker **Jim Tallman (Mondovi, Wis.)**, sophomore defensive end **Dave Watson (Bloomington, Minn.)**, redshirt freshman linebacker **Parc Williams (Zumbrota, Minn.)** and senior long snapper **Scott Williams (Plymouth, Minn.)**.

F O O T B A L L

1995 MINNESOTA FOOTBALL STATISTICS

All Games - Final Statistics

RECORD: 3-8-0 (1-7-0 Conf)

1995 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	(ATT.)	SCORE
9-16	vs BALL STATE	48,420	31- 7
9-23	at Syracuse	42,780	17- 27
9-30	vs ARKANSAS STATE	42,742	55- 7
10-07	vs PURDUE	39,343	39- 38
10-14	vs NORTHWESTERN	50,504	17- 27
10-21	at Michigan State	70,123	31- 34
10-28	at Michigan	104,929	17- 52
11-04	vs OHIO STATE	46,418	21- 49
11-11	vs WISCONSIN	64,016	27- 34
11-18	at Illinois	45,521	14- 48
11-25	at Iowa	65,794	3- 45

TEAM STATISTICS

	MINNESOTA	OPP
Total First Downs	232	229
First Downs-Rushing	87	107
First Downs-Passing	135	108
First Downs-Penalty	10	14
Rushing Att-Yds	400-1505	454-2298
Rushing Yards per Game	136.8	208.9
Pass Comp-Att-Int	222-384-16	171-289-10
Passing Yards	2863	2575
Passing Yards per Game	260.3	234.1
Punting Number-Yds-Avg	60-2239-37.3	48-2001-41.7
Fumbles-Lost	18-8	12-9
Penalties-Yards	71-630	60-499
Sacks by-Yds Lost	12-78	33-197
Third Down Conversions	62-157	61-147
Third Down Conversion Pct.	.395	.415
Fourth Down Conversions	8-15	2-10
Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.533	.200
Avg. Time of Possession	31:42	28:18

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT	AVG
MINNESOTA	68	79	79	46	272	24.7
Opponent	79	96	104	89	368	33.5

RUSHING	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	PG	TD	LP
Chris Darkins	8	164	864	39	825	5.0	103.1	6	45
Rafael Cooper	11	112	496	25	471	4.2	42.8	2	19
Javon Jackson	8	43	217	16	201	4.7	25.1	1	32
Tutu Atwell	11	10	84	25	59	5.9	5.4	1	18
Tony Levine	11	3	38	0	38	12.7	3.5	1	16
Tommy Watson	8	4	12	0	12	3.0	1.5	0	5
Rob Jones	1	1	6	0	6	6.0	6.0	0	6
Jason Murdock	5	9	35	34	1	0.1	0.2	0	16
Cory Sauter	11	54	79	187	-108	-2.0	-9.8	2	14

MINNESOTA	11	400	1831	326	1505	3.8	136.8	13	45
Opponents	11	454	2460	162	2298	5.1	208.9	25	

PASSING	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	Yd/G	Rtg	TD	LP
Cory Sauter	11	338	204	13	.604	2600	236.4	134.9	18	63
Jason Murdock	5	45	18	3	.400	263	52.6	90.4	2	54
Garrison Harmann	10	1	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0.0	0	0

MINNESOTA	11	384	222	16	.578	2863	260.3	129.3	20	63
Opponent	11	289	171	10	.592	2575	234.1	148.8	19	

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Play	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg
Cory Sauter	11	392	-108	2600	2492	226.6
Chris Darkins	8	164	825	0	825	103.1
Jason Murdock	5	54	1	263	264	52.8
Rafael Cooper	11	112	471	0	471	42.8
Javon Jackson	8	43	201	0	201	25.1
Rob Jones	1	1	6	0	6	6.0
Tutu Atwell	11	10	59	0	59	5.4
Tony Levine	11	3	38	0	38	3.5
Tommy Watson	8	4	12	0	12	1.5
Garrison Harmann	10	1	0	0	0	0.0

MINNESOTA	11	784	1505	2863	4368	397.1
Opponent	11	743	2298	2575	4873	443.0

RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Yds/G	C/G	TD	LP
Ryan Thelwell	11	58	775	13.4	70.5	5.3	6	36
Tutu Atwell	11	41	735	17.9	66.8	3.7	5	58
Tony Levine	11	38	396	10.4	36.0	3.5	1	39
Johnny Woodson	11	25	266	10.6	24.2	2.3	0	37
Chris Darkins	8	12	97	8.1	12.1	1.5	0	34
Rafael Cooper	11	10	114	11.4	10.4	0.9	1	40
Greg Nelson	11	8	67	8.4	6.1	0.7	2	13
Mark Tangen	10	7	93	13.3	9.3	0.7	0	20
Paul Kratochvil	11	7	55	7.9	5.0	0.6	1	12
Ryan Hubbard	8	4	102	25.5	12.8	0.5	1	63
Matt Reem	11	4	45	11.3	4.1	0.4	1	13
Lee Hutton	9	3	83	27.7	9.2	0.3	1	54
Derrick Harvey	5	3	35	11.7	7.0	0.6	0	22
Javon Jackson	8	1	-1	-1.0	-0.1	0.1	0	0
Troy Duerr	11	1	1	1.0	0.1	0.1	1	1

MINNESOTA	11	222	2863	12.9	260.3	20.2	20	63
Opponent	11	171	2575	15.1	234.1	15.5	19	

SCORING	TD	XP	2PT	DXP	SAF	FG	PTS
Mike Chalberg	0	32-32	0-0	0-0	0	11-14	65
Ryan Thelwell	6	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	38
Chris Darkins	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	36
Tutu Atwell	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	36
Rafael Cooper	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	18
Tony Levine	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	12
Cory Sauter	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	12
Greg Nelson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	12
Ryan Hubbard	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6
Troy Duerr	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6
Matt Reem	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6
Paul Kratochvil	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6
Crawford Jordan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6
Javon Jackson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6
Lee Hutton	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	34	33-33	1-1	0-0	0	11-14	272
Opponents	47	45-46	1-1	0-0	0	13-18	368

PUNTING	G	No	Yds	Avg	LP	Blk
Tim Grate	5	21	836	39.8	62	0
Garrison Harmann	10	39	1403	36.0	50	0

MINNESOTA	11	60	2239	37.3	62	0
Opponents	11	48	2001	41.7		1

F O O T B A L L

DEFENSIVE

LEADERS	GP	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL-Yds	SCK-Yds	PBU	FC	FR
Craig Sauer	11	55	21	76	4-14	1-8	0	0	1
Justin Conzemius	11	53	18	71	3-3	0-0	2	0	1
Crawford Jordan	11	36	22	58	1-2	0-0	2	2	0
Parc Williams	11	36	20	56	4-21	1.5-13	0	2	0
Rodney Heath	11	39	11	50	0-0	0-0	6	1	0
Ben Langford	9	30	18	48	7-16	1-8	0	0	0
Don Williams	11	34	14	48	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
Jerome Davis	11	21	20	41	4-23	2.5-18	1	0	1
Rishon Early	10	25	16	41	1-2	0-0	2	1	2
Kevin Holmes	10	24	9	33	4-7	0-0	0	0	0
Antoine Richard	10	19	11	30	3-4	0-0	0	0	0
Craig Scruggs	11	18	7	25	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Terrance Blayne	8	16	7	23	2-3	1-2	4	1	0
Ogun Akbar	11	16	6	22	1-4	0-0	0	0	0
Peter Hiestand	11	12	7	19	3-9	1-6	0	0	0
Ralph Green	10	12	4	16	6-10	0-0	0	0	0
Mark Cross	11	12	4	16	0-0	0-0	1	0	1
Jermel Carr	10	14	2	16	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lamanzer Williams	10	9	5	14	4-20	3-19	1	1	0
Rufus Smith	11	12	2	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Raymond Baylor	6	11	1	12	3-10	1-5	0	0	0
Mari Moore	10	7	1	8	1-17	0-0	0	0	0
Joe Justice	10	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Greg Nelson	11	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Troy Duerr	11	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Deon White	10	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Mark Tangen	10	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Sean McMenomy	9	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dan Moore	8	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Paul Kratochvil	11	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Rafael Cooper	11	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ryan Thelwell	11	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1
Vincent Hypolite	8	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ryan Hubbard	8	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Tony Levine	11	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Jim Tallman	9	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Scott Williams	11	1	0	1	1-3	0-0	0	0	0
Tommy Watson	8	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Javon Jackson	8	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Cory Sauter	11	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Mike Chalberg	11	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Tutu Atwell	11	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gann Brooks	11	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	LP
Sean McMenomy	9	1	17	17.0	0	17
Rodney Heath	11	16	173	10.8	0	44
Tutu Atwell	11	2	20	10.0	0	12
Lee Hutton	9	2	12	6.0	0	8

MINNESOTA	11	21	222	10.6	0	44
Opponents	11	28	347	12.4	1	

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	LP
Rafael Cooper	11	25	537	21.5	0	52
Rishon Early	10	12	208	17.3	0	34
Greg Nelson	11	11	188	17.1	0	39
Paul Kratochvil	11	3	16	5.3	0	12

MINNESOTA	11	51	949	18.6	0	52
Opponent	11	46	1142	24.8	1	

INTERCEPTIONS	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	LP
Rodney Heath	11	5	41	8.2	0	19
Crawford Jordan	11	2	45	22.5	1	45
Ben Langford	9	1	21	21.0	0	21
Justin Conzemius	11	1	21	21.0	0	21
Craig Sauer	11	1	25	25.0	0	25

MINNESOTA	11	10	153	15.3	1	45
Opponents	11	16	221	13.8	0	

FOOTBALL

TEAM SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 47 vs PURDUE, 10/7
Rushing Net Yards: 322 vs PURDUE, 10/7
Rushing Touchdowns: 5 vs PURDUE, 10/7
Fewest Rushing Att. Allowed: 26 vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed: 80 vs BALL STATE, 9/16
Pass Attempts: 50 vs NORTHWESTERN, 10/14
Pass Completions: 29 vs NORTHWESTERN, 10/14
Passing Yards: 404 at Michigan State, 10/21
Passing Touchdowns: 4 at Michigan State, 10/21
Pass Completion Pct: .649 at Michigan State, 10/21
Fewest Pass Attempts Allowed: 16 at Syracuse, 9/23
Fewest Pass Compl. All: 11 at Syracuse, 9/23 and at Illinois, 11/18
Fewest Passing Yards Allowed: 96 vs BALL STATE, 9/16
Total Plays: 83 vs NORTHWESTERN, 10/14
Total Offense: 535 vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Points Scored: 55 vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Touchdowns Scored: 7 vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Interceptions: 4 vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Interception Return Yards: 85 vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
First Downs: 26 vs PURDUE, 10/07 and vs WISCONSIN, 11/11
First Downs Allowed: 11 vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Most Opp. Fumbles Rec.: 2 vs PURDUE, 10/7 and at Michigan, 10/28

INDIVIDUAL LONG PLAYS

Rushing Yards: 45 Chris Darkins vs PURDUE, 10/7
Passing Yards: 63 Cory Sauter to Ryan Hubbard vs WISCONSIN, 11/11
Field Goal Yards: 48 Mike Chalberg vs PURDUE, 10/7
Int. Return Yards: 45 Crawford Jordan vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Punt Return Yards: 44 Rodney Heath vs ARKANSAS ST, 9/30
Kickoff Return Yards: 52 Rafael Cooper at Illinois, 11/18
Long Punt: 62 Tim Grate at Michigan, 10/28

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 38 Chris Darkins vs PURDUE, 10/7
Rushing Net Yards: 294 Chris Darkins vs PURDUE, 10/7
Rushing Touchdowns: 3 Chris Darkins vs PURDUE, 10/7
Pass Attempts: 50 Cory Sauter vs NORTHWESTERN, 10/14
Pass Completions: 29 Cory Sauter vs NORTHWESTERN, 10/14
Passing Yards: 404 Cory Sauter at Michigan State, 10/21
Passing Touchdowns: 4 Cory Sauter at Michigan State, 10/21
Pass Receptions: 10 Ryan Thelwell vs NORTHWESTERN, 10/14 and Tony Levine at Iowa, 11/25
Receiving Yards: 167 Ryan Thelwell vs BALL STATE, 9/16
Receiving Touchdowns: 3 Ryan Thelwell vs BALL STATE, 9/16
Total Offensive Yards: 397 Cory Sauter at Michigan State, 10/21
Points Scored: 18 Ryan Thelwell vs BALL STATE, 9/16 and Chris Darkins vs PURDUE, 10/7
Points Scored Rushing: 18 Chris Darkins vs PURDUE, 10/7
Points Scored Receiving: 18 Ryan Thelwell vs BALL STATE, 9/16
Field Goals Made: 2 Mike Chalberg vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30 and vs WISCONSIN, 11/11
PAT Kicks Att.: 6 Mike Chalberg vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
PAT Kicks Made: 6 Mike Chalberg vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Punting Attempts: 7 Garrison Harmann vs BALL STATE, 9/16 and at Michigan, 10/28
Punting Per Game Average: 51.5 Tim Grate at Michigan, 10/28
Punt Returns: 5 Rodney Heath vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Punt Return Yards: 98 Rodney Heath vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Punt Return Average: 19.6 Rodney Heath vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Kickoff Returns: 6 Rishon Early vs PURDUE, 10/7
Kickoff Return Yards: 108 Rishon Early vs PURDUE, 10/7
Kickoff Return Average: 30.0 Rafael Cooper at Illinois, 11/18
Interceptions: 2 Rodney Heath vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Int. Return Yards: 45 Crawford Jordan vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30
Int. Returned for TD: 1 Crawford Jordan vs ARKANSAS STATE, 9/30

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Head Coach: John Means
Assistant Coach: Phil Ebner

Big Ten Finish: 4th
NCAA Finish: 12th out of 21 in NCAA Central Regional

GOLF CARDS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE NCAA APPEARANCE

The Golden Gopher golf team finished up the 1995-96 season strong with its fourth consecutive and 23rd overall team appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The team posted a significant first when it landed two players on the All-Big Ten team for the first time in school history when senior **Aaron Barber (New London, Minn.)** and freshman **Matt Doyle (Simsbury, Conn.)** were awarded the honor. In addition, Doyle was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year, the first Minnesota player to ever win the honor. The team won three tournaments and placed in the upper division at the Big Ten Tournament for the fourth time in the last five years. Minnesota had three different individuals win tournaments with Barber winning two (ReliaStar, Spartan Invitational), Doyle one (Wolverine Invitational), and sophomore **Rob Kerr (Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada)** notching his first collegiate victory when he won the NCAA Midwest Regional. In all, the team finished in the top 10 in 11 of the 14 tournaments that they competed in.

The season started on a winning note for Barber when he won the inaugural ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational with a one-under-par 215. The team finished a strong third. The tournament played at Dellwood Golf Club, was the first regular season golf tournament hosted by the Maroon and Gold in over a decade. The Maroon and Gold utilized another individual medalist the following weekend when they won the Wolverine Invitational on the heels of Doyle's 218 score. Barber added a score of 223 (9th), while junior **Mark Halverson (Fargo, N.D.)** had his best finish of the year with a score of 226, putting him 14th. The team score of 897 gave the Golden Gophers a two stroke win over Miami of Ohio and their first win of the season.

The following weekend the linksters traveled to Evanston, Ill., to defend their 1994 Windon Memorial Classic title. The Golden Gophers struggled with a season-high 314 on the first round and never recovered finishing 11th. Barber was the team's highest finisher at 23rd with a score of 231. The squad looked to rebound when they headed east to play in the Adams Cup of Newport in their final tournament of the fall season. Minnesota again started slow with a first round score of 311. They rebounded by carding rounds of 295 and 306 to finish fourth behind East Tennessee State, Arkansas, and Clemson. Redshirt freshman **Dan Arroyo (Walnut Creek, Calif.)** was the team's high finisher with a score of 225, good for seventh.

After four months of conditioning and practice work at the indoor practice facility, the Golden Gophers teed off the spring season by heading south to Puerto Rico to compete in the Puerto Rico Golf Classic. The start was an auspicious one as the team finished 13th overall. The team quickly rebounded a week later with a second-place finish (873) at the South Florida Invitational, three strokes behind the winner and host South Florida (870). Barber led the team with his best outing since the ReliaStar win, when he finished third with a score of 215, two strokes behind the medalist. Minnesota posted an impressive five golfers in the top 25. That performance proved to be a warm-up for the next weekend when the Golden Gophers tied for championship honors with Virginia Commonwealth at the Central Florida Invitational with a score of 883. Balance again was the key as Minnesota had no one in the top 10, but had five players in the top 25. Arroyo was the team's high finisher with a score of 221, good for 15th.

The win at Central Florida was followed by a tough assignment at the Border Olympics in Laredo, Texas. Considered one of the top tournaments in the country, the Border Olympics had humbled the Maroon and Gold in '94-95 when they finished ninth. The plains of Texas were much kinder to the Golden Gophers this time around as they finished an impressive third with a score of 885. Kerr led the Golden Gophers with a 219 score and a seventh-place finish. The Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate was next and the Maroon and Gold carded an eighth-place finish with a score of 910. The team bounced back to finish fourth at the Legends of Indiana Tournament, five strokes behind the winner Ball State. Barber finished second with a score of 224, three strokes behind the medalist. Doyle was right behind him at 225.

The Golden Gophers had two regular season tournaments left as they headed to the Kepler Invitational and they knew that they had to perform well to lock up an NCAA bid. At the Kepler they started slow with an opening round 309, but fired a low round of 306 on the final day to finish third, four strokes behind the winner Ohio State. That third-place finish, barring a total collapse in the Spartan Invitational, would put Minnesota in the NCAA Tournament for the fourth consecutive year. Barber and Doyle led the team with 10th and 15th-place finishes, respectively. Arroyo also finished with a strong 19th-place finish.

The Spartan Invitational was the last tournament before the NCAA bids would come out and a warm-up for the Big Ten Championship. The Golden Gophers finished the regular season on a roll, winning the Spartan Invitational by six strokes over Ohio State with a score of 883, tying the team's lowest three round score of the year. Leading the way was Barber, who won his second tournament of the year and led the team to its third win. His 69 on the final round gave him medalist honors by two strokes and the team appeared headed to the postseason playing its best golf. They had finished in the top 10 in seven consecutive tournaments and had been in the top five in six of those events.

The Big Ten Championship was held the next weekend in University Park, Pa., on the campus of Penn State University. The Penn State University Blue Course proved to be a tough course for every school in the conference with the exception of Ohio State, who cruised to a 14 stroke victory over their nearest rivals. The Golden Gophers were consistent with rounds of 296, 295, 296, and then a final round of 308. Ironically, that final day, in very difficult weather conditions, they climbed two spots to finish fourth. Barber and Doyle were All-Big Ten as mentioned earlier and Doyle was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

The next weekend was the NCAA Regionals. The Golden Gophers entered the NCAA Tournament looking to rebound from a disappointing Big Ten Championships. Minnesota had beaten all of the teams in the conference during the season, but for some reason had not played their best golf at the conference tourney. Now it was time to regroup and try to get back to the NCAA Finals by placing in the top 10 at the NCAA Central Regional. The tournament was being held at the University of Michigan Golf Course, the same course where Minnesota had won the Wolverine Invitational earlier in the year. After one round it looked pretty good as Minnesota was in seventh-place and had survived a tough round of 75 by Barber. After round two, Minnesota had fallen to 14th, but was only two strokes out of the 10th spot going into the final round. Keeping the Maroon and Gold in the hunt was sophomore Kerr, who was in fifth-place overall and just four strokes away from medalist honors. Kerr responded with the best round of his collegiate career when he fired a final round 69 to win medalist honors and almost single-handedly carried Minnesota into the finals. The Golden Gophers top two golfers, Barber and Doyle, carded 79 and 83 respectively, as the team fell two strokes short of making it to the finals.

As one of the top two individuals in the NCAA Regional, Kerr advanced to the finals to compete for the NCAA individual title. He fired a 78 and a 79 in the first two rounds at the Honors Course at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. He missed the cut by seven strokes, bringing to an end the 76th season of Golden Gopher golf.

Following the season, the honors continued to roll in. At the team banquet, Barber was named the team MVP, Arroyo the Most Improved Player, Doyle won the Best Freshman, and Halverson was named the team captain for 1996-97. Following the season, Barber and Doyle were honored as NCAA District IV All-America selections. It marked the second consecutive year that Barber had won the honor. The following week, Barber and Kerr were named honorable mention All-Americans by the American Golf Coaches Association.

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1995-96 MINNESOTA GOLF FINAL STATISTICS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit	298/289/299	216	886/3rd out of 12
Sept. 22-24	Wolverine Invitational	300/296/301	213	897/1st out of 21
Oct. 9-10	Windom Memorial Classic	314/306/308	216	928/11th of 12
Oct. 17-18	Adams Cup of Newport	311/295/306	212	912/4th out of 15
Rounds (fall): 12	Strokes: 3,623	Average: 301.9		
Feb. 16-18	Puerto Rico Golf Classic	303/312/308	216	923/13th out of 15
Feb. 23-25	South Florida Invitational	287/296/290	216	873/2nd out of 15
Mar. 4-5	Central Florida Invitational	286/298/299	216	883/1st out of 18
Mar. 23-24	Border Olympics	299/293/293	216	885/3rd out of 15
Mar. 30-31	Dr. Pepper Invitational	306/312/292	216	910/8th out of 18
April 12-13	Legends of Indiana	301/303/311	216	915/4th out of 18
April 20-21	Kepler Invitational	309/310/306	216	925/3rd out of 18
May 4-5	Spartan Invitational	298/290/295	216	883/1st out of 19
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament	296/295/296/308	288	1195/4th out of 11
May 16-18	NCAA Central Regional	293/291/300	213	884/12th out of 21
Rounds (total): 43	Strokes: 12,899	Average: 300.0		
1. Aaron Barber				
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit	72/71/72	216	215/1st out of 64
Sept. 22-24	Wolverine Invitational	75/72/76	213	223/tied for 9th out of 105
Oct. 9-10	Windom Memorial Classic	78/78/75	216	231/23rd out of 60
Oct. 17-18	Adams Cup of Newport	78/77/73	212	228/19th out of 79
Rounds (fall): 12	Strokes: 897	Average: 74.8		
Feb. 16-18	Puerto Rico Golf Classic	75/81/78	216	234/tied for 54th out of 75
Feb. 23-25	South Florida Invitational	66/76/73	216	215/tied for 3rd out of 111
Mar. 4-5	Central Florida Invitational	71/78/75	216	224/tied for 23rd out of 90
Mar. 23-24	Border Olympics	78/72/76	216	226/tied for 30th out of 90
Mar. 30-31	Dr. Pepper Invitational	77/80/75	216	232/tied for 40th out of 90
April 12-13	Legends of Indiana	71/77/76	216	224/tied for 2nd out of 90
April 20-21	Kepler Invitational	78/75/76	216	229/tied for 10th out of 93
May 4-5	Spartan Invitational	75/72/69	216	216/1st out of 99
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament	72/70/75/76	288	293/5th out of 55
May 16-18	NCAA Central Regional	75/73/79	213	227/76th out of 111
Rounds (total): 43	Strokes: 3,217	Average: 74.8		
2. Matt Doyle				
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit	78/72/75	216	225/24th out of 64
Sept. 22-24	Wolverine Invitational	75/70/73	213	218/tied 1st out of 105
Oct. 9-10	Windom Memorial Classic	73/77/82	216	232/31st out of 60
Oct. 17-18	Adams Cup of Newport	77/71/78	212	226/13th out of 79
Rounds (total): 12	Strokes: 901	Average: 75.4		
Feb. 16-18	Puerto Rico Golf Classic	77/72/79	216	228/tied for 36th out of 75
Feb. 23-25	South Florida Invitational	74/69/74	216	217/tied for 6th out of 111
Mar. 4-5	Central Florida Invitational	74/72/77	216	223/tied for 21st out of 90
Mar. 23-24	Border Olympics	80/75/74	216	229/tied for 50th out of 90
Mar. 30-31	Dr. Pepper Invitational	80/76/71	216	227/tied for 19th out of 90
April 12-13	Legends of Indiana	75/73/77	216	225/fifth out of 90
April 20-21	Kepler Invitational	78/75/77	216	230/tied for 15th out of 93
May 4-5	Spartan Invitational	74/71/82	216	227/tied for 27th out of 99
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament	75/79/73/78	288	305/tied for 28th out of 55
May 16-18	NCAA Central Regional	73/75/83	213	231/tied for 90th out of 111
Rounds (total): 43	Strokes: 3,244	Average: 75.4		
3. Rob Kerr				
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit*	76/76/77	216	229/41st out of 64
Oct. 9-10	Windom Memorial Classic	83/79/76	216	238/46th out 60
Rounds (total): 6	Strokes: 467	Average: 77.8		
Feb. 23-25	South Florida Invitational	75/76/72	216	223/tied for 22nd out of 90
Mar. 4-5	Central Florida Invitational	73/74/75	216	222/tied for 17th out of 90
Mar. 23-24	Border Olympics	75/74/70	216	219/tied for 7th out of 90
Mar. 30-31	Dr. Pepper Invitational	76/79/74	216	229/tied for 26th out of 90
April 12-13	Legends of Indiana	75/76/82	216	233/tied for 28th out of 90
April 20-21	Kepler Invitational	86/83/79	216	248/tied for 78th out of 93
May 4-5	Spartan Invitational	72/75/74	216	221/5th out of 99
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament	76/74/73/80	288	303/tied for 21st out of 55

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May 16-18	NCAA Central Regional	72/70/69	213	211/1st out of 111
May 29-30	NCAA Finals	78/79----		157/missed the cut
Rounds (total): 36	Strokes: 2,733	Average: 75.9		

4. Dan Arroyo	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit*	73/78/79	216	230/44th out of 64
Oct. 17-18	Adams Cup of Newport	76/72/77	212	225/7th out of 79
*competed as an individual				
Rounds (total): 6	Strokes: 455	Average: 75.8		
Feb. 16-18	Puerto Rico Golf Classic	77/81/71	216	229/tied for 43rd out of 75
Feb. 23-25	South Florida Invitational	72/77/72	216	221/tied for 15th out of 111
Mar. 4-5	Central Florida Invitational	72/74/75	216	221/tied for 15th out of 90
Mar. 23-24	Border Olympics	70/78/75	216	223/tied for 18th out of 90
Mar. 30-31	Dr. Pepper Invitational	76/82/82	216	240/tied for 71st out of 90
April 20-21	Kepler Invitational	78/77/77	216	232/tied for 19th out of 93
May 4-5	Spartan Invitational	77/77/75	216	229/tied for 38th out of 99
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament	78/73/75/83	288	309/tied for 41st out of 55
May 16-18	NCAA Central Regional	73/76/76	213	225/tied for 65th out of 111
Rounds (total):34	Strokes: 2,584	Average: 76.0		

5. Mark Halverson	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit	78/74/75	216	227/33rd out of 64
Sept. 22-24	Wolverine Invitational	76/74/76	213	226/14th out of 105
Oct. 9-10	Windom Memorial Classic	80/74/83	216	237/45th out of 60
Oct. 17-18	Adams Cup of Newport	80/75/78	212	233/28th out of 79
Rounds (fall): 12	Strokes: 923	Average: 76.9		
Feb. 23-25	South Florida Invitational	75/75/73	216	223/tied for 22nd out of 111
Mar. 4-5	Central Florida Invitational	70/78/74	216	222/tied for 17th out of 90
Mar. 23-24	Border Olympics	76/74/77	216	227/tied for 36th out of 90
Mar. 30-31	Dr. Pepper Invitational	77/77/72	216	226/tied for 16th out of 90
April 12-13	Legends of Indiana	80/77/76	216	233/tied for 28th out of 90
April 20-21	Kepler Invitational	75/85/76	216	236/tied for 40th out of 93
May 4-5	Spartan Invitational	77/72/77	216	226/tied for 21st out of 99
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament	73/78/78/74	288	303/tied for 21st out of 55
May 16-18	NCAA Central Regional	76/73/76	213	225/tied for 65th out of 111
Rounds (fall): 40	Strokes: 3,044	Average: 76.1		

6. Andy Komor	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit*	76/74/73	216	223/15th out of 64
Oct. 17-18	Adams Cup of Newport	82/81/78	212	241/44th out of 79
Rounds (fall): 6	Strokes: 464	Average: 77.3		

7. Adam Dooley	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit	72/72/77	216	221/10th out of 64
Sept. 22-24	Wolverine Invitational	82/80/78	213	240/90th out of 105
Oct. 9-10	Windom Memorial Classic	86/77/75	216	238/46th out of 60
Rounds (fall): 9	Strokes: 699	Average: 77.7		

8. Bill Thompson	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit*	74/75/74	216	223/15th out of 64
Sept. 22-24	Wolverine Invitational	74/80/76	213	230/tied for 37th out of 105
*competed as an individual				
Rounds (fall): 6	Strokes: 453	Average: 75.5		
Feb. 16-18	Puerto Rico Golf Classic	74/82/84	216	240/tied for 66th out of 75
Mar. 23-24	Border Olympics	80/73/74	216	227/tied for 36th out of 90
April 12-13	Legends of Indiana	84/78/84	216	246/tied for 77th out of 90
Rounds (total): 15	Strokes: 1,166	Average: 77.7		

9. Ryan Woytassek	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-18	Puerto Rico Golf Classic	83/78/80	216	241/tied for 69th out of 75
Feb. 23-25	South Florida Invitational*	79/81/75	216	235/tied for 80th out of 90
Rounds (total): 6	Strokes: 476	Average: 79.3		

10. Mike Baldwin	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 17-18	ReliaStar Collegiate Invit*	78/80/83	216	241/62nd out of 64
Rounds (total): 3	Strokes: 241	Average: 80.3		

* competed as an individual

GYMNASTICS

Head Coach: Fred Roethlisberger

Assistant Coaches: Russ Fystrom, John Roethlisberger

Overall Record/Big Ten Record: 3-3/2-2

Big Ten Finish/NCAA Finish: 4th/NA

GYMNASTS ENJOY ANOTHER RECORD-SETTING SEASON

When a gymnast comes to the University of Minnesota to work with Head Men's Gymnastics Coach Fred Roethlisberger, he dreams of becoming as great as his predecessors; John Roethlisberger, Brian Meeker, and Brian Yee to name just a few.

Andrew Weaver (Albuquerque, N.M.) and **Chris Harrington (Brookfield, Wis.)** recorded scores this season that demonstrated they belonged with the best that have competed for the Maroon and Gold.

Weaver tied a school record on the horizontal bar by scoring a 9.90 on Feb. 18 in a meet at Michigan. The senior captain tied the record set by Meeker (2/20/82 vs. Wis.-Oshkosh), Collin Godkin (4/3,4/87 at the Big Ten Championships), and Jay Caputo (4/19/90 at NCAA Preliminaries).

Two days prior to Weaver's feat, Harrington entered the record books twice in the same meet at Michigan State on Feb. 16. The junior scored a career-high 9.85 on the floor exercise tying him for second on the all-time list with Pat Houde, Dale Langfels, and John Roethlisberger. Kerry Huston holds the record with a 9.90 (1/29/94 at Ohio State). Harrington also matched a career high with a 9.80 on the rings against the Spartans. He currently ranks third on the all-time list behind John Roethlisberger (9.85-4/3/93 at NCAA East Regional) and Rob Hanson (9.85-2/15/92 vs. Nebraska).

For the regular season, Weaver averaged a 9.569 on the horizontal bar and 54.287 points in the all-around. In the final regular season NCAA rankings Weaver ranked 13th in the country on the bar. Harrington competes on the vault, floor and rings and he ranked in the nation's top 10 all season long. In the final rankings, Harrington ranked eighth on the floor with an average score of 9.7833, eighth on the rings (9.7667), and ninth on the vault averaging a 9.55 throughout the season.

Along with Weaver and Harrington, a number of other Golden Gopher gymnasts had superb seasons. Junior **Frank Ticknor (Milwaukee, Wis.)** was the Golden Gophers' most consistent all-around performer during the season. He set a career high 56.125 in the all-around

against Nebraska on March 9. For the season, he averaged 54.900 in the all-around to lead the team and rank in the national top 20 for most of the season.

Junior **Heath Wall (Sterling Heights, Mich.)** set a team season high on the parallel bars with a 9.60 and finished third in the Big Ten Championships with a 9.70 on the rings, the highest finish for a Golden Gopher on a single event. Another junior, **Ryan Carns (Grafton, Wis.)** averaged a 9.169 on the parallel bars, and recorded a NCAA three-score average of 9.517 to qualify him for the NCAA Regionals.

The sophomore class of **Brandon Aguirre (Pinconning, Mich.)**, **George Beatty (Aberdeen, S.D.)**, and **Robert Hubbard (Phoenix, Ariz.)** also showed signs of things to come. At Big Tens, Aguirre tied a career high on the floor with a 9.60 which tied him for 10th. Beatty also tied a career high on the parallel bars with a 9.550 tying him for fifth in the conference with Carns. Hubbard set career highs on the floor (9.20), parallel bars (9.30) and horizontal bar (9.550) in '96.

The freshmen class of **Clay Baimbridge (Webster, Texas)**, **Dan Boots (Pearland, Texas)** and **Jason Krob (St. Charles, Mo.)** had successful debuts in Maroon and Gold. Baimbridge's strongest event was the horizontal bar where he scored a season-best 9.30. Boots was a ring specialist in '96 and recorded a season-best 9.450. A specialist on the pommel horse, Krob was the team's biggest surprise, placing seventh at Big Tens on the horse with a 9.550 — a team and personal high for the season.

As a team, Minnesota was ranked among the nation's top 10 teams all season, but finished fourth in the Big Ten Championships behind three of the top five ranked teams in the country — Ohio State, Iowa, and Penn State. The Golden Gophers failed to qualify for the highly competitive NCAA East Regional as a team. However, Harrington, Weaver, and Carns did qualify as individuals in their respective specialties. Harrington went on to the NCAA Championships in the vault, but did not qualify for the individual finals.

G Y M N A S T I C S

1996 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Site	Result
Jan. 20	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	6th/213.45
Jan. 27	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	L/219.75-224.75
Feb. 10	IOWA	Sports Pavilion	L/219.25-225.45
Feb. 16	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W/223.40-223.10
Feb. 18	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W/223.55-209.70
Feb. 24	ILL.-CHICAGO	Sports Pavilion	W/225.80-222.10
Mar. 9	NEBRASKA	Sports Pavilion	L/224.175-225.925
Mar. 30	Big Ten Championships	Columbus, Ohio	4th/224.925

Home meets in all caps

1996 Season Best Team Scores

Team Score	225.800	(vs. Ill.-Chicago 2/24)
Floor Exercise	38.200	(vs. Nebraska 3/9)
Pommel Horse	37.900	(at Big Tens 3/30)
Still Rings	38.575	(vs. Nebraska 3/9)
Vault	37.250	(at Michigan 2/18)
Parallel Bars	37.400	(vs. Ill.-Chicago 2/24)
Horiz. Bar	38.350	(vs. Ill.-Chicago 2/24)

1996 Season Best Individual Scores

Floor Exercise	9.85	Chris Harrington (@ Michigan St. 2/16)
Pommel Horse	9.55	Jason Krob (@ Big Tens 3/30)
Still Rings	9.80	Chris Harrington (@ Michigan St. 2/16)
Vault	9.60	Chris Harrington (@ Michigan St. 2/16)
		Chris Harrington (@ Michigan 2/18)
Parallel Bars	9.60	Heath Wall (vs. Ill.-Chicago 2/24)
Horizontal Bar	9.90	Andrew Weaver (@ Michigan 2/18)
All-Around	56.125	Frank Ticknor (vs. Nebraska 3/9)

HOCKEY

Head Coach: Doug Woog

Assistant Coaches: Mike Guentzel, Tom Ward

Overall Record/NCAA Finish: 30-10-2/NCAA Quarterfinals

WCHA Record/Finish: 21-9-2/2nd

BONIN WINS HOBEY BAKER MEMORIAL AWARD TO HIGHLIGHT RECORD-SETTING SEASON

The Golden Gopher hockey team concluded another record-setting season in 1995-96 with a 30-10-2 (.738) overall record, the 12th 30-plus win season in school history. Minnesota also became just the second school in the nation to have three Hobey Baker Memorial Award winners when senior co-captain and two-time WCHA Player of the Year **Brian Bonin (White Bear Lake, Minn.)**, was named the 16th recipient of the award which honored the nation's best collegiate hockey player at a press conference in conjunction with the NCAA Championships on March 29 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Golden Gophers Set School Record Unbeaten Streak: By enjoying an incredible 18-0-1 run through a two-and-a-half month stretch from mid-November to the end of January, the Golden Gophers established a school-record 19-game unbeaten streak. Minnesota, who outscored its opponents 102-34 in the stretch, tied a school-record for shutouts in a season (6) by holding opponents scoreless six times during the streak. Included in that stretch was three consecutive shutouts and a scoreless streak of 197:58, or almost 10 periods.

October (3-2-1): Minnesota started the season with a 1-2-1 four-game stretch on the road at Michigan Tech and eventual WCHA champion Colorado College. Returning home for the first series of the season at Mariucci Arena, the Golden Gophers manhandled Alaska-Anchorage by outscoring the Seawolves 13-3 on the way to a weekend sweep.

November (7-1-0): After sweeping SCSU the first weekend of the month, the Golden Gophers lost for the last time in the next three months in a home split with Denver. Minnesota then accomplished what no other team had ever done in WCHA history---a shutout road sweep in gaining four points at UMD. The month ended with Minnesota's second College Hockey Showcase title in the three-year history of the event with wins over Michigan and Michigan State at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

December (5-0-1): After taking a week off for final exams, the Golden Gophers continued their winning ways with a home sweep of North Dakota before gaining three-of-four points on the always-tough trip to Alaska-Anchorage. Minnesota rounded out the 1995 calendar year with its first Mariucci Classic title in the last four seasons with wins over Harvard and Bowling Green in the fifth annual event at Mariucci Arena.

January (8-0-0): In what proved to be the pinnacle of the regular season, the Golden Gophers enjoyed their first unbeaten and untied January in school history. The month began with a road sweep at Denver, followed by successive home sweeps of UMD, Wisconsin, and Northern Michigan. The 19-game unbeaten streak the Maroon and Gold carried into February is a school record.

February (2-6-0): As thrilling as the month of January was, February proved to be almost as heartbreaking as the previous 31 days were exciting. The Golden Gophers were swept by North Dakota and Wisconsin at the beginning and the end of the month, respectively. In between, however, Mariucci Arena fans were treated to a classic showdown series for first-place as Minnesota and Colorado College tangled in a great series which, fittingly, ended in a split. The Golden Gophers treated the home crowd to a dominating 8-3 farewell win over SCSU in which Brian Bonin notched his 200th career point.

March (5-1-0): After sweeping Alaska-Anchorage in a WCHA first-round playoff series, the Golden Gophers extracted revenge on rival Wisconsin by ending the Badgers' season in overtime at the WCHA Final Five in Milwaukee. In a win in the title game over Michigan Tech followed, clinching Minnesota's 12th consecutive bid to the NCAA Tournament. A win over Providence in round one set up a rematch with Michigan in the quarterfinals, with a trip to the Final Four on the line. For the third consecutive season, the eventual national champion would eliminate the Golden Gophers as the Wolverines lowered the curtain on the 1995-96 season for Minnesota with a 4-3 win at Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing, Mich.

Bonin, Crowley Named Hobey Baker Award Finalists: Bonin and sophomore defenseman **Mike Crowley (Bloomington, Minn.)** were both named finalists for the Hobey Baker Memorial Award, regarded as the top individual award in college hockey, on March 14. It marked the first time since the 1982-83 season (Scott Bjugstad, Busty Erickson) that the Golden Gophers have had multiple finalists.

Bonin, Crowley, Trebil Named All-Americans: Bonin and Crowley were both named first team All-Americans by the American Hockey Coaches Association on March 28. It marked the first time since 1981 (Neal Broten and Steve Ulseth) that two Golden Gophers were honored on the first team in the same season. In addition, senior defenseman and co-captain **Dan Trebil (Bloomington, Minn.)** was cited on the second team.

Bonin Takes Home More Hardware: Bonin, who became just the fifth player in league history and the second Golden Gopher to ever win back-to-back league scoring titles, added to his trophy case by taking home both the WCHA regular-season and tournament MVP honors. Bonin became just the second Golden Gopher in the last 11 seasons to score 80 or more points in a season. Larry Olimb, who piled up totals of 26-54--80 in 1991-92, was the last to accomplish the feat.

Trebil Claims WCHA Student-Athlete Of The Year Award: Senior co-captain Dan Trebil became the third consecutive Golden Gopher to claim the WCHA's Student-Athlete of the Year award. Trebil, with a 3.63 GPA as a civil engineering major in the Institute of Technology, joins Justin McHugh (1994-95) and Jeff Nielsen (1993-94) as recent Golden Gophers who have won this coveted award.

Trebil Named Second-Team Academic All-American: Along with being named to the All-America second team on the ice, Trebil was also rewarded for his performance in the classroom by being named to the GTE Academic All-America second team. Trebil finished fourth on the team in scoring with totals of 11-35--46.

11 Golden Gophers Named To WCHA All-Academic Team: The Golden Gophers landed 11 players, second-most of any league school, on the WCHA All-Academic team announced at the WCHA Awards Banquet on March 8 at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee, Wis. The University of Minnesota student-athletes honored were seniors Bonin, **Andy Brink (Bemidji, Minn.)**, **Jeff Moen (Roseville, Minn.)**, Trebil, and **Greg Zwakman (Edina, Minn.)**; juniors **Dan Hendrickson (Richfield, Minn.)** and **Brian LaFleur (Bloomington, Minn.)**, and sophomores Crowley, **Casey Hankinson (Edina, Minn.)**, **Ryan Kraft (Moorhead, Minn.)** and **Jason Godbout (Woodbury, Minn.)**. The 11 honorees tied Denver for the most of any school in the conference.

Other Golden Gophers Honored By The WCHA: Crowley joined Bonin on the All-WCHA First Team, with fellow blueliner Trebil honored on the second team and freshman forward **Erik Rasmussen (St. Louis Park, Minn.)** and sophomore goaltender **Steve DeBus (Rochester, Minn.)** on the rookie team.

Crowley Breaks Single-Season Point Records: Crowley, who already owned the single-season record for most points by a defenseman, added his name to the record books one more time with his four-assist performance in the WCHA Final Five title game against Michigan Tech. His season total of 46 assists is three better than previous record-holder Todd Richards (43), who set the record in the 1986-87 season. Crowley's total gives him 101 points two full seasons as a Golden Gopher. Todd Richards (1985-89) owns the all-time record for points by a Golden Gopher blueliner with 158.

Trebil Hits Century Mark In Assists: Trebil added to his list of highlights from his senior season by becoming just the second blueliner in Golden Gopher history to tally 100 or more assists in his career. The senior from Bloomington Jefferson High School ended his stellar four seasons in Gold Country with exactly 100 assists.

Minnesota's "Pride On Ice" Was Featured On ESPN: The Golden Gophers were the subject of some more national media attention when ESPN featured them on its weekly college sports show "NCAA Today" on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 1 p.m. Central time. The focus of the feature was Minnesota's "Pride On Ice", examining the rare quality that every player on a Division I-A roster hails from the state of the university they are playing in.

H O C K E Y

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Oct. 13	@ Michigan Tech	W 4-2
Oct. 14	@ Michigan Tech	L 5-2
Oct. 21	@ Colorado College	T 3-3
Oct. 22	@ Colorado College	L 7-5
Oct. 27	ALASKA-ANCHORAGE	W 8-2
Oct. 28	ALASKA-ANCHORAGE	W 5-1
Nov. 4	@ St. Cloud State	W 4-3
Nov. 5	ST. CLOUD STATE	W 5-2
Nov. 11	DENVER	L 6-4
Nov. 12	DENVER	W 8-4
Nov. 17	@ Minnesota-Duluth	W 2-0
Nov. 18	@ Minnesota-Duluth	W 7-0
Nov. 24-25	<i>College Hockey Showcase Milwaukee, Wis.</i>	
	vs. Michigan State	W 6-5 (ot)
	vs. Michigan	W 3-2
Dec. 9	NORTH DAKOTA	W 4-2
Dec. 10	NORTH DAKOTA	W 6-1
Dec. 15	@ Alaska-Anchorage	T 3-3
Dec. 16	@ Alaska-Anchorage	W 5-0
Dec. 27	Swiss N'tl. Team (exh.)	W 6-0
Dec. 29-30	<i>Mariucci Classic Mariucci Arena</i>	
	vs. Harvard	W 5-2
	vs. Bowling Green	W 3-2
Jan. 5	@ Denver	W 7-3
Jan. 6	@ Denver	W 3-2
Jan. 12	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W 5-3
Jan. 13	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W 5-1
Jan. 19	WISCONSIN	W 8-4
Jan. 20	WISCONSIN (Target Center)	W 5-0
Jan. 26	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	W 10-0
Jan. 27	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	W 7-0
Feb. 2	@ North Dakota	L 8-2
Feb. 3	@ North Dakota	L 7-5
Feb. 9	COLORADO COLLEGE	W 3-2
Feb. 10	COLORADO COLLEGE	L 4-2
Feb. 16	ST. CLOUD STATE	W 8-3
Feb. 17	@ St. Cloud State	L 4-3 (ot)
Feb. 23	@ Wisconsin	L 6-3
Feb. 24	@ Wisconsin	L 7-4
Mar. 1	*ALASKA-ANCHORAGE	W 6-4
Mar. 2	*ALASKA-ANCHORAGE	W 7-1
Mar. 8	\$vs. Wisconsin	W 4-3 (ot)
Mar. 9	\$vs. Michigan Tech	W 7-2
Mar. 23	#vs. Providence	W 5-1
Mar. 24	#vs. Michigan	L 4-3

*-WCHA First Round Playoff Series

\$-WCHA Final Five - Milwaukee, Wis.

#-NCAA West Regional - East Lansing, Mich.

1995-96 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA HOCKEY STATISTICS

No.	Name	GP	A L L G A M E S										W C H A G A M E S					
			G	A	PTS	PEN	MIN	PP	SH	HAT	GW	EN	GP	G	A	PTS	PEN	MIN
21	Brian Bonin, C	42	34	47	81	15	30	12	4	1	6	0	32	25	39	64	14	28
20	Mike Crowley, D	42	17	46	63	14	28	7	2	0	4	0	32	13	33	46	12	24
27	Erik Rasmussen, F	40	16	32	48	26	55	5	0	1	3	0	32	13	27	40	23	46
5	Dan Trebil, D	42	11	35	46	18	36	9	0	0	3	0	32	9	27	36	15	30
7	Ryan Kraft, C	41	13	24	37	12	24	4	1	1	1	0	32	11	21	32	8	16
9	Casey Hankinson, F	39	16	19	35	41	101	8	0	1	1	0	31	13	14	27	39	97
19	Reggie Berg, F	40	23	11	34	29	69	2	1	2	2	0	32	17	10	27	21	53
17	Dave Larson, F	38	13	13	26	44	112	7	0	0	2	0	28	11	9	20	40	104
23	Dan Woog, C	39	6	16	22	13	26	1	0	1	0	1	30	5	11	16	11	22
13	Jay Moser, F	21	10	9	19	9	18	2	0	1	0	0	13	7	7	14	3	6
33	Nick Checco, F	41	8	11	19	17	34	0	2	0	2	0	31	4	9	13	14	28
4	Brian LaFleur, D	40	6	12	18	27	62	1	0	0	1	0	31	5	7	12	20	40
18	Andy Brink, F	33	5	13	18	8	16	0	0	0	0	0	23	4	8	12	4	8
26	Jason Godbout, D	39	6	7	13	12	24	0	0	0	1	0	31	5	6	11	11	22
22	Jesse Bertogliat, F	22	5	5	10	10	20	1	0	0	1	0	18	4	3	7	9	18
14	Wyatt Smith, C	32	4	5	9	16	32	0	1	0	1	0	25	2	3	5	12	24
10	Mike Anderson, F	28	3	6	9	20	51	0	0	0	1	0	23	2	6	8	14	39
2	Greg Zwakman, D	42	1	6	7	24	48	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	4	4	14	28
11	Bobby Dustin, F	18	3	3	6	12	32	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	3	6	7	22
6	Charlie Wasley, D	41	1	5	6	40	91	0	0	0	0	0	31	1	4	5	30	63
29	Dan Hendrickson, F	23	2	3	5	14	29	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	3	4	9	18
24	Bill Kohn, D	7	0	2	2	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	2	3	6
8	Brett Abrahamson, F	3	1	0	1	2	12	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	12
34	Steve DeBus, G	24	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	1	1	0	0
28	Clint Johnson, F	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Jeff Moen, G	21	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	1	2
	Bench	42				8	16						32				5	10
	Totals	42	204	331	535	437	978	59	11	8	30	1	32	155	257	412	340	764
	Opponents	42	121	172	293	423	966	39	6	0	10	5	32	95	134	229	334	758

No.	Name	A L L G A M E S										W C H A G A M E S							
		W-L-T	GP	PER	MIN	GA	AVG	SV	PCT	W-L-T	GP	PER	MIN	GA	AVG	SV	PCT		
34	Steve DeBus	15-7-0	24	69	1313:20	63	2.88	539	.895	10-6-0	18	51	970:12	47	2.91	398	.894		
30	Jeff Moen	15-3-2	21	65	1227:26	53	2.59	432	.891	11-3-2	16	51	956:00	43	2.70	348	.890		
	Empty Net		42		5						32		5						
	Totals	30-10-2	42	129	2540:46	121	2.86	971	.889	21-9-2	32	99	1926:12	95	2.96	746	.887		
	Opponents	10-30-2	42	129	2533:47	204	4.83	1178	.852	9-21-2	32	99	1920:35	155	4.84	918	.856		

Period	Minnesota				Opponents					
	1	2	3	OT	TOT	1	2	3	OT	TOT
GOALS	62	83	57	2	204	38	35	47	1	121
SHOTS ON GOAL	444	502	422	14	1382	325	389	366	12	1092
GOALIE SAVES	287	354	319	11	971	382	420	364	12	1178
PENALTIES	138	150	147	2	437	132	139	152	0	423

	WCHA	Overall
Power Play	45-170/.265	59-224/.263
Penalty Kill	146-171/.854	194-233/.833
Total Attendance	243,391	333,123
Home	158,146	195,930
Average	9,884	9,797
Road	85,245	85,245
Neutral	n/a	51,928

Hat Tricks For (8):
 Ryan Kraft vs. Alaska-Anch., 10/28/95
 Reggie Berg @ Alaska-Anch., 12/16/95
 Casey Hankinson @ Denver, 1/5/96
 Reggie Berg vs. UMD, 1/12/96
 Dan Woog vs. Northern Mich., 1/26/96
 Jay Moser vs. Northern Mich., 1/27/96
 Erik Rasmussen vs. SCSU, 2/16/96
 Brian Bonin vs. SCSU, 2/16/96

SWIMMING & DIVING

Swimming Head Coach: Dennis Dale (Clark Campbell, Rick Johnson)
Diving Head Coach: Doug Shaffer

Overall Record/Big Ten Record: 10-1/4-1
Big Ten Finish/NCAA Finish: 1st/12th

GOLDEN GOPHERS WIN FIRST BIG TEN TITLE IN 70 YEARS TO HIGHLIGHT CAMPAIGN

The 1996 Golden Gopher swimming and diving team earned the U of M's third Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championship and first since 1926. Head Coach Dennis Dale earned conference Swimming Coach of the Year honors and Doug Schaffer was named Diving Coach of the Year. Minnesota scored 620.5 points, 75 more than the host Michigan Wolverines (545.5), the 10-time defending Big Ten Champions and 1995 NCAA Swimming and Diving team champions.

The Golden Gophers were led at the championships by senior **Bernie Zeruhn (Hamburg, Germany)**, who won three individual event titles (200 fly, 500 and 200 free) and helped three relays (400 medley, 800 and 400 free) earn conference titles. Senior **P. J. Bogart (Mesa, Ariz.)** claimed event titles in the one- and three-meter springboard diving competitions and was named Diver of the Championship for the fourth consecutive year. Bogart would go on to claim his third individual NCAA championship, by earning top honors on the one-meter springboard at the NCAA's in Austin, Texas. Minnesota athletes won nine of the 21 events contested at the 1996 Big Ten Championships.

The 1996 squad was also successful in the classroom as 11 student-athletes were honored on the Academic All-Big Ten Team. Senior **Kenji Sudoh (Maplewood, Minn.)** and Zeruhn earned the honor for the third time, while junior **Matt Schlessman (Avon, Ohio)** made his second consecutive appearance on the list. Zeruhn earned his second consecutive Academic All-America selection, and was named Co-Academic All-American of the Year as well.

Minnesota got the 1995-96 season underway the first weekend in November when they won two of three duals at the Quad Duals in Madison, Wis. The Golden Gophers defeated Michigan State 168-71 and Wisconsin 146-96, but fell to Michigan 155-88. It would be the only dual defeat of the season for the tankers. Schlessman earned first place honors in the 100-yard freestyle, clocking in at 45.64, and sophomore **Manolis Lentaris (Hania, Crete, Greece)** claimed the top spot in the 1000 freestyle at 9:17.08.

