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Golden Gophers "Arrive" for 1978 Grid Season



Captain Stan Sytsma and Coach Cal Stoll

Saturday Afternoon Fever Is '78 Gold Country Theme

Saturday Afternoon Fever! That's the theme in Gold Country these days as Coach Cal Stoll's Gophers prepare for the rapