



SPORTS NEWS

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NATHANIEL WITHDRAWS FROM BASKETBALL TEAM TO PURSUE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Junior guard Kevin Nathaniel has decided to withdraw from the Golden Gopher basketball team and pursue an employment opportunity. Nathaniel has missed the first five games of the season with a foot injury. A starter in 22 games last season, Nathaniel came to Minnesota from the Air Force where he was a canine specialist and military police officer. The employment opportunity is at a school in Illinois that specializes in this field and will allow him work and finish his college education.

“I have been wrestling with this decision for a couple of weeks,” said Nathaniel. “It is a great opportunity to work in a field I enjoy and have experience in and it will pay for the rest of my educational costs. It was a tough decision because I’m really like Coach Monson and the new staff and I think things are headed in the right direction. I will always remember the great experiences I had as a member of the team. The Minnesota fans are the greatest and I will really miss my teammates. In my heart I will always be a Golden Gopher.”

Nathaniel averaged 4.0 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.3 assists last seasons and was an Academic All-Big Ten selection. He posted a 4.0 GPA last spring and was named a U of M scholar athlete.



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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BOWL GAME INFORMATION

Official Bowl Game Announcements: Will be announced Sunday, Dec. 5.

Ticket Information: Minnesota fans should purchase bowl game tickets through the U of M Athletics Ticket Office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.

Ticket Prices: Will be announced once actual bowl game is determined.

Bowl Game Ticket Priority: Current* season ticket holders and new* season ticket holders will have bowl game ticket priority and can place orders with the Athletics Ticket Office right now.

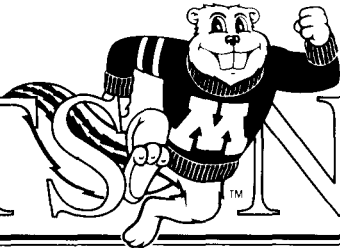
General Public Bowl Game Ticket Sale: Will begin Monday, Dec. 6.

Bowl Game Ticket Distribution: Bowl game tickets will be mailed on or about Dec. 15.

Official Bowl Game Tour: The official U of M bowl game tour is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. For the latest information, visit their web site at www.umaa.umn.edu or call their toll-free Bowl Hotline at 1-877-GO-4-BOWL (464-2695).

* A \$50 per ticket deposit by Dec. 31 will allow fans to reserve a season ticket for the Golden Gophers' 2000 home season at the existing 1999 prices. The price before Dec. 31 is \$126 (\$21 per ticket). It will jump to \$144 (\$24 per ticket) after Dec. 31.

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Listed below are a number of very good media opportunities this week as the University of Minnesota football team continues its preparations for the December 31 Wells Fargo Sun Bowl game vs. Oregon at Sun Bowl Stadium in El Paso, Texas.

Monday, December 6

Bronko Nagurski Trophy Awards Dinner – Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden, Keynote Speaker 7 p.m. (EST), Adams Mark Hotel, Charlotte, N.C.

The Bronko Nagurski Trophy, named for the former Golden Gopher great, honors the National College Football Defensive Player of the Year.

The finalists are: Minnesota senior Tyrone Carter, Penn State's LaVar Arrington and Courtney Brown, Virginia Tech's Corey Moore and Florida State's Corey Simon.

Wednesday, December 8

Texas-Style Chili Feed, Sponsored by the Office of the President

11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m., West Bank, West End of the Washington Avenue Bridge

President Mark Yudof and senior running back Thomas Hamner, junior defensive end Karon Riley, junior center Ben Hamilton and junior linebacker Sean Hoffman, will join the Golden Gopher band, cheerleaders and fellow students for free chili, chips and soda.

Thursday, December 9

Wells Fargo Sun Bowl Head Coaches News Conference.

11 a.m. (MST), Cliff Inn in El Paso, 1600 E. Cliff Drive.

Glen Mason, Oregon Coach Mike Bellotti and Wells Fargo Sun Bowl Chairman John Folmer.

Home Depot College Football Awards Show

5 – 7 p.m. (EST), Field House at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex

Tyrone Carter will be honored on the AFCA/Burger King Coaches All-America Team, and is also one of three finalists for the Jim Thorpe Award (along with Tennessee's Deon Grant and New Mexico's Brian Urlacher) which goes to college football's defensive back of the year.

The awards show will air live on ESPN and will be rebroadcast on ESPN2 at 8:30 p.m. (EST)

Practice from 2:45 – 5 p.m., Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex

Saturday, December 11

Practice, Time TBA, Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex

Sunday, December 12

Practice from 2 – 4 p.m., Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex



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MINNESOTA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT RANKED 18TH IN SEARS DIRECTOR'S CUP

The University of Minnesota Men's and Women's Athletics Departments are ranked 18th with 76 points in the Sears Director's Cup rankings by NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics). The competition recognizes the finest all-around athletic programs (men's and women's combined) in the nation.

These standings are based upon the completion of women's and men's cross country and field hockey. The men's cross country team placed 15th at the NCAA Championships, while the women's cross country team placed 17th. Michigan is leading the race with 202 points, Arkansas is second with 190 and Wisconsin is third with 165. Rounding out the top five is Stanford in fourth with 155 and Colorado in fifth with 127 points.

Sear's Directors Cup Standings:

1. Michigan (202)
2. Arkansas (190)
3. Wisconsin (165)
4. Stanford (155)
5. Colorado (127)
6. Brigham Young (122)
7. Georgetown (118)
8. North Carolina State (112.5)
9. North Carolina (108)
10. Northern Arizona (103)
11. Oregon (100.5)
12. Maryland (100)
13. Arizona State (94)
14. Providence (88.5)
15. Notre Dame (85)
16. Arizona (81)
17. Brown (79)
- 18. MINNESOTA (76)**
19. Connecticut (75)
Iowa (75)
21. Kansas State (71)
22. Villanova (66)
23. Iona (59)
24. Boston University (54)
25. Missouri (53)
South Florida (53)

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HAMILTON, CARTER AND NYSTROM EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS BY THE SPORTING NEWS

University of Minnesota senior strong safety Tyrone Carter and junior center Ben Hamilton were named first-team All-American by *The Sporting News* Tuesday afternoon. Freshman placekicker Dan Nystrom also earned second-team freshman All-America honors by *The Sporting News*.

Carter, a native of Pompano Beach, Fla., has already earned first-team All-Big Ten honors by both the coaches and the media. He was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award and a finalist for the Thorpe Award to be awarded Thursday in Orlando, Fla. Carter broke the school record and the NCAA Division I-A record among defensive backs with 511 tackles. Carter led the Golden Gophers this season with 127 tackles, including 99 solos. He also led the team in punt returns, setting a new school record in a single-season with 30 returns for 356 yards.

Hamilton is the starting center for the Golden Gophers. The Plymouth, Minn., native has given up only one sack this season as the starting center. He has 66 knockdown blocks to his credit in 10 games played this season. Hamilton was also selected All-Big Ten first-team by the coaches.

New Hope, Minn., native Dan Nystrom broke a single-season school record with 90 points. Nystrom kicked the 32-yard winning field goal to beat No. 2-ranked Penn State 24-23 in University Park, Pa. He also split the uprights from 51 yards out, establishing a new freshman school record.

**The Sporting News
First Team All-American**

Offense:

Peter Warrick (Sr., Florida State, WR)
Chris McIntosh (Sr., Wisconsin, T)
Richard Mercier (Sr., Miami (Fla.), G)
Ben Hamilton (Jr., Minnesota, C)
Noel LaMontagne (Sr., Virginia, G)
Chris Samuels (Sr., Alabama, T)
Bubba Franks (Jr., Miami (Fla.), TE)
Troy Walters (Sr., Stanford, WR)
Michael Vick (Fr., Virginia Tech, QB)
Ron Dayne (Sr., Wisconsin, RB)
Thomas Jones (Sr., Virginia, E)

Defense:

Corey Moore (Sr., Virginia Tech, E)
Corey Simon (Sr., Florida State, T)
Rob Renes (Sr., Michigan, T)
Courtney Brown (Sr., Penn State, E)
Barrin Simpson (Sr., Mississippi State, LB)
Mark Simoneau (Sr., Kansas State, LB)
LaVar Arrington (Jr., Penn State, LB)
Ralph Brown (Sr., Nebraska, CB)
Jamar Fletcher (So., Wisconsin, CB)
Tyrone Carter (Sr., Minnesota, SS)
Deon Grant (Jr., Tennessee, FS)

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MINNESOTA MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING INKS TWO DURING FALL SIGNING

The University of Minnesota swimming and diving team has signed two swimmers during the fall signing period. Luke Schuster and Erik Esbjornsson will join the Minnesota swimming and diving team in the fall of 2000.

Schuster, from St. Paul, Minn., currently swims for the STAR Swim Team. He took second in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle at the 1999 Minnesota Class AA State High School Championships. He was also a Junior National qualifier in both the 50 free and the 100 free. He currently attends Cretin-Durham Hall High School.

Esbjornsson, from Alexandria, Minn., swims for the Alexandria Swim Club and is currently coached by Mark Storhaug. He took third place in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle at the 1999 Minnesota Class AA State High School Championships. He was also a Junior National qualifier in both the 100 and 200 freestyles. He currently attends Jefferson Senior High School.

THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

December 6-12, 1999

BASKETBALL



VS. MAINE, SAT., DEC. 11 - 3 P.M. - WILLIAMS ARENA
MIDWEST SPORTS CHANNEL LIVE & WCCO 830 AM LIVE

Last Week's Results:

- Minnesota 57, Valparaiso 44 - 13,872 (Williams Arena)

HOCKEY

AT ST. CLOUD STATE, FRI., DEC. 10 - 7:35 P.M. - ST. CLOUD, MINN.
VS. ST. CLOUD STATE, SAT., DEC. 11 - 7:05 P.M. - MARIUCCI ARENA
MIDWEST SPORTS CHANNEL LIVE & WB23 (FRIDAY ONLY) LIVE/KSTP 1500 AM LIVE

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers lost 5-2 Friday night and 3-1 Saturday night to Alaska Anchorage in Alaska.



WRESTLING



AT NORTHERN IOWA, FRI., DEC. 10 - 7 P.M. - CEDAR FALLS, IOWA
VS. PORTLAND STATE, SUN., DEC. 12 - 2 P.M. - SPORTS PAVILION

Last Week's Results:

- Minnesota took third in the Las Vegas Invite with 123 points; Leroy Vega won the title at 125 pounds.

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Wednesday, December 8:

Sophomore forward DUSTY RYCHART pre-views the Maine game.

Thursday, December 9:

Head Hockey Coach DON LUCIA and junior
ERIK WESTRUM.

Friday, December 10:

Assistant Basketball Coach BILL WALKER
previews the Maine game.

Saturday-Sunday, December 11-12:

Head Basketball Coach DAN MONSON'S
post-game news conference.

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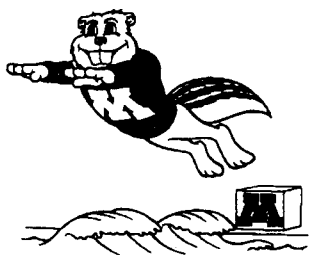
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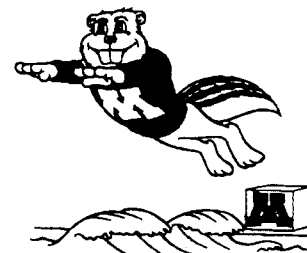
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SWIMMING & DIVING



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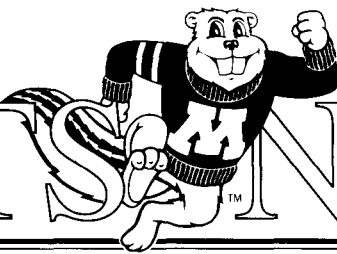
GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Oct. 16	Intrasquad Meet	No Team Scores
Oct. 29	Alumni Meet	No Team Scores
Nov. 5-6	N. Carolina	W, 235-135
	Nebraska	W, 247-123
Nov. 13	Northwestern	W, 198-95
Nov. 19-21	Minnesota Invitational	1st/12 teams
Dec. 3-5	Texas Invitational	No Team Scores
Jan. 22	Iowa	2 p.m.
Jan. 28-29	Triple Duals	All Day
Feb. 4-5	Minnesota Challenge	6 p.m.
Feb. 24-26	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
March 5	Go-Pher It Invitational	Aquatic Center
March 9-11	NCAA Diving Zone Qual.	Aquatic Center
March 23-25	NCAA Championships	Aquatic Center

1999 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Keam Ang	Jr.	Ipoh, Malaysia
Mark Atoowd	Fr.	Alexandria, Minn.
Ryan Ayres	Jr.	Snellville, Ga.
Ben Bartell	So.	Grafton, Wis.
David Batulis	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Ben Baumann	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.
Max von Bodungen	So.	Malmo, Sweden
Chris Brunson	Fr.	Madison, Wis.
Blair Buccicone	So.	Rochester, Minn.
Grant Butler	Jr.	West Bend, Wis.
Dan Croaston	Jr.	Champlin, Minn.
Brandon Crook	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Travis Crow	So.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Mark Dillon	Fr.	Cumberland, R.I.
Ricardo Dornelas	So.	Jacaraide, Brazil
Chris Forrest	So.	Appleton, Wis.
Karl Frisinger	Fr.	Napa, Calif.
Jeff Hackler	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Ben Herdt	Fr.	East Lansing, Mich.
Shane Hillsley	So.	Longmont, Colo.
Brian Howard	Sr.	Kearney, Mo.
Chad Krastins	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Ryan L'Roy	Fr.	Beaverton, Ore.
Mike Mahoney	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Dov Malnik	So.	Rishon Le-Zion, Israel
Alex Massura	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Marc Maynard	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn.
Yoav Meiri	Sr.	Modein, Israel
Mike Melrose	Fr.	Eau Claire, Wis.
Allen Ong	Fr.	Perak, Malaysia
Brian Porter	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Shane Ryan	Fr.	Cross Plains, Wis.
Brandon Schindler	Sr.	Saratoga, Calif.
Tim Sheely	Jr.	Schaumburg, Ill.
Aaron Shilt	Fr.	Appleton, Wis.
Todd Smolinski	Fr.	St. John, Ind.
Peter Sonstegard	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Matt Taylor	Fr.	Shorewood, Minn.
Nick Toumanoff	Fr.	Pewaukee, Wis.
Adam White	Fr.	Hopkins, Minn.

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ROED LEAVES U OF M MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

The University of Minnesota men's hockey team announced today that freshman forward Shawn Roed of White Bear Lake, Minn., has decided to leave school. Roed, who had three goals and six assists for nine points in the season's first 12 games, had missed the last four games while attempting to catch up on some school coursework.

The Golden Gophers will battle St. Cloud State University in a home-and-home series this weekend, with Friday's game at National Hockey Center in St. Cloud, Minn., beginning at 7:35 p.m., and Saturday's rematch at Mariucci Arena starting at 7:05 p.m.

Head Coach Don Lucia will be available to the media today (Wednesday) at practice from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m., and then again following practice at approximately 3 p.m.



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MINNESOTA MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING RANKED 9th IN THE COUNTRY


The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked 9th in the latest poll released Dec. 9 by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. The Golden Gophers were previously ranked 10th.

The Golden Gophers are coming off a solid performance at the Texas Invitational, with junior Alex Massura and senior Yoav Meiri achieving NCAA automatic qualifying marks in the 100 back and the 200 fly respectively.

College Swimming Coaches Association of America Top 25 Coaches Swimming and Diving Poll (Dec. 9)

1. Texas	320
2. Stanford	299
3. Auburn	293
Arizona	293
5. California	269
6. USC	262
7. Georgia	237
8. Virginia	223
9. Minnesota	203
10. Michigan	185
11. Tennessee	178
12. Arizona	175
13. Florida	168
14. Texas A&M	141
15. SMU	136
16. Penn State	133
17. Hawai'i	130
18. Nebraska	111
19. LSU	95
20. Florida State	70
21. UNC	62
22. Harvard	61
23. Purdue	34
24. Indiana	27
25. Iowa State	20

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University of Minnesota Head Football Coach Glen Mason will be named one of three finalists for the Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Award this afternoon.

A teleconference call with Mason and the other two finalists, Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer and Hawaii's June Jones, along with Eddie Robinson, will take place today at 1 p.m. (Central). The phone number for media to call to participate is 800-288-8974.

Mason, who is also a finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant National Coach of the Year Award, has already been honored as *The Football News* National Coach of the Year and the Dave McClain Big Ten Coach of the Year.

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Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers lost 4-3 in overtime in St. Cloud Friday and tied the Huskies 2-2 Saturday at Mariucci



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AT MIDLANDS TOURNAMENT (EVANSTON, ILL.)
WED.-THURS., DEC. 29-30 - ALL DAY

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Senior forward **NATE MILLER** previews the Valerenga exhibition game.

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Junior defensive end **KARON RILEY** and senior running back **THOMAS HAMNER**.

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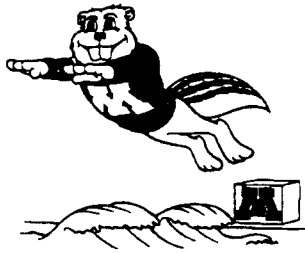
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Karl Frisinger	Fr.	Napa, Calif.
Jeff Hackler	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Ben Herdt	Fr.	East Lansing, Mich.
Shane Hillsley	So.	Longmont, Colo.
Brian Howard	Sr.	Kearney, Mo.
Chad Krastins	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Ryan L'Roy	Fr.	Beaverton, Ore.
Mike Mahoney	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Dov Malnik	So.	Rishon Le-Zion, Israel
Alex Massura	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Marc Maynard	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn.
Yoav Meiri	Sr.	Modein, Israel
Mike Melrose	Fr.	Eau Claire, Wis.
Allen Ong	Fr.	Perak, Malaysia
Brian Porter	So.	Omaha, Neb.
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Tim Sheely	Jr.	Schaumburg, Ill.
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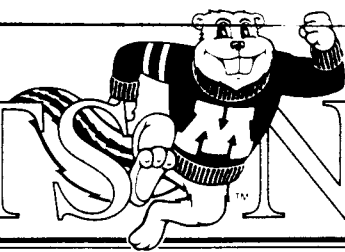
December 14, 1999

LAWRENCE WINS THE FILA JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BELT SERIES

University of Minnesota redshirt freshman Jared Lawrence claimed the FILA Junior World Championship Belt Series with 148 points, edging runner-up Tommy Rowlands of Columbus, Ohio, by just two points. The Championship Belt Series is a system that honors America's best wrestlers in each of the USA Wrestling's four age-groups for their accomplishments during the year.

Lawrence, a native of Sandpoint, Idaho, was a double champion at the FILA Junior Nationals/World Team Trials, winning the 152-pound class in both freestyle and Greco-Roman. He also placed fifth at the Junior World Freestyle Championships.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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I have attached a schedule of events for the Golden Gopher football team at the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas. The Golden Gophers will depart from the Gibson-Nagurski Complex on Sunday, December 26 at approximately 10:30 a.m. Media who wish to film the Golden Gophers' departure for El Paso should do so at the football complex since the team will load the charter flight at Twin Cities International Airport from the tarmac.



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December 27, 1999

GOLDEN GOPHER HOCKEY TEAM AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA INTERVIEWS TOMORROW TO PREVIEW MARIUCCI CLASSIC

The Minnesota Golden Gopher hockey team will be available for media interviews tomorrow to preview the upcoming Mariucci Classic, which is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday at Mariucci Arena.

The Golden Gopher players and coaching staff will be available before practice from 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. and after practice beginning approximately at 3:30 p.m. There will be no interviews with Minnesota coaches or players on Wednesday until the completion of the Golden Gophers' game against Harvard.

The Mariucci Classic begins on Wednesday at 4 p.m. with Northern Michigan facing UMass-Amherst, followed by the Golden Gophers and Harvard at 7 p.m. Thursday, the consolation game begins at 4 p.m. with the championship game scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

TELEVISION NOTE: The Mariucci Classic **WILL NOT** be televised. Credentials will be available at the Mariucci media will call on the southwest corner of the arena for any television stations that would like to shoot footage.

THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

January 3-9, 2000

BASKETBALL



VS. MICHIGAN, WED., JAN. 5 - 8 P.M. - WILLIAMS ARENA
AT OHIO STATE, SUN., JAN. 9 - NOON- COLUMBUS, OHIO
MIDWEST SPORTS CHANNEL LIVE & WCCO 830 AM LIVE

Last Week's Results:

- Minnesota 66, Georgia 65 (Athens, Ga.) - Nebraska 90, Minnesota 78 (Lincoln, Neb.)

WRESTLING

VS. NEBRASKA, FRI., JAN. 7 - 7:30 P.M. - SPORTS PAVILION (MIDWEST SPORTS CHANNEL LIVE)
AT OKLAHOMA STATE, SUN., JAN. 9 - 3 P.M. - STILLWATER, OKLA.

Last Week's Results:

- Four Golden Gophers won titles at the Great Plains Open in Lincoln, Neb., this past weekend.



TENNIS



AT MILWAUKEE TENNIS CLASSIC, MON.-SAT., JAN. 3-8 - ALL DAY - MILWAUKEE, WIS.
AT UNIVERSITY OF MARQUETTE, FRI., JAN. 7 - TBA - MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers continue play after ending the fall season in mid-November.

TRACK AND FIELD

EARLY BIRD INVITATIONAL, SAT., JAN. 8 - UNIVERSITY FIELD HOUSE

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers open the indoor track and field season with the Early Bird Invitational.



GYMNASTICS



ALUMNI MEET, SAT., JAN. 8 - 1 P.M. - SPORTS PAVILION

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gopher men's gymnastics team will open its season with the annual alumni meet.

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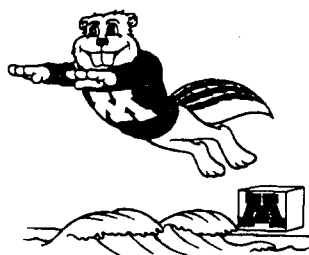
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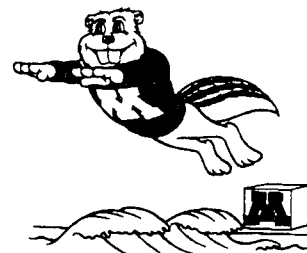
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SWIMMING & DIVING



MASSURA EARNS NCAA AUTOMATIC BID IN 100 FREE AT TEXAS INVITE: University of Minnesota junior **ALEX MASSURA** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) earned an NCAA Automatic mark in the 100 free at the 1999 Texas Invitational last weekend. He swam a time of 53.18 to take second place behind Matt Allen of Arizona.

Massura took third place in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:58.63. Teammates **TODD SMOLINSKI** (St. John, Ind.), **BEN BARTELL** (Grafton, Wis.) and **MARK DILLON** (Cumberland, R.I.) placed seventh, 10th and 12th respectively with times of 2:01.87, 2:02.67 and 2:03.89.

Junior **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin Park, Minn.) took second place in the 1-meter diving with 597 points, just behind Troy Dumais of Texas, who scored 607.5 points. Croaston also placed fourth in the platform diving with 462 points.

Senior **YOAV MEIRI** (Modein, Israel) took second place in the 200 fly with a time of 1:58.37 and teammates **KEAM ANG** (Ipoh, Malaysia), **MAX VON BODUNGEN** (Malmo, Sweden) and **CHAD KRASTINS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) took 11th, 19th and 20th, respectively with times of 2:00.28, 2:04.25 and 2:04.68. Meiri also finished seventh in the 400 IM with a time of 4:23.20.

MINNESOTA EARNS THREE NCAA CONSIDERATION MARKS ON FIRST DAY OF TEXAS INVITATIONAL:

The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team earned three NCAA consideration marks on the first day of the Texas Invitational.

Senior Yoav Meiri took seventh place in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 54.42 to earn a NCAA consideration mark for the NCAA Championships. The men's 200-meter free relay team of Ricardo Dornelas, Alex Massura, Allen Ong and Brandon Schindler finished in fifth place with a time of 1:29.97 to earn Minnesota's second consideration mark. The men's 400-meter medley relay team of Massura, Jeff Hackler, Keam Ang and Ong earned the other consideration mark for the Golden Gophers when they swam a time of 3:41.28 to earn fifth place.

Junior Dan Croaston took second place in the 3-meter diving with 571.45 points and Dornelas took eighth place in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 23.96 to round out the day for the Golden Gophers.

The Golden Gophers will take their annual swimming and diving trip before returning to competition when the Iowa Hawkeyes come to town on Jan. 22.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Oct. 16	Intrasquad Meet	No Team Scores
Oct. 29	Alumni Meet	No Team Scores
Nov. 5-6	N. Carolina	W, 235-135
	Nebraska	W, 247-123
Nov. 13	Northwestern	W, 198-95
Nov. 19-21	Minnesota Invitational	1st/12 teams
Dec. 3-5	Texas Invitational	No Team Scores
Jan. 22	Iowa	2 p.m.
Jan. 28-29	Triple Duals	All Day
Feb. 4-5	Minnesota Challenge	6 p.m.
Feb. 24-26	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
March 5	Go-Pher It Invitational	Aquatic Center
March 9-11	NCAA Diving Zone Qual.	Aquatic Center
March 23-25	NCAA Championships	Aquatic Center

1999 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Keam Ang	Jr.	Ipoh, Malaysia
Mark Atoowd	Fr.	Alexandria, Minn.
Ryan Ayres	Jr.	Snellville, Ga.
Ben Bartell	So.	Grafton, Wis.
David Batulis	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Ben Baumann	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.
Max von Bodungen	So.	Malmo, Sweden
Chris Brunson	Fr.	Madison, Wis.
Blair Buccicone	So.	Rochester, Minn.
Grant Butler	Jr.	West Bend, Wis.
Dan Croaston	Jr.	Champlin, Minn.
Brandon Crook	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Travis Crow	So.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Mark Dillion	Fr.	Cumberland, R.I.
Ricardo Dornelas	So.	Jacaraide, Brazil
Chris Forrest	So.	Appleton, Wis.
Karl Frisinger	Fr.	Napa, Calif.
Jeff Hackler	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Ben Herdt	Fr.	East Lansing, Mich.
Shane Hillsley	So.	Longmont, Colo.
Brian Howard	Sr.	Kearney, Mo.
Chad Krastins	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Ryan L'Roy	Fr.	Beaverton, Ore.
Mike Mahoney	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Dov Mainik	So.	Rishon Le-Zion, Israel
Alex Massura	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Marc Maynard	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn.
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HAUSER HONORED AS WCHA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore goaltender Adam Hauser has been named WCHA Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in last week's Dodge Mariucci Classic at Mariucci Arena.

Hauser, a native of Bovey, Minn., turned aside 33 of 35 shots in Minnesota's 5-2 win over Harvard on Wednesday evening, then smothered 40 of 42 shots in Thursday's 6-2 triumph over Northern Michigan in the tournament title game. Hauser has allowed two or fewer goals in four of the team's last five games.

Hauser, who has started 56 of the last 57 games for the Golden Gophers, ranks third in the WCHA in saves percentage (.914 overall, .918 in league games). On the season, Hauser has a 8-9-2 record with a 2.91 goals-against average.

The Golden Gophers are idle this weekend. The team is back in action Jan. 14-15, playing host to Denver in a pair of WCHA games at Mariucci Arena.



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Jan. 4, 2000

33rd ANNUAL ALUMNI MEET OPENS THE 2000 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SEASON

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team begins the home portion of its 2000 schedule with the 33rd Annual Alumni meet Saturday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. at the University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion. Admission to the event is free with free pop and pizza served to all that attend.

Some of the gymnasts scheduled to compete for the alumni include, four-time national all-around champion and three-time NCAA all-around champion, John Roethlisberger; three-time Big Ten all-around champion, Tim LaFluer; two-time Big Ten all-around champion, Brian Meeker and 1991 Big Ten horizontal bar champion Brian Ottenhoff.

The men's gymnastics team is looking to jump into the new millennium and leave behind the previous two seasons that saw them finish in the bottom half of the Big Ten Conference in consecutive seasons for the first time since the early 1970s. The Golden Gophers return six lettermen off of last year's squad including three that advanced to the NCAA East Regional.

The Golden Gophers will open the regular season next weekend when they travel to the Windy City Invitational in Chicago, Ill. They will finish out the month with two home meets against Illinois (Jan. 22, 1:00 p.m.) and Iowa (Jan. 29, noon) at the Sports Pavilion.



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MINNESOTA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT RANKED 12TH IN SEARS DIRECTOR'S CUP

The University of Minnesota Men's and Women's Athletics Departments are ranked 12th with 156 points in the Sears Director's Cup rankings by NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics). The competition recognizes the finest all-around athletic programs (men's and women's combined) in the nation.

These standings are based upon the completion of women's and men's cross country, field hockey, I-AA football, women's and men's soccer, women's volleyball and water polo. The men's cross country team placed 15th at the NCAA Championships, while the women's cross country team placed 17th. The women's soccer team advanced into the second round of the NCAA Tournament, while the volleyball team reached the sweet 16. Stanford is leading the race with 385 points, UCLA is second with 307 points, Michigan is third with 262 points, North Carolina is fourth with 258 points and Penn State is fifth with 245 points. The other Big Ten school ranked above Minnesota is Wisconsin in a tie for 10th place with 195 points.

Sear's Directors Cup Standings:

1. Stanford (385)
2. UCLA (307)
3. Michigan (262)
4. North Carolina (258)
5. Penn State (245)
6. Arkansas (220)
7. Connecticut (210)
8. Brigham Young (202)
9. Notre Dame (195)
10. Santa Clara (195)
Wisconsin (195)
- 12. MINNESOTA (156)**
13. Maryland (150)
14. Nebraska (148)
15. Colorado (147)
16. Northern Arizona (143)
17. Texas A&M (140)
Virginia (140)
19. Georgetown (138)
20. Arizona (131)
21. Indiana (130)
22. Wake Forest (120)
23. William and Mary (117)
24. James Madison (115)
25. Arizona State (114)

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January 5, 2000

GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL TEAM APPEARS IN FINAL NATIONAL RANKINGS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1962

Head Coach Glen Mason's record-breaking University of Minnesota football team finished the year ranked 17th in the final ESPN/USA Today poll and 18th in the final Associated Press poll released today. This marks the first time the Golden Gophers have been ranked in a season-ending national football poll since 1962 when Minnesota was ranked 10th in the final AP poll.

Florida State finished the season ranked No. 1 in both polls. In the AP poll, Virginia Tech finished the year ranked second with 1,647 votes, just three more than No. 3 Nebraska. Nebraska finished second in the ESPN/USA Today poll, while Virginia Tech was third.

A total of six Big Ten schools finished in the top 25 of both national polls. Wisconsin, fourth in both polls, was the highest ranked Big Ten team. Michigan finished the year in fifth in both polls, while Michigan State and Penn State finished seventh and 11th in both polls respectively. Also ranked is Illinois, 24th in the AP poll and 25th in the ESPN/USA Today poll.

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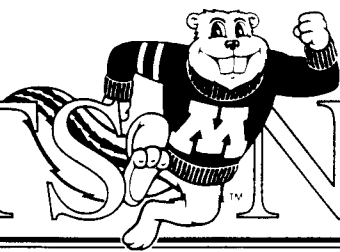
Jan. 5, 2000

ANNUAL SKATE WITH THE MEN'S HOCKEY GOPHERS SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 16

The University of Minnesota men's hockey team will again be hosting the annual Skate With The Gophers on Sun., Jan. 16, 2000 at Mariucci Arena from 1-4 p.m. Fans may skate with members of the Golden Gopher Hockey team, meet Goldy Gopher and play interactive games.

Ice times must be reserved in advance by calling the University of Minnesota Ticket Office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER.

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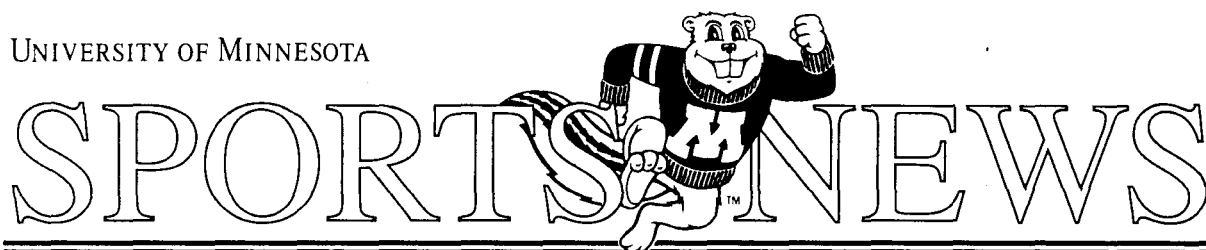
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JANUARY 6, 2000

MINNESOTA/PENN STATE BASKETBALL GAME TIME CHANGE

The Golden Gopher men's basketball game at Penn State originally scheduled to start at 7 p.m. central on January 26th has now been changed to 6 p.m. central (7 p.m. eastern). The game will be televised live on Midwest Sports Channel. The change was made in order to avoid a broadcast conflict for ESPN Regional Sports.