Lentaris continued his winning ways a week later by taking first in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events and the 400-yard individual medley. Minnesota won two duals, defeating Northwestern 223-77 and North Carolina 180-120, at the Aquatic Center. Zeruhn was first in the 200-yard butterfly and the 1000-yard freestyle, while junior **Isaac Bjorklund (New Brighton, Minn.)** was first in one-meter diving and exhibition platform diving. Other individual winners were senior **Duane Dobko (Ajax, Ontario, Canada)** in the 100-yard backstroke, senior **Derek Williams (Lansdale, Pa.)** in the 50-yard freestyle, Schlessman in the 100-yard freestyle, freshman **Martin Zielinski (Bloomington, Minn.)** in the 100-yard butterfly and sophomore **Matthew Ninneman (Madison, Wis.)** in three-meter diving.

Next, the Golden Gophers won the Minnesota Invitational going away, earning first-place honors in 15 of the 21 events. The tankers finished the three-day event with 1,160 points to outdistance runner-up Georgia with 931. Minnesota had several multiple winners. Lentaris captured the 500, 200 and 1650 free titles and was on the 200, 400 and 800 free relay squads. Bjorklund won all three diving events, the one- and three-meter springboard and the 10-meter platform. Williams claimed honors in his specialties, the 50 free and 100 fly, and was also on the 200 free and 200 medley relay teams. Schlessman claimed an individual title in the 100 free and was a member of the winning 200 medley, 400 and 800 free relays. Junior **Mitch Henke (Mandan, N.D.)** won the 100 breast and was on the 200 medley relay team. Also contributing to the multiple wins in the relays were sophomore **Ty Bathurst (Rapid City, S.D.)** in the 200 free and 200 medley and Zeruhn and freshman **John Cahoy (Hudson, Wis.)** in the 400 and 800 free.

Minnesota then had a two-week winter training trip in Puerto Rico where the tankers competed against Sacred Heart College, claiming a 218-44 victory. The Golden Gophers finished one-two in each event except the 100 backstroke, and set pool records in 12 of the 14 events contested.

The domination continued the next weekend when the Maroon and Gold hosted the Gold Country Invitational and again finished one-two in each event. Zeruhn won three events (100 back, 50 free and 200 IM), while Bogart (one- and three-meter diving), Williams (100 free and 100 butterfly) and Lentaris (200 free and 200 back) won two a piece.

The next weekend, the squad won a pair of dual victories at the Robinson Natatorium in Lawrence, Kan. The Golden Gophers downed 21st-ranked Kansas 139-104 and 20th-ranked Nebraska 145-98. Zeruhn led the Maroon and Gold with wins in the 200 freestyle and 200 butterfly. Other first-place finishers included Lentaris in the 200 IM, Bogart in one-meter diving and the 400 medley relay squad of Zeruhn, Henke, Williams and Schlessman.

The Golden Gophers then downed Purdue 256-112, So. Illinois 296-70 and Notre Dame 304-67, at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis, Ind. The Maroon and Gold claimed the top spot in 16 of 20 events during the two-day competition and were led by Zeruhn who had a hand in five first-place finishes (1000 free, 200 fly, 800 free relay, 500 free, 400 free relay). Lentaris also claimed victories in the 200 free, 200 IM and 400 free relay. Dobko won the 100 and 200 back and 200 medley relay, Schlessman won the 50 and 100 free and the 400 and 800 free relay and Bogart also earned the top spot in both the one- and three-meter diving events.

The Maroon and Gold hosted the All-Comers Open at the Aquatic Center a week after a scheduled dual with the Iowa Hawkeyes was cancelled due to poor traveling conditions in Iowa. Williams and Dobko were double winners, as Williams finished first in the 100 and 200 butterfly while Dobko was first in the 100 and 200 backstroke.

At the Big Ten Championships, Minnesota jumped out to a 208.5-136 first-day lead over Michigan after the strong showing of Bogart and Zeruhn. Bogart won the one-meter springboard and Zeruhn set a pool record in the 500 free, touching the wall at 4:20.42. Minnesota won both relays contested on the first day when Bathurst, Schlessman, **Jeremy Riets (Apple Valley, Minn.)** and Williams set a pool record in the 200 free relay, and then the 400 medley foursome of Dobko, Henke, Zielinski and Zeruhn took top honors. The Golden Gophers also scored heavily in the 50 free, where Bathurst, Williams and Schlessman finished one-two-three.

Minnesota concluded the 1996 swimming and diving season at the University of Texas in Austin, at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. The Golden Gophers sent 10 athletes to the championships and finished 12th in the team standings, second among Big Ten schools. Three athletes earned All-America honors. Bathurst, sophomore **Erick Hulseman (Edina, Minn.)**, sophomore **Jeremy Riets (Apple Valley, Minn.)**, Bogart, Zeruhn, Cahoy, Zielinski, Schlessman, Henke and Williams competed for the Maroon and Gold. Bogart capped an outstanding collegiate career by capturing his third individual diving title. He was a repeat winner on the one-meter springboard and he also earned All-America honors on the three-meter springboard and 10-meter platform to close out his collegiate career as a 10-time All-American. Seniors Zeruhn and Williams also earned All-America status. Williams finished fifth in the 100 butterfly, while Zeruhn was eighth in the 200 freestyle.

S W I M M I N G & D I V I N G

1995-96 Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 10-1

Big Ten: 4-1

DATE	MEET	SITE	RESULT
Nov. 4	Quad Duals	Madison, Wis.	Wisconsin-W 146-96 Michigan-L 88-155 Mich. St.-W 168-71
Nov. 11	N'western, No. Car. Dual	Aquatic Center	N'western-W 223-77 N. Car.-W 180-120
Nov. 17-19	Minnesota Invitational	Aquatic Center	1st place, 1,160 point/seven teams
Dec. 20	Sacred Heart	Puerto Rico	W 218-44
Jan. 6	Gold Country Invitational	Aquatic Center	1st place, 1,365 points/nine teams
Jan. 13	Kansas, Nebraska Dual	Lawrence, Kan.	Kansas-W 139-104 Nebraska-W 145-98
Jan. 19-20	Double Duals	Indianapolis	Purdue-W 256-112 So. Ill.-W 296-70 Notre Dame- W 304-67
Jan. 27	Iowa Dual	Aquatic Center	Postponed Due to Weather
Feb. 2-3	All-Comers Open	Aquatic Center	No team scores
Feb. 15-17	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1st place, 620.5 points/ 10 teams
Feb. 25	Go-Pher-It Invitational	Aquatic Center	No team scores
March 28-30	NCAA Championships	Austin, Texas	12th place, 116 points/ 39 teams

S W I M M I N G & D I V I N G

50 Free		Jeremy Witikko	9:44.56	Marco Anklam	2:10.20
Ty Bathurst	20.15	Marco Anklam	9:56.66	Brad Palmert	2:10.33
Derek Williams	20.22	Cubby Campbell	10:45.41	Jason Polhill	2:10.97
Matt Schlessman	20.52				
Jeremy Rients	20.61	1650 Free		100 Fly	
Luis Lopez	20.90	Manolis Lentaris	15:18.91	Derek Williams	47.37
John Cahoy	21.17	Jeff Miller	15:35.54	Martin Zielinski	47.92
Bernie Zeruhn	21.18	Marco Anklam	16:29.26	John Cahoy	49.31
Jeremy Witikko	21.29	Jeremy Witikko	17:01.04	Bernie Zeruhn	49.36
Eriek Hulseman	21.52			Matt Schlessman	49.97
Manolis Lentaris	21.67	100 Back		Gavin Thorton	51.07
		Martin Zielinski	49.27	Mike Bauman	52.05
100 Free		Eriek Hulseman	49.84	Matt Dunkel	52.29
Bernie Zeruhn	44.52	Duane Dobko	49.93	Luis Lopez	53.13
Matt Schlessman	44.68	Bernie Zeruhn	51.35	Jeremy Rients	53.14
Jeremy Rients	44.94	Jeff Rodriguez	52.77		
Ty Bathurst	45.35	Kenji Sudoh	54.69	200 Fly	
John Cahoy	45.36	Mike Bauman	55.53	Bernie Zeruhn	1:46.53
Luis Lopez	45.56	Mitch Henke	55.85	Martin Zielinski	1:47.50
Jeremy Witikko	46.61			Derek Williams	1:49.77
Derek Williams	47.01	200 Back		John Cahoy	1:53.33
Martin Zielinski	47.73	Eriek Hulseman	1:49.68	Gavin Thorton	1:53.97
Gavin Thorton	48.05	Bernie Zeruhn	1:51.62	Matt Dunkel	1:54.37
		Duane Dobko	1:52.32	Mike Bauman	1:57.36
200 Free		Jeff Rodriguez	1:53.94		
Bernie Zeruhn	1:36.19	Martin Zielinski	1:54.25	200 IM	
Manolis Lentaris	1:37.95	Matt Dunkel	1:55.78	Manolis Lentaris	1:52.65
Jeremy Rients	1:39.26	Manolis Lentaris	1:56.14	Jeff Rodriguez	1:52.92
John Cahoy	1:40.11	Kenji Sudoh	1:57.90	Kenji Sudoh	1:52.94
Matt Schlessman	1:40.54	Mike Bauman	2:03.54	Matt Schlessman	1:54.27
Luis Lopez	1:40.91	Mitch Henke	2:05.52	Martin Zielinski	1:54.31
Jeremy Witikko	1:41.75			Bernie Zeruhn	1:54.52
Jeff Miller	1:44.31	100 Breast		Mitch Henke	1:55.21
Martin Zielinski	1:45.90	Mitch Henke	55.56	Jeff Miller	1:55.99
Cubby Campbell	1:46.30	Ty Bathurst	56.03	Matt Dunkel	1:56.64
		Jay Epping	57.29	Eriek Hulseman	1:58.07
500 Free		Stelios Sardelas	57.51		
Bernie Zeruhn	4:20.42	Adam Duey	57.96	400 IM	
Manolis Lentaris	4:23.89	Paul Huynh	57.96	Kenji Sudoh	3:59.64
Jeff Miller	4:33.25	Jason Polhill	1:00.07	Jeff Rodriguez	4:01.14
Jeremy Witikko	4:34.90	Brad Palmert	1:00.58	Jeff Miller	4:01.60
John Cahoy	4:44.47	Jeff Rodriguez	1:00.68	Manolis Lentaris	4:01.75
Marco Anklam	4:48.66	Manolis Lentaris	1:00.98	Matt Dunkel	4:06.08
Cubby Campbell	4:50.91			Marco Anklam	4:11.73
Luis Lopez	4:50.94	200 Breast		Jason Polhill	4:16.87
Jeremy Rients	5:06.59	Mitch Henke	2:02.91	Stelios Sardelas	4:34.92
Eriek Hulseman	5:16.58	Kenji Sudoh	2:04.83		
		Adam Duey	2:06.12		
1000 Free		Jeff Rodriguez	2:06.68		
Manolis Lentaris	9:14.39	Stelios Sardelas	2:07.76		
Bernie Zeruhn	9:15.03	Jay Epping	2:08.05		
Jeff Miller	9:24.87	Paul Huynh	2:08.63		

T E N N I S

Head Coach: David Geatz
Assistant Coach: Roger Anderson

Overall Record/Big Ten Record: 14-12/9-3
Big Ten Finish/NCAA Finish: T-3rd/NCAA Region IV Champions

NETTERS QUALIFY FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS BY CAPTURING NCAA REGION IV TITLE

It has been said in athletics that how you finish a season is how your success or failure will be judged. If this holds true, the University of Minnesota tennis team has great accomplishments to hang on the mantle following the 1995-96 season.

The Golden Gophers played one of the toughest early-season schedules in the nation, as their first six matches of the season were all against teams ranked in the top 20. Minnesota was highly competitive in all six matches, losing the first four by the narrowest of margins (4-3). However, the 0-6 start and high level of competition would end up being a blessing in disguise as the season wore on.

After splitting a pair of road Big Ten matches against Iowa and Northwestern, the Golden Gophers played their first home matches of the young season when they hosted the 15th annual Ice Volleys Showcase at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington. Led by the strength of three freshmen singles victories, Minnesota upset then ninth-ranked South Alabama 4-3 in the first day's action before dropping the title match to 11th-ranked Kansas (5-2). **Tom Chicoine (Neenah, Wis.)**, **Adam Selkirk (St. Joseph, Mo.)**, and **Martin Kristoffersen (Portsgrunn, Norway)** combined for 67 singles wins in their first seasons in Gold Country, and are a main reason the program is optimistic of future success.

Following a road win at Wisconsin and a road loss at Arizona State, the Golden Gophers would lose only two more times in their remaining 13 matches leading up to the NCAA Championships. The stretch was highlighted by many, but the team's chemistry was beginning to take shape behind the leadership of senior **Erik Donley (Duluth, Minn.)**, junior **Ben Gabler (Chambersburg, Pa.)**, and junior **Lars Hjarrand (Oslo, Norway)**.

Donley concluded his career in Gold Country with three Big Ten Championship rings, and a combined singles and doubles record of 178-78 in his four years of competition. Gabler, who has a legitimate chance at 100 career singles wins with a 79-32 mark entering his senior season, led the team with 26 singles wins in 1995-96 playing mainly at number two singles. His individual accomplishments were

overshadowed only by the Golden Gophers' number one singles player.

Hjarrand, who concluded the season by earning a spot in the NCAA Singles Championships, was ranked 33rd in the nation in the final Rolex/ITA singles players rankings. He won the Rolex Region IV Indoor Singles Championship in November, and combined for a 45-20 singles and doubles record in an injury-riddled campaign.

The Golden Gophers were in search of a fourth straight Big Ten title as the team journeyed to West Lafayette, Ind. for the 1996 Big Ten Championships. After downing Michigan State (4-3) in the quarterfinals, Illinois ended Minnesota's reign atop the conference by defeating the Maroon and Gold 4-3 in the tournament semifinals. The third-place match between Minnesota and Northwestern was rained out, meaning the Golden Gophers and Wildcats finished in a tie for third in the Big Ten.

After receiving the sixth seed in the six-team NCAA Region IV tournament, the Golden Gophers shocked the field by defeating host Notre Dame (4-3), Big Ten champion Michigan (4-2), and Northwestern (4-3) to advance to the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga. The lower-seeded team won every match in the NCAA Region IV tournament.

Minnesota entered the NCAA final field of 16 on a roll, but were quickly humbled and eliminated by Ole Miss (4-0) in the first round. The Golden Gophers finished the season 14-12 after, at one point of the season, having a record of 3-9.

Hjarrand and Gabler were honored on the All-Big Ten Team, while junior **Robin Rutili (Palo Alto, Calif.)** was honored on the Big Ten All-Academic Team. At the annual team awards banquet, Kristoffersen won Unsung Player of the Year, Gabler was named Most Improved, Hjarrand was honored for Outstanding Contribution, Donley won the Len Bailey Award (grit and determination), and Hjarrand and junior **Matt Gabler (Chambersburg, Pa.)** shared the Team Spirit Award.

TENNIS

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 1995-96 MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Lars Hjarrand	25-14	11-10	14-4	11-10					
Erik Donley	21-17	12-12	9-5		4-2	7-10	1-0		
Ben Gabler	26-16	12-12	14-4	3-2	9-10				
Adam Selkirk	20-21	12-12	8-9				4-2	8-10	
Tom Chicoine	25-20	13-12	12-8			5-4	8-8		
John Cheregi	7-12	1-5	6-7				0-1		1-4
Robin Rutili	9-7	3-2	6-5						3-2
Martin Kristoffersen	22-14	15-6	7-8					6-2	9-4
Alex Silver	3-2	0-0	3-2						
Matt Gabler	0-2	0-2	0-0						0-2
Team Totals	158-125	79-73	79-52	14-12	13-12	12-14	13-11	14-12	13-12

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Donley/Hjarrand	20-8	11-6	9-2	11-6		
Silver/Chicoine	0-1	0-0	0-1			
B. Gabler/Cheregi	8-9	2-6	6-3	1-0	1-6	
Chicoine/Selkirk	2-5	0-0	2-5			
Silver/Kristoffersen	2-2	0-0	2-2			
Cheregi/Rutili	2-3	0-1	2-2		0-1	
Donley/Kristoffersen	1-0	0-0	1-0			
Selkirk/Rutili	1-4	0-1	1-3			0-1
Chicoine/Kristoffersen	13-12	10-11	3-1		5-2	5-9
Chicoine/Rutili	0-2	0-2	0-0			0-2
Donley/B. Gabler	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1		
Hjarrand/Rutili	0-1	0-1	0-0			0-1
Hjarrand/Cheregi	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1		
Donley/Rutili	0-1	0-1	0-0			0-1
Selkirk/Donley	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-1		
Cheregi/M. Gabler	0-1	0-1	0-0			0-1
Donley/M. Gabler	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1		
Kristoffersen/Cheregi	0-1	0-1	0-0		0-1	
B. Gabler/Selkirk	8-3	8-3	0-0		7-3	1-0
B. Gabler/M. Gabler	0-1	0-1	0-0		0-1	
M. Gabler/Rutili	0-1	0-1	0-0			0-1
B. Gabler/Kristoffersen	1-0	1-0	0-0		1-0	
M. Gabler/Chicoine	1-0	1-0	0-0			1-0
Team Totals	59-60	33-41	26-19	13-10	12-13	8-18

Dual Match Record (14-12 overall, 9-3 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L	Singles	Doubles	Records
1/14	@ Washington	4-3	L	4-2 (L)	2-1 (W)	0-1/0-0
1/15	vs. Boise St. (@ Washington)	4-3	L	4-2 (L)	2-1 (W)	0-2/0-0
1/20	vs. Fresno St. (@ Kansas)	4-3	L	3-3 (T)	3-0 (L)	0-3/0-0
1/20	@ Kansas	4-3	L	3-3 (T)	3-0 (L)	0-4/0-0
1/25	@ Notre Dame	5-2	L	4-2 (L)	3-0 (L)	0-5/0-0
2/3	@ Stanford	6-1	L	5-1 (L)	3-0 (L)	0-6/0-0
2/4	@ California (cancelled--rain)					
2/10	@ Iowa	4-3	W	3-3 (T)	2-1 (W)	1-6/1-0
2/11	@ Northwestern	4-3	L	3-3 (T)	2-1 (L)	1-7/1-1
2/16	South Alabama	4-3	W	4-2 (W)	2-1 (L)	2-7/1-1
2/17	Kansas	5-2	L	4-2 (L)	2-1 (L)	2-8/1-1
2/25	@ Wisconsin	6-1	W	5-1 (W)	3-0 (W)	3-8/2-1
3/2	@ Arizona State	6-1	L	5-1 (W)	3-0 (W)	3-9/2-1
3/3	vs. San Diego (@ ASU)	4-3	W	3-3 (T)	2-1 (W)	4-9/2-1
3/19	@ Michigan St.	6-1	W	5-1 (W)	2-1 (W)	5-9/3-1
3/20	@ Michigan	5-2	L	4-2 (L)	2-1 (L)	5-10/3-2
3/22	Purdue	5-2	W	4-2 (W)	2-1 (W)	6-10/4-2
3/23	Illinois	4-3	W	4-2 (W)	0-3 (L)	7-10/5-2
4/5	Ohio State	6-1	W	5-1 (W)	2-1 (W)	8-10/6-2
4/6	Indiana	6-1	W	5-1 (W)	2-1 (W)	9-10/7-2
4/12	Penn State	6-1	W	5-1 (W)	3-0 (W)	10-10/8-2
Big Ten Tournament (@Michigan State)						
4/26	vs. Michigan State	4-3	W	3-3 (T)	2-1 (W)	11-10/9-2
4/27	vs. Illinois	4-3	L	3-3 (T)	2-0 (L)	11-11/9-3
NCAA Region IV Tournament (@Notre Dame)						
5/10	vs. Notre Dame	4-3	W	3-3 (T)	2-1 (W)	12-11/9-3
5/11	vs. Michigan	4-2	W	3-3 (T)	2-0 (W)	13-11/9-3
5/12	vs. Northwestern	4-3	W	3-3 (T)	2-0 (W)	14-11/9-3
NCAA Championships (@Athens, Ga.--University of Georgia)						
5/18	vs. Mississippi	4-0	L	3-0 (L)	2-0 (L)	14-12/9-3

TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: Phil Lundin

Assistant Coaches: Lynne Anderson, Keita Cline, Carson Hoeft

Big Ten Indoor Finish: 3rd

Big Ten Outdoor Finish: 2nd

MAROON AND GOLD POST UPPER-DIVISION FINISHES IN INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SEASONS

In his first season at the helm of the Golden Gopher track and field program, Head Coach Phil Lundin experienced a great deal of success, particularly at the conference level.

The indoor season started off as Minnesota played host to the Northwest Open in the U of M Fieldhouse. Six U of M individuals and the 4x400m relay team earned event titles, and the stage was set for an indoor season of pole vault battles. Event winners included **Tim Van Voorhis (Apple Valley, Minn.)** in the 55m dash, **Scott Beadle (Moorhead, Minn.)** at 600m, **Paul Michalek (Bloomington, Minn.)** in the mile, **Niles Deneen (St. Paul, Minn.)** in the 55m hurdles, **Adrian Ellis (Racine, Wis.)** in the triple jump and **Tyler McCormick (White Bear Lake, Minn.)** in the high jump. In the pole vault, freshman **Vesa Rantanen (Virrat, Finland)** competed for the first time as a Golden Gopher, and finished second in the vault to former Gopher and 1993 NCAA indoor pole vault champion Martin Eriksson. Rantanen accumulated five runner-up finishes during the season.

At the Badger Track Classic on Jan. 20, McCormick posted a high jump mark of 7-3, four inches over his previous best. That mark earned him an event title and a spot in the NCAA Indoor Championships.

The Gold Country Snowshoe Open featured the season debut of Gopher senior **Chris Darkins (Houston, Texas)**. Darkins ran the preliminary rounds of the 55m dash, posting a time of 6.40 seconds to win his heat. In their final tune-ups before conference, Michalek claimed the 800m title in 1:52.56, Niles Deneen won the 55m hurdles in 7.57 and senior **Seth Mischke (Worland, Wyo.)** won the pole vault with a vault of 16-6 3/4.

Darkins dominated the first day of the Big Ten Indoor Championships, posting the top time in the preliminary (6.36) and semi-final (6.27) heats of the 55m dash. Beadle posted the top qualifying time for the 600m with a 1:19.83, and the distance medley relay team finished third in 10:00.19.

The finals saw the Golden Gophers rack up points in several event finals. Freshman **Glenn Lindqvist (Aland, Finland)** finished fifth in the heptathlon, scoring a U of M record 5,188 points in the two-day event. McCormick cleared 6-11 3/4 to finish third in the high jump, while **Jeff Marsh (Seymour, Wis.)** and **Chad Yenchsky (DePere, Wis.)** posted then- personal best marks of 55-5 1/2 and 55-2, respectively, to finish fifth and sixth in the shot put. Ellis extended Minnesota's streak of dominance in the horizontal jumps, capturing the triple jump title with a mark of 52-2. Darkins posted an impressive personal-best and NCAA provisional time of 6.24 seconds en route to a Big Ten title in the 55m, while Michalek followed with a Big Ten champion performance of his own, capturing the 800m in 1:51.34. In the 600m, Beadle finished third with a personal-best time of 1:19.23. Minnesota finished the meet in third place with 66 points, the best Golden Gopher indoor finish since 1968.

Four Golden Gophers moved on to the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. Darkins ran a preliminary heat time of 6.35 seconds in the 55m, but lost out on the last semifinal spot when a tiebreaker extended times to thousandths of a second.

Minnesota opened the outdoor track & field season at the Alabama Relays, March 22-24. Michalek captured the event title in the 1,500m with a time of 3:44.93. In the steeplechase, **Rick Obleman (Regina, Sask., Canada)** earned a runner-up finish in the 3,000m steeplechase. The Golden Gopher 4x800m relay team of **Travis Nordrum (Bloomer, Wis.)**, Beadle, **Kevin Dunbar (Brockville, Ontario, Canada)** and Michalek captured their first of three relay carnival titles in Tuscaloosa.

The Golden Gopher field event athletes opened their outdoor season at the UCI Invitational in Irvine, Calif., marking the beginning of an impressive outdoor campaign for junior **Jason Schlueter (New London, Wis.)**. Schlueter posted a then-personal best and NCAA provisional qualifying discus throw of 189-11 to win the competition in Irvine.

Redshirt freshman **Benjamin Jensen (Mandal, Norway)** wore the Maroon and Gold for the first time at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., where he contested his first collegiate decathlon. At the end of

the first day of competition, Jensen had scored 3,821 points, just 3,009 shy of the school record. At the conclusion of the second day, Jensen had scored 7,590 points, setting new U of M and Big Ten records and automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championships. Jensen's score placed him third, behind Chad Smith of Tennessee and Aric Long, who were the 1995 NCAA decathlon runner-up and a 1992 U.S. Olympic team member, respectively. Jensen's score currently stands third in Big Ten history.

On the track in Knoxville, the 4x800m relay captured its third title of the season. In the invitational discus throw, Schlueter shattered the school discus record, with a toss of 197-0 to finish fifth overall and second in the collegiate division.

The 87th annual Drake Relays were next for Minnesota. Michalek captured the first Drake Relays title of his career, finishing first in a time of 3:45.09. Schlueter improved on his own school record in the discus, cruising to the Drake championship with a toss of 198-3. Rantanen cleared a then-season best height of 17-8 3/4 to finish second in the pole vault and provisionally qualify for the NCAA Championships.

At the final meet before the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, Jensen took time out of his pole vault competition, which he won at a height of 16-2 3/4, to win the Minnesota Last Chance 110HH in a time of 14.16 seconds, setting a U of M freshman record that stands just .02 seconds shy of the varsity record. Unfortunately, Jensen required an emergency appendectomy two days later (May 13) and was forced to miss the rest of the collegiate track & field season. Other winners on the day included **Aaron Wheatcraft (Apple Valley, Minn.)** (400mH/53.83), Ellis (triple jump/51-0 3/4) and Schlueter (discus/193-10).

Despite suffering the loss of Jensen, the Golden Gophers turned in an outstanding performance at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships. Two individuals, Schlueter and Rantanen, and one relay team posted Big Ten Champion performances on the weekend as Minnesota gave Wisconsin a run for the team title by scoring 104 1/2 points. The runner-up finish was Minnesota's best since 1968, when the team won the Big Ten title at Memorial Stadium in Minneapolis.

The 4x100m relay team of **Eric Stommes (Foley, Minn.)**, Ellis, Van Voorhis and Beadle became the first Golden Gopher foursome to win an outdoor relay title since 1968. Lindqvist moved from seventh to fifth during the second day of decathlon competition, while Van Voorhis scored for the team in both short sprints, posting an eighth-place finish in the 100m and a seventh-place finish in the 200m. Michalek earned At-Large All-Big Ten honors for the second consecutive year after finishing third (1:49.42) at 800m and second (3:51.28) at 1,500m. After taking possession of the freshman indoor record for the pole vault, Rantanen set a U of M freshman outdoor record and Nittany Lion Track record of 17-10 1/4 to earn his first pole vault title as a collegian at the Big Ten Championships.