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BAUER ELECTS TO SIT OUT REMAINDER OF SEASON; APPLY FOR MEDICAL RESHIRT

University of Minnesota men's basketball player freshman Mike Bauer, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Medical Staff and his family, has decided to sit out the remainder of the 1999-2000 season and apply for a medical redshirt. Bauer severely dislocated his left ankle early in fall camp. After sitting out eight weeks and missing six games, he returned for the past five games, but the injury was still effecting his ability to compete at the highest level.

"I am glad to have this resolved," said Bauer. "I am not able to play without pain or do the things I am capable of. My lateral movement and jumping ability has been hampered and there is a lot of pain, especially after playing. I feel it is in my best interest to sit out the rest of the season so the injury can heal properly."

Bauer, has averaged 5.4 points per game and 3.6 rebounds per game, hitting five-of-six three-pointers in the five games he competed in.

"Mike is a great kid and this has been difficult for him," said Head Coach Dan Monson. "He worked out very hard this past summer and was looking forward to this season and making a contribution to the team. He has a bright future ahead of him, and his long-term health is the most important thing. Mike will remain involved in our program on an everyday basis and will be a big part of our future success."

THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

January 10-16, 2000

BASKETBALL



VS. IOWA, WED., JAN. 12 - 7 P.M. - WILLIAMS ARENA (MIDWEST SPORTS CHANNEL)
AT INDIANA, SAT., JAN. 15 - 3:30 P.M. - BLOOMINGTON, IND. (KSTP CHANNEL 5 LIVE)
WCCO 830 AM LIVE (BOTH GAMES)

Last Week's Results:

- Minnesota 85, Michigan 68 (Williams Arena), Ohio State 71, Minnesota 63 (Columbus, Ohio)

HOCKEY

VS. DENVER, FRI-SAT., JAN. 14-15 - 7:05 P.M. - MARIUCCI ARENA
MIDWEST SPORTS CHANNEL LIVE & KSTP 1500-AM LIVE



Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers have been off since hosting the Mariucci Classic December 29-30.

WRESTLING



AT PENN STATE, FRI., JAN. 14 - 7:30 P.M. - UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.
AT OHIO STATE, SAT., JAN. 15 - 3 P.M. - COLUMBUS, OHIO

Last Week's Results:

- No. 4 Minnesota defeated No. 8 Nebraska 29-13 and No. 3 Oklahoma State 19-15 last weekend.

TENNIS

AT BIG TEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS, SAT.-MON., JAN. 15-17 - EAST LANSING, MICH.



Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers competed at the Milwaukee Tennis Classic in Milwaukee, Wis., all weekend.

GYMNASTICS



AT WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL, SAT., JAN. 15 - 7 P.M. - CHICAGO, ILL.

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gopher men's gymnastics team opened their season with their annual loss to the alumni.

TRACK AND FIELD

NORTHWEST OPEN, SAT., JAN. 15 - FIELDHOUSE



Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers opened their 2000 indoor season with their annual Early Bird Invitational.

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G Y M N A S T I C S

will also be looked upon to provide Minnesota strong leadership. Sophomores Todd



LAST WEEK'S MEET: The University of Minnesota men's alumni gymnastics team defeated the varsity by a score of 223.35-216.05 in the 33rd annual alumni meet held

Saturday afternoon at the Sports Pavilion. Leading the way for the alumni team was former Golden Gopher greats John Roethlisberger and Tim LaFleur who each won two events. Roethlisberger won the pommel horse with a score of 9.85 and the still rings with a score of 9.7, while LaFleur won the floor exercise with a score of 9.3 and the horizontal bar with a score of 9.55. Frank Ticknor won the all-around with a score of 55.35. For the varsity team, senior Ryan Winterbourne won the parallel bars competition with a score of 9.65. He also was the varsity's highest finisher in the all-around with a score of 53.45, good enough for third place. Senior Chad Conner finished in a tie for second place on the horizontal bar with a score of 9.5 and freshman Clay Strother finished second on the floor exercise with a score of 9.15.

THE NEW MILLENIUM: The Golden Gophers look to jump into the new millennium and leave behind the previous two seasons that saw them finish in the lower half of the Big Ten Conference in consecutive years for the first time since the early 1970s. Returning for Minnesota this season is a group of talented seniors that should provide a solid leadership core for the Maroon and Gold. Leading that group will be Ryan Winterbourne. Winterbourne is one of three returning gymnasts who advanced to the NCAA East Regional last Spring. He was also Minnesota's highest all-around finisher at the Big Ten Championships. Seniors Chad Conner, Bart Cramer and Matt Kieffer

Guilbeau and Justin Conner turned in impressive freshmen campaigns and will be expected to contribute for the Golden Gophers.

THE NEW GUYS: Joining the fray this season for the Golden Gophers are four talented freshmen, two of which make an immediate impact on the starting line up. Tim Koehler and Clay Strother join the Maroon and Gold with impressive credentials and will be counted on to make contributions to this team from the start of the season. Strother was fifth at the junior national championships last year.

WHO IS ON THE SCHEDULE THIS YEAR: Minnesota's 2000 schedule is not unlike any other year. They will face the gauntlet of Big Ten teams, which currently boasts three of the top five teams in the nation, including defending national champion Michigan. Included perennial top five Nebraska in the mix and it has all the makings of one of the toughest schedules in the nation. Minnesota will have the luxury of having four meets on its home floor. The first home dual meet is Saturday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m., when Minnesota will take on the Illinois Fighting Illini.

NEXT WEEK: The Golden Gophers open up the 2000 season at the Windy City Invite being held at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Minnesota will look to break a string of two consecutive seventh-place finishes.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Date	Opponent
Jan. 8	Alumni Meet/L, 223.35-216.05
Jan. 15	Windy City Invitational
Jan. 22	Illinois/1 p.m.
Jan. 29	Iowa/Noon
Feb. 4	Michigan/7 p.m.
Feb. 5	Michigan State/7 p.m.
Feb. 11-12	Winter Cup/Las Vegas, N.V.
Feb. 19	Ohio/7 p.m.
March 4	U of Chicago-Illinois/1 p.m.
March 11	Nebraska/1 p.m.
March 17-18	*Big Ten Championships/7 p.m.
March 30	#NCAA Qualifying Meet/1 & 7 p.m.
March 31	#NCAA Championships/7 p.m.
April 1	#NCAA Championships/2 p.m.

bold signifies home meet

* Michigan State University - East Lansing, Mich.