In the 110HH, Deneen finished seventh with a 14.26, while the 3,000m steeplechase yielded more points than expected when Obleman finished third (9:09.57) and **Tony Riter (Shoreview, Minn.)** placed fifth (9:24.20). Ellis placed third in the triple jump with a mark of 52-3 1/4, while **Chip Mosley (Bloomington, Ill.)** posted a PR of 49-2 3/4 to finish eighth. McCormick and **Wil Kurth (Rochester, Minn.)** both cleared 6-8 3/4 under windy conditions to finish fourth and seventh, respectively, in the high jump, while Schlueter, Marsh and Yenchsky placed first (185-0), fifth (164-7) and sixth (161-6) in the discus. Yenchsky and Marsh followed that performance with 57-11 and 55-10 1/4 marks in the shot put to finish fourth and fifth, respectively.

Three Golden Gophers participated in the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Rantanen was the first to perform, clearing 17-0 3/4 for a 10th-place finish in the pole vault, and Schlueter finished 18th with a mark of 166-0 in the discus. Michalek posted a preliminary heat time of 3:42.37 to advance to Saturday's final in the 1,500m, where he posted a new personal-best and school record time of 3:39.94 to finish sixth and earn All-America honors for the first time in his career.

TRACK & FIELD

55m Dash (6.19, 6.28)

6.24*\$	Chris Darkins	2/25	1st
6.27*	Chris Darkins	2/24	1st (s)
6.35	Chris Darkins	3/8	7th (p)
6.36	Chris Darkins	2/24	1st (p)
6.40	Chris Darkins	2/16	1st (h)
6.41\$	Tim Van Voorhis	1/13	1st
6.43	Tim Van Voorhis	2/24	8th (s)
6.45	Tim Van Voorhis	1/13	1st (h)
6.46\$	Eric Stommes	2/2	1st (h)
6.46	Tim Van Voorhis	1/27	2nd
6.47	Eric Stommes	2/2	5th
6.48	Tim Van Voorhis	2/24	9th (p)
6.48	Eric Stommes	2/10	3rd (h)
6.49	Eric Stommes	2/24	11th (s)
6.49\$	Lee Hutton	2/10	12th
6.50	Eric Stommes	2/24	11th (p)
6.50	Lee Hutton	1/13	2nd (h)
6.51	Tim Van Voorhis	1/20	1st (h)
6.52	Eric Stommes	1/13	1st (h)
6.54	Tim Van Voorhis	1/20	5th
6.55	Lee Hutton	2/10	2nd (h)
6.57	Eric Stommes	1/20	6th
6.57	Lee Hutton	1/13	6th
6.58	Lee Hutton	2/2	3rd (h)
6.58	Lee Hutton	1/27	5th
6.59	Lee Hutton	2/2	8th
6.59	Eric Stommes	1/27	6th
6.59	Eric Stommes	1/20	3rd (h)
6.59	Lee Hutton	1/20	2nd (h)
6.62	Mari Moore	2/16	1st (h)
6.63	Lee Hutton	1/20	7th
6.63	Mari Moore	1/13	2nd (h)
6.64	Eric Stommes	2/10	14th
6.64	Mari Moore	1/13	8th
6.65	Mari Moore	2/16	3rd
6.65	Mari Moore	2/2	10th
6.67	Mari Moore	1/27	7th
6.67\$	Rafael Cooper	1/13	2nd(h)
6.69	Rafael Cooper	2/16	1st (h)
6.69	Rafael Cooper	1/20	3rd (h)
6.70	Rafael Cooper	2/16	4th
6.70	Rodney Heath	1/13	2nd(h)
6.72	Mari Moore	1/20	6th (h)
6.73	Rodney Heath	1/27	9th
6.76	Rafael Cooper	1/27	10th
6.83	Lee Hutton	2/16	1st (h)
6.83	Marcus Westberry	2/16	3rd (h)

200m Dash (21.15, 21.60)

21.69	Eric Stommes	2/10	9th
21.92	Eric Stommes	2/2	4th
22.17	Eric Stommes	2/24	9th (p)
22.24	Eric Stommes	1/27	3rd
22.80	Eric Stommes	1/20	5th (h)
22.86	Mari Moore	2/16	2nd
22.98	Mari Moore	1/27	6th
23.06	Lee Hutton	2/2	7th
23.09	Mari Moore	2/2	9th
23.42	Mari Moore	1/20	3rd (h)
23.53	Rafael Cooper	1/27	8th
23.57	Rafael Cooper	1/20	4th (h)
23.70	Greg Nelson	2/2	14th
23.81	Rafael Cooper	2/16	11th

400m Dash (46.72, 47.85)

47.33*\$&	Scott Beadle	2/10	2nd
48.40	Scott Beadle	2/2	1st
48.80\$	Travis Nordrum	2/10	15th

50.95	Aaron Wheatcraft	2/10	35th
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600m Run @

1:19.23\$	Scott Beadle	2/25	3rd
1:19.83	Scott Beadle	2/24	1st (p)
1:19.97	Travis Nordrum	2/24	6th (p)
1:20.21	Scott Beadle	1/13	1st
1:20.51	Scott Beadle	1/27	1st
1:20.60	Travis Nordrum	1/27	2nd
1:20.90	Travis Nordrum	2/2	3rd
1:25.3	Tim Van Voorhis	2/16	2nd

800m Run (1:49.25, 1:51.00)

1:50.85\$	Kevin Dunbar	2/10	2nd
1:51.34\$	Paul Michalek	2/25	1st
1:51.64	Paul Michalek	2/2	1st
1:52.33	Kevin Dunbar	1/27	1st
1:52.56	Paul Michalek	2/16	1st
1:53.43	Scott Beadle	2/16	3rd
1:53.52	Kevin Dunbar	2/2	3rd
1:54.02	Travis Nordrum	2/16	5th
1:54.16	Kevin Dunbar	2/25	6th
1:54.29\$	Ron Hoffner	1/13	2nd
1:54.48	Paul Michalek	2/24	2nd (p)
1:54.48	Ron Hoffner	2/16	7th
1:54.84	Brendan O'Brien	1/13	3rd
1:54.90	Kevin Dunbar	2/24	8th (p)
1:55.20	Brendan O'Brien	2/16	8th
1:55.56	Brendan O'Brien	2/24	11th (p)
2:01.19\$	Todd Russell	1/13	9th

Mile Run (4:01.80, 4:06.50)

4:03.51*	Paul Michalek	2/10	2nd
4:06.42*	Paul Michalek	3/8	7th (p)
4:10.31	Paul Michalek	1/13	1st
4:14.67	Paul Michalek	1/27	2nd
4:16.96	Kevin Dunbar	1/20	3rd (h)
4:18.05	Keven Dunbar	1/13	2nd
4:26.48	Ron Hofner	2/10	19th
4:34.21	Brendan O'Brien	1/27	8th

3,000m Run (8:01.50, 8:12.00)

8:59.98\$	Pat Markey	1/27	9th
9:01.51	Al Broderius	1/27	11th
9:01.67	Pat Markey	2/16	12th
9:02.83	Josh Christman	1/27	13th
9:05.38	Tony Riter	2/16	14th
9:08.22	Al Broderius	2/16	16th
9:09.34	Pat Markey	1/13	13th
9:15.40	Al Broderius	1/13	15th
9:16:38	Neal Janquart	1/13	16th
9:16.72	Neal Janquart	1/27	15th

4x400m Relay (3:08.50, 3:12.50)

3:13.41	Minnesota	2/10	5th
3:16.66	Minnesota	1/27	2nd
3:20.45	Minnesota	2/2	3rd
3:24.78	Minnesota	1/13	1st

Distance Medley Relay (9:37.00, 9:52.00)

10:00.19	Minnesota	2/24	3rd
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Shuttle Hurdle Relay @

30.0	Minnesota	1/20	1st
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4x800m Relay @

7:53.98	Minnesota	1/27	2nd
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TRACK & FIELD

55m Hurdles (7.24, 7.39)

7.51\$	Niles Deneen	2/24	7th (s)
7.54	Niles Deneen	2/24	5th (p)
7.56	Niles Deneen	2/10	6th
7.56	Niles Deneen	2/10	2nd (h)
7.57	Niles Deneen	2/16	1st
7.57	Niles Deneen	2/16	1st (h)
7.63	Niles Deneen	1/13	1st
7.65#	Vesa Rantanen	2/16	2nd
7.65	Niles Deneen	1/20	1st (h)
7.69\$	Greg Nelson	2/24	11th (p)
7.70	Greg Nelson	2/24	11th (s)
7.70	Greg Nelson	2/10	12th
7.72	Vesa Rantanen	2/16	1st (h)
7.75	Greg Nelson	2/10	4th (h)
7.77\$	Aaron Wheatcraft	2/16	3rd
7.77	Niles Deneen	1/13	1st (h)
7.78	Aaron Wheatcraft	2/2	10th
7.79	Greg Nelson	2/16	1st (h)
7.79	Aaron Wheatcraft	1/27	2nd
7.79	Aaron Wheatcraft	1/13	2nd
7.80	Greg Nelson	1/27	3rd
7.81	Greg Nelson	2/16	5th
7.81	Aaron Wheatcraft	2/16	2nd (h)
7.82	Aaron Wheatcraft	2/10	14th
7.83	Aaron Wheatcraft	2/24	18th (p)
7.83	Aaron Wheatcraft	1/20	3rd (h)
7.85	Aaron Wheatcraft	2/10	5th (h)
7.87	Greg Nelson	1/20	4th (h)
7.88	Greg Nelson	2/2	11th
7.91\$	Glenn Lindqvist	2/10	5th (h)
7.92	Greg Nelson	1/13	5th
7.94	Glenn Lindqvist	2/16	2nd (h)
7.94	Aaron Wheatcraft	1/13	1st (h)
7.96	Glenn Lindqvist	2/16	6th
8.54	J.J. Beckstrand	1/13	4th (h)

High Jump (2.25, 2.16)

7-3*\$	Tyler McCormick	2.21	1/20	1st
6-11 3/4	Tyler McCormick	2.13	2/25	3rd
6-11 3/4\$	Wil Kurth	2.13	2/2	1st
6-11 1/2	Wil Kurth	2.12	1/27	2nd
6-11	Wil Kurth	2.11	2/10	3rd
6-11	Tyler McCormick	2.11	1/13	1st
6-10 1/4	Tyler McCormick	2.09	3/8	t12th
6-9 1/2	Wil Kurth	2.07	1/13	3rd
6-9	Tyler McCormick	2.06	2/16	2nd
6-9	Wil Kurth	2.06	2/16	3rd
6-9	Wil Kurth	2.06	1/20	8th
6-7 1/2	Wil Kurth	2.02	2/25	9th
6-7	Vesa Rantanen	2.01	2/16	4th
6-7	Tyler McCormick	2.01	2/10	9th
6-6 1/4	Tyler McCormick	1.99	2/2	6th
6-6 1/4	Marcus Westberry	1.99	1/13	8th

Long Jump (7.90, 7.60)

22-5	Vesa Rantanen	6.83	2/10	5th
21-9 1/2	Tyler McCormick	6.64	1/27	3rd
21-9	Tyler McCormick	6.63	1/20	8th
21-6\$	Adrian Ellis	6.55	1/27	4th
20-10 3/4	Glenn Lindqvist	6.37	2/10	10th

Triple Jump (16.25, 15.65)

52-2*\$	Adrian Ellis	15.90	2/25	1st
50-4 1/2	Adrian Ellis	15.35	2/10	3rd
50-4 1/2\$	Marcus Westberry	15.35	1/27	1st
50-2 1/2	Adrian Ellis	15.30	2/2	2nd
50-1 3/4	Marcus Westberry	15.28	2/16	2nd
50-0 1/2	Adrian Ellis	15.25	2/16	3rd
49-8 1/2	Marcus Westberry	15.14	2/2	3rd

49-3	Adrian Ellis	15.01	1/20	2nd
49-0 1/4	Chip Mosley	14.94	2/25	5th
48-6 3/4	Marcus Westberry	14.80	2/25	7th
48-5 1/2	Adrian Ellis	14.77	1/13	1st
48-3	Chip Mosley	14.71	4th	
48-0	Marcus Westberry	14.63	3/1	6th
47-7 3/4	Marcus Westberry	14.52	1/13	2nd
47-5 1/4	Chip Mosley	14.46	1/13	3rd
47-4 1/2	Chip Mosley	14.44	2/2	6th
47-1	Chip Mosley	14.35	2/16	4th
46-10 1/4	Chip Mosley	14.28	2/10	4th
46-7 1/4	Chip Mosley	14.20	1/27	4th
45-11	Shomari Conley	13.99	1/20	6th

Shot Put (18.65, 17.40)

55-5 1/2\$	Jeff Marsh	16.90	2/25	5th
55-5\$	Chad Yenchsky	16.89	3/1	5th
55-2	Chad Yenchsky	16.81	2/25	6th
55-1	Jeff Marsh	16.79	3/1	6th
54-6 1/2	Jeff Marsh	16.62	2/2	2nd
53-11	Jeff Marsh	16.43	1/20	3rd
53-1 3/4	Jeff Marsh	16.20	1/13	3rd
52-5 1/4	Jeff Marsh	15.98	2/16	3rd
52-2 1/2	Jeff Marsh	15.91	2/10	4th
52-0 1/2	Jeff Marsh	15.86	1/27	2nd
51-4 1/2	Chad Yenchsky	15.66	2/16	4th
44-3 1/2	Glenn Lindqvist	13.50	1/13	8th
40-8 1/4	Jon Anderson	15.48	1/13	13th
39-4 1/2	Seth Mischke	12.00	2/16	2nd (f)

Pole Vault (5.50, 5.22)