University of Iowa - Iowa City, Iowa

2000 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Chad Conner	SR	Dallas, Texas
Justin Conner	SO	Dallas, Texas
Bart Cramer	SR	Edina, Minn.
Lindsey Fang	SR	Allentown, Pa.
Robert Goss	JR	Kenosha, Wis.
Todd Guilbeau	SO	Houston, Texas
Brian Hutchinson	FR	Floodwood, Minn.
Matthew Kieffer	SR	Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
Tim Koehler	FR	North Bergen, N.J.
Allen Sopko	JR	Brookfield, Wis.
Jason Stingle	FR	Waukesha, Wis.
Clay Strother	FR	Jasper, Texas
Ryan Winterbourne	SR	Anaheim, Calif.

Head Coach: Fred Roethlisberger (Wisconsin, '66)

Assistant Coaches: Thom Glielmi, Russ Fystrom

Volunteer Coach: John Roethlisberger

Trainer: Tom Kiff



SWIMMING & DIVING



MINNESOTA DIVERS FAIR

WELL IN ALL-AMERICAN DIVING INVITATIONAL:

The University of Minnesota divers competed in the All-American Diving Invitational held at the University of Texas. The competition began on Wednesday and will conclude on Sunday.

Junior **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin Park, Minn.) placed second in the one-meter diving competition with 524.30 points, while teammates **SHANE HILLSLEY** (Longmont, Colo.) and **ADAM WHITE** (Hopkins, Minn.) were 20th and 21st respectively with 212.65 points and 208.56 points.

Croaston placed fifth in the three-meter diving with 502.60, with teammate **BEN HERDT** (East Lansing, Mich.) placing 21st with 229.95 points and Hillsley finishing 22nd with 229.10 points.

Croaston also placed second in the men's one meter springboard finals with 360.40 points. Former University of Minnesota diver P.J. Bogart placed first in the event with 389.35 points.

The University of Minnesota swimming and diving team has moved up in the polls. They are currently eighth in the country after spending the last two weeks at No. 9.

CROASTON PLACES EIGHTH IN PLATFORM DIVING AT THE ALL-AMERICAN DIVING INVITATIONAL:

Junior Dan Croaston placed eighth in the platform diving competition of the All-American Diving Invitational held at the University of Texas. He scored 435.05 points. He was only one of three collegiate divers to place in the top 15.

Croaston also placed second in his division and fourth overall for the annual Austin Cup, an honor which is given each year to the meet's top male and female divers on the three-meter springboard.

The Golden Gophers will travel to Iowa on Jan. 22, to take part in a dual meet against the Hawkeyes.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Oct. 16	Intrasquad Meet	No Team Scores
Oct. 29	Alumni Meet	No Team Scores
Nov. 5-6	N. Carolina	W, 235-135
	Nebraska	W, 247-123
Nov. 13	Northwestern	W, 198-95
Nov. 19-21	Minnesota Invitational	1st/12 teams
Dec. 3-5	Texas Invitational	No Team Scores
Jan. 22	Iowa	2 p.m.
Jan. 28-29	Triple Duals	All Day
Feb. 4-5	Minnesota Challenge	6 p.m.
Feb. 24-26	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
March 5	Go-Pher It Invitational	Aquatic Center
March 9-11	NCAA Diving Zone Qual.	Aquatic Center
March 23-25	NCAA Championships	Aquatic Center

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Keam Ang	Jr.	Ipoh, Malaysia
Mark Atoowd	Fr.	Alexandria, Minn.
Ryan Ayres	Jr.	Snellville, Ga.
Ben Bartell	So.	Grafton, Wis.
David Batulis	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Ben Baumann	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.
Max von Bodungen	So.	Malmo, Sweden
Chris Brunson	Fr.	Madison, Wis.
Blair Buccicone	So.	Rochester, Minn.
Grant Butler	Jr.	West Bend, Wis.
Dan Croaston	Jr.	Champlin, Minn.
Brandon Crook	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Travis Crow	So.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Mark Dillion	Fr.	Cumberland, R.I.
Ricardo Dornelas	So.	Jacaraide, Brazil
Chris Forrest	So.	Appleton, Wis.
Karl Frisinger	Fr.	Napa, Calif.
Jeff Hackler	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Ben Herdt	Fr.	East Lansing, Mich.
Shane Hillsley	So.	Longmont, Colo.
Brian Howard	Sr.	Kearney, Mo.
Chad Krastins	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Ryan L'Roy	Fr.	Beaverton, Ore.
Mike Mahoney	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Dov Malnik	So.	Rishon Le-Zion, Israel
Alex Massura	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Marc Maynard	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn.
Yoav Meiri	Sr.	Modein, Israel
Mike Melrose	Fr.	Eau Claire, Wis.
Allen Ong	Fr.	Perak, Malaysia
Brian Porter	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Shane Ryan	Fr.	Cross Plains, Wis.
Brandon Schindler	Sr.	Saratoga, Calif.
Tim Sheely	Jr.	Schaumburg, Ill.
Aaron Shilt	Fr.	Appleton, Wis.
Todd Smolinski	Fr.	St. John, Ind.
Peter Sonstegard	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Matt Taylor	Fr.	Shorewood, Minn.
Nick Toumanoff	Fr.	Pewaukee, Wis.
Adam White	Fr.	Hopkins, Minn.

TENNIS



GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S TENNIS OPENS 2000 SEASON AT MILWAUKEE TENNIC CLASSIC: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team opened up the 2000 season competing in the Milwaukee Tennis Classic in Milwaukee, Wis., last weekend.

Advancing to the quarterfinal round was freshman Harsh Mankad. Mankad lost his quarterfinal match to Antonio Gordon of Texas Christian University 7-5, 6-4.

Mankad also teamed up with senior Martin Michalowski in doubles. The team advanced to the quarterfinals as well before they lost to Ben Miles and Chris Lewis of California 6-3, 7-6 (5).

Four Golden Gophers advanced to the second round before dropping out of the brackets. Junior Tyson Parry, the eight-seeded player, defeated Andreas Morfiadakis of DePaul 6-2, 6-1. He then met Christiaan Thall of South Alabama and lost 6-0, 6-2. Michalowski defeated Vincent Baudat of South Alabama 6-3, 6-4 in the first round before dropping out with a loss to No. 4-seeded Chris Sands of UCLA 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-1.

Freshman Nate McLain also lost in the second round. McLain defeated Peter Rebsamen of South Alabama 6-3, 7-6 (5) and then went on to lose to Andy Crews of Tennessee 7-5, 7-5. Sophomore Karl Sloss defeated Tony Daharsh of UW-Oshkosh in the first round 6-1, 6-2 before losing to the third seed Adam Carey of Tennessee 6-2, 6-0 in the second round.

Freshman Eric Robertson also competed for the Golden Gophers. Robertson met 11th-seeded Eric Jackson of North Carolina State in



the first round. Jackson defeated Robertson 6-3, 6-3.

MINNESOTA TOPS MARQUETTE

6-1: Following the Milwaukee Tennis Classic, Minnesota competed in a dual match with the University of Marquette.

The Golden Gophers defeated the Golden Eagles 6-1 after winning four singles matches and two doubles. Mankad, playing No. 1 singles, defeated Christophe Van Der Gucht 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Michalowski, at No. 2 singles, defeated Bant Condemiyes 6-1, 6-0. Also winning was McLain at the No. 4 singles position, a 6-2, 6-4 score over Justin Holsen. Sloss won his match at No. 5 singles, a 6-1, 6-1 score over Kent Davies.

Winning in doubles competition was Michalowski and junior Tyson Parry over Van Der Gucht and Brian Verban 8-3. Also winning in doubles was the freshman tandem of Robertson and Mankad, 8-4 over Holsen and Condemiyes.

MINNESOTA SET FOR BIG TEN SINGLES: The University of Minnesota will travel to East Lansing, Mich., next weekend to compete in the Big Ten Singles Championships, Jan. 15-17. Last year Minnesota senior Tom Chicoine reached the championship match, but did not capture the title.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Jan. 4-9	Milwaukee Tennis Classic/No Team Scores
Jan. 7	University of Marquette/W, 6-1
Jan. 15-17	Big Ten Singles Championships
Jan. 21-22	Ice Volleys (98th Street Racquet Club)
Feb. 6	Penn State
Feb. 12-13	SMU Invite
Feb. 19	Virginia Tech
Feb. 19	Ohio State
Feb. 25-27	National Team Indoors
March 3-5	Corpus Christi Invitational
March 18	Michigan State (98th Street Racquet Club)
March 19	Michigan (98th Street Racquet Club)
March 26-31	BYU Invitational (Hawaii)
April 8	Wisconsin
April 9	Iowa
April 14	Illinois (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 15	Northwestern (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 22	Purdue (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 23	Indiana (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 27-30	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)

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Jorge Duenas	Jr.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Thomas Haug	So.	Zurich, Switzerland
Harsh Mankad	Fr.	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Ed Marques	Jr.	Brasillia, Brazil
Nathan McLain	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn.
Martin Michalowski	Jr.	Ottawa, Ontario
Tyson Parry	Jr.	Chatham, Ontario
Eric Robertson	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Karl Sloss	So.	Kildeer, Ill.
Steve Solberg	Fr.	Fridley, Minn.
Jon Svensson	Jr.	Kristianstad, Sweden



TRACK & FIELD



GOLDEN GOPHERS KICK OFF INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD SEASON BY HOSTING THE NORTHWEST OPEN:

The 1999-2000 Golden Gopher track and field team is set to kick off the indoor season by hosting the annual Northwest Open on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Minnesota fared well in last year's contest by winning seven individual titles. **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn.) won the 600m dash with a time of 1:19.46 and teammate **Adam Freed** (Proctor, Minn.) took second place with a time of 1:21.28.

Erik Hartmark captured top honors in the 3,000m run with a winning time of 8:37. Marcus Westberry finished first in the long jump with a jump of 23-4, while Tyler McCormick took second with a jump of 23-0.

Justin Asher placed first in the shot put with a throw of 54-11 1/4, while Adam Reed took second with a throw of 54-3 1/4.

Benjamin Jensen captured first in the pole vault with a vault of 17-4 1/2.

This year, the Golden Gophers will have to do without the services of six-time Big Ten Champion Staffan Strand and Big Ten Champion Benjamin Jensen, but have several Big Ten scorers coming back in 1999 Big Ten Champion Gerding and Big Ten Champion **ERIC PIERCE** (Forest Lake, Minn.).

Minnesota is at home through the month of January and will take their first road trip of the Indoor season on Feb 11-12 when they travel to Ames, Iowa, to take part in the Cyclone Classic.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

January

Jan. 8	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse
Jan. 15	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse
Jan. 22	Iowa/South Dakota	UM Fieldhouse
	/Wisconsin	
Jan. 29	Marquette/Georgia/	
	S.W. Missouri	UM Fieldhouse

February

Feb. 5	Drake/Minn. St.	UM Fieldhouse
Feb. 11-12	Cyclone Classic	Ames, Iowa
Feb. 18	Snowshoe	UM Fieldhouse
Feb. 26-27	Big Ten Indoor	Bloomington, Ind.

March

March 3	NCAA Qualifying	Ames, Iowa
March 10-11	NCAA Indoor	Fayetteville, Ark.
March 24-25	Baldy Castillo	Tempe, Ariz.

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Scott Bergen	So.	Hortonville, Wis.
Josh Brang	Sr.	Winona, Minn.
Steve Burkholder	Sr.	Superior, Wis.
Nate Clay	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Joey Corr	So.	Redmond, Wash.
Christopher Dixon	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Zach Edmonson	So.	Ballwin, Mo.
Michael Ehlers	So.	Red Wing, Minn.
Mark Fahey	Jr.	Scandia, Minn.
Erik Foley	Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.

Adam Freed	So.	St. Paul, Minn.
Thoams Gerding	Jr.	Waconia, Minn.
Neil Hanson	Fr.	Granada, Minn.
Toby Henkels	So.	Worthington, Minn.
Marc Johannsen	Jr.	Miller, S.D.
Andy Kummer	So.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Glenn Lindqvist	Sr.	Aland, Finland
Linus Lindroth	Fr.	
Brent Loberg	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Ryan Mack	Fr.	Ukiah, Calif.
Jesse Madsen	Jr.	Menomonie, Wis.
Wil McComb	Fr.	Midmay, Ontario, Canada
Lyndon McDowell	So.	Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada
Andrew McKessock	So.	Bognor, Ontario, Canada
Ryan Melena	Fr.	Arden Hills, Minn.
Ben Meyer	Jr.	Pine Island, Minn.
Brian Meyer	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn.
Luke Mullranin	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Jason Owen	Jr.	Stewartville, Minn.
Joe Palke	Fr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jayne Pantekoek	So.	Mankato, Minn.
Eric Pierce	Sr.	Lino Lakes, Minn.
Jeremy Polson	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.
Mitchell Potter	Fr.	Isanti, Minn.
Matthew Prebil	Fr.	Blaine, Minn.
Robert Quade	Jr.	Sherburn, Minn.
Erik Quam	So.	Alexandria, Minn.
Lynden Reder	Fr.	Luverne, Minn.
Fred Rodgers	Jr.	Hamilton, Ohio
Steve Slattery	So.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
Chuck Smith	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn.
Matthew Stark	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Adam Steele	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Michael Stoick	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.
Derek Sykes	Fr.	North Branch, Minn.
Ben Taylor	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Matt Taylor	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Scott Utne	So.	Falcon Heights, Minn.
Andrew Wiberg	Jr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jude Wimberger	Sr.	Fond du Lac, Wis.
Andy Wohlin	So.	St. Paul, Minn.