17-7 1/4*\$#	Vesa Rantanen	5.37	2/10	2nd
17-6 1/2*	Vesa Rantanen	5.35	3/1	2nd
17-4 1/2*	Vesa Rantanen	5.30	1/13	2nd
17-1 1/2*	Vesa Rantanen	5.22	1/20	2nd
17-0 3/4	Vesa Rantanen	5.20	1/27	2nd
16-9 1/2	Vesa Rantanen	5.12	2/24	4th
16-9 1/2\$	Seth Mischke	5.12	2/24	5th
16-8 3/4	Seth Mischke	5.10	3/1	3rd
16-6 3/4	Seth Mischke	5.05	2/16	1st
16-6 3/4	Seth Mischke	5.05	2/2	4th
16-1 3/4	Seth Mischke	4.92	2/10	7th
15-7	Seth Mischke	4.75	1/27	4th
15-1 3/4\$	Glenn Lindqvist	4.62	2/10	12th
14-7 1/4	Glenn Lindqvist	4.45	2/16	6th

Javelin @

149-9	Nate Hydukovich	45.64	1/20	4th
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Pentathlon @

3,514&#	Glenn Lindqvist	1/27		6th
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Heptathlon @

5,188&#	Glenn Lindqvist	2/24-25		5th
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KEY:

1/13	Northwest Open	* NCAA Provisional
1/20	Badger Open	! NCAA Automatic
1/27	Minnesota Invitational	& U of M Record
2/2	Mercantile Bank	\$ Personal Best
2/10	Iowa State Invitational	% Big Ten Record
2/16	Snowshoe Open	# U of M Freshman Record
2/24-25	Big Ten Championships	@ Not an NCAA Event
3/1	NCAA Last Chance	
3/8-9	NCAA Indoor Championships	

2/10 and 3/1 meets run on a 300m track

WRESTLING

Head Coach: J Robinson

Assistant Coaches: David Grant, Marty Morgan

Overall Record/Big Ten Record: 10-8-1/2-5

Big Ten Finish/NCAA Finish: 6th/19th

THREE GRAPPLERS EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS AT 1996 NCAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Golden Gopher wrestling team completed another successful season in March by hosting the NCAA Wrestling Championships at Target Center. The season started with a dual meet at the Sports Pavilion against Missouri on Dec. 1. That night's starting lineup included seven freshmen and eight total athletes making their first appearance in Maroon and Gold, and only one senior. The Golden Gophers accumulated a 10-8-1 overall dual meet record and a 2-5 mark in the highly competitive Big Ten Conference.

Several individuals experienced high levels of success during the regular season. Senior captain **Billy Pierce (Minneapolis, Minn.)** earned the nation's No. 1 ranking after defeating Tolly Thompson, the defending NCAA heavyweight champion, by a 4-1 margin in front of a crowd of over 2,000 fans and a live Midwest Sports Channel audience at the Sports Pavilion on Jan. 9. Pierce held the No. 1 ranking through the end of the dual meet season, despite missing most of that time due to a knee injury sustained in the final of the Virginia Duals on Jan. 13.

Sophomore **Jason Davids (Forest Lake, Minn.)** moved up from his 1994-95 weight class of 134 pounds to 142 for 1995-96, and experienced a substantial amount of success. Davids earned tournament championships at the Bison Open and Northern Open during the November pre-season and at one time held a 16-match winning streak. He completed the dual meet season with a 17-2 record, losing only to then-No. 2 Bill Zadick of Iowa and then-No. 4 Derek Mountsier of Iowa State. He defeated three ranked opponents during the campaign. On three occasions, he provided Minnesota's first win of a dual meet.

At the Big Ten Wrestling Championships in East Lansing, Mich., the Golden Gophers finished in sixth-place as a team, and advanced five athletes to the NCAA Championships at Target Center. The team had three athletes in Sunday's championship bouts, but were unable to come away with a Big Ten champion. Pierce lost the heavyweight championship when Purdue's Tony Vaughn was able to ride Pierce out through the 30 second second overtime after seven minutes of regulation and two minutes of sudden-death overtime left the score knotted at 1-1. Pierce's second-place finish did ensure a spot in the NCAA Championships field.

Davids lost the 142-pound title to Iowa's Bill Zadick. Zadick was awarded a point for stalling in the third period, and it proved to be the difference in his 5-4 win over Davids. Davids had advanced to the Big Ten final by defeating defending national champion John Hughes of Penn State in Saturday's semifinals. Minnesota's third finalist, 167-pound junior **Gerald Carr (Dublin, Ga.)**, lost a 12-4 decision to Iowa's Daryl Weber, which was the same result as their previous meeting in January.

Freshman **Chad Kraft (Lakefield, Minn.)** defaulted his fifth-place match with Mike Uker of Iowa due to an injury, and freshman **Tim Hartung (177, Durand, Wis.)** placed sixth at Big Tens. Both advanced to the NCAA Championships based on their performances at the conference level along with Carr, Pierce and Davids.

At the NCAA Championships, the Golden Gophers had one of their best NCAA Thursdays in recent history. The five Gophers competing in the tournament compiled a 9-1 record on the day with Davids, Kraft, Carr and Pierce advancing to the quarterfinals of their respective weight classes.

Friday morning's session provided favorable results for Davids, Kraft and Pierce, as the trio advanced to the 142, 150 and heavyweight semifinals, respectively. Hartung earned a 3-1 victory in the 177-pound consolation bracket over Zach Randall of Oklahoma before being eliminated from the tournament by Jevon Herman of Illinois.

Carr was unable to advance to the NCAA semifinals as No. 3 seed Charles Burton of Boise State posted an 11-9 victory. He was then eliminated from the tournament in Friday evening's consolation round. The three Gopher semifinalists followed similar paths during Friday night's semifinals. Davids faced the tournament's top seed, Iowa's Zadick, for the third time in 1996. On the heels of a 4-3 dual meet loss and 5-4 loss while grappling for the Big Ten title, Davids was unable to gain the elusive victory, falling into the consolation bracket with a 7-3 defeat at the hands of Zadick.

Kraft was next to take the mat for Minnesota, facing the No. 2 seeded Chris Bono from Iowa State. Bono had won the previous meeting by a 5-3 tally in Ames and shut Kraft out 8-0 in the semifinals. In one of the last semifinal matches of the tournament, Pierce matched up against Jeff Walter of Wisconsin for the first time in 1996. Hampered by the knee injury suffered in mid-January, Pierce was unable to escape Walter's control in the third period and lost 3-1. All three of Minnesota's semifinalists lost to the eventual NCAA champions in their respective weight class. Pierce, Davids and Kraft earned All-America honors and the Golden Gophers finished 19th as a team, scoring 32 1/2 points.

At the Golden Gophers' annual awards banquet, three-time All-American Pierce received four awards. He was honored for his outstanding career in which he became the third Gopher to earn three career All-America awards, set a school record for pins in a career with 57 and finished second on the all-time list for career victories with 155, just four short of Ed Giese's record of 159. For the second consecutive year, Pierce led the team in pins with nine.

Amateur Wrestling News also recognized the strength of this young Golden Gopher wrestling team. Three Minnesota freshmen, Kraft, Hartung and **Josh Holiday (Anaheim, Calif.)**, were named to *Amateur Wrestling News'* rookie teams. Kraft was named to AWN's first team at 150 pounds. Hartung was named to the second team at 177 pounds and Holiday was named to AWN's fifth team at 158 pounds. Team award winners are listed below.

UPPER CLASS ACADEMIC AWARD: Tim Hartung
FRESHMEN OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AWARD: Ty Friederichs (Maple Grove, Minn.) and Brandon Eggum (Sidney, Mont.)

OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN: Chad Kraft

MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER: Tim Hartung

MOST DEDICATED WRESTLERS: Tim Hartung, Chad Kraft

MOST EXCITING WRESTLER: Jason Davids

MOST VALUABLE WRESTLER: Jason Davids

OUTSTANDING WRESTLER: Billy Pierce

FRASER DEAN MOST COURAGEOUS WRESTLER AWARD:
(Given to the wrestler who most exemplifies devotion, unselfishness, courage and leadership) Billy Pierce

ALL-AMERICANS: Jason Davids (5th, 142), Chad Kraft (5th, 150), Billy Pierce (6th, HWT)

W R E S T L I N G

University of Minnesota 1995-96 Wrestling Schedule/Results

Unattached Individual Tournaments:

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Result
Nov. 11	Sat.	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	No Team Scoring
Nov. 18	Sat.	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	No Team Scoring
Nov. 24	Fri.	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	No Team Scoring

Dual Meet Schedule:

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Result
Dec. 1	Fri.	MISSOURI	Pavilion	W, 29-6
Dec. 10	Sun.	Fresno St./San Francisco St.	Fresno, Calif.	T, 18-18/W33-5
Dec. 10	Sun.	Cal-Bakersfield	Bakersfield, Calif.	W, 17-16
Jan. 5	Fri.	NORTH DAKOTA	Grand Rapids H.S.	W, 43-9
Jan. 9	Tues.	*NEBRASKA	Pavilion	L, 20-17
Jan. 12-13	Fri/Sat	Virginia Duals	Norfolk, Va.	First Place
		Lehigh	First Round	W, 37-7
		Wyoming	Quarterfinals	W, 34-9
		Lock Haven	Semifinals	W, 21-6
		Illinois	Final	W, 21-16
Jan. 20	Sat.	Northwestern/Illinois	Evanston, Ill.	L, 25-9/W, 19-18
Jan. 26	Fri	IOWA (Showcase Meet)	Pavilion	L, 12-27
Feb. 2	Fri.	OKLAHOMA STATE	Williams	L, 20-12
Feb. 4	Sun.	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	L, 22-13
Feb. 9	Fri.	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	L, 22-12
Feb. 18	Sun.	MICHIGAN	Williams	L, 14-18
Feb. 24	Sat.	*MICHIGAN STATE	Williams	L, 14-21
Feb. 25	Sun.	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	W, 23-10
Mar. 9-10	Sat/Sun	Big Ten Championships	E.Lansing, Mich.	6th/63.5 points
Mar. 21-23	Thur/Sat	NCAA Championships	Target Center	19th/32.5

Overall Record: 10-8-1

Big Ten Record: 2-5

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W R E S T L I N G

1995-96 Minnesota Wrestling Final Records Team Dual Record 10-8-1, 2-5 Big Ten

Wt.	Name	O'All	Total	Dual	Big Ten	BTT	NCAA	
118	Bart Golyer	13-11	8-9	7-6	1-3			
	Kipp Williamson		13-10	2-3	1-2	1-2/7th		
126	Pat Connors		15-18	8-12	2-4	0-2		
	Ty Friederichs		18-5	-	-			
134	Bart Golyer		5-2	0-1	0-1			
	Nick Antila		19-13	8-8	4-3			
	Troy Marr		18-9	0-2	-	-	0-2	
142	Mauricio Mora		17-9	4-2	-			
	Jason Davids		34-6	33-6	16-2	6-1	3-1/2nd	4-2/5th
150	Dustin Berger		8-7	-	-			
	Brad Flaherty		8-10	8-9	1-0	-		
	Troy Marr		17-6	3-2	-	-		
158	Carl Carlson		4-1	-	-			
	Jason Davids		1-0	1-0	-			
	Chad Kraft		29-11	27-11	14-5	4-3	2-2/5th	4-2/5th
	Troy Marr		1-1	1-1	-	-		
	Eddie Pak		3-10	-	-	-		
167	Brad Flaherty		0-1	0-1	-			
	Delaney Berger		9-3	-	-			
	Tony Farina		3-1	-	-			
	Josh Holiday		22-16	10-11	4-8	1-5	0-2	
	Tim Kinsella		20-5	-	-			
177	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	-			
	Jesse Krebs		14-10	14-9	5-5	1-0		
	Gerald Carr		29-7	25-6	18-2	6-1	2-1/2nd	2-2
190	Josh Holiday		12-5	-	-			
	Jesse Krebs		0-1	0-11	-			
	Gerald Carr		4-1	1-0	-			
HWT	Brandon Eggum		14-4	-	-			
	Tim Hartung		24-18	24-17	11-8	2-5	2-3/5th	2-2
	Brent Boeshans		8-10	0-3	0-3	0-3		
	Josh Dodd		12-17	9-11	0-3	-	1-3/8th	
	Jeremy Goeden		12-14	11-12	8-6	1-3		
HWT	Tim Hartung		0-1	0-1	-			
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	-			
	Brent Boeshans		8-7	-	-			
	Josh Dodd		3-6	3-6	0-4			
	Drew Chacon		2-8	-	-			
HWT	Jeremy Goeden		1-2	1-2	0-2			
	Billy Pierce		26-4	9-1	1-0	2-1/2nd	3-1/6th	

Key: **O'All:** Wrestler's record in all weight classes during the 95-96 season. Only listed if the athlete wrestled in more than one weight class during the dual meet season.; **Total:** Wrestler's full-season record for 95-96 in the specified weight class; **Dual:** Dual match record at listed weight class; **Big Ten:** Record vs. Big Ten Opponents; **BTT:** Big Ten Championships Tournament; **NCAA:** NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships

Team Stats: Weight-by-Weight Results

Weight	Overall Record	Overall Dual	Big Ten Dual
118	21-9	8-11	2-5
126	37-25	6-13	2-5
134	34-24	9-10	4-3
142	65-29	16-13	6-1
150	36-22	14-5	4-3
158	55-29	7-12	2-5
167	37-11	17-8	6-1
177	42-22	11-8	2-5
190	21-27	7-12	1-6
HWT	40-27	10-9	1-6
Total	388-225	105-85	30-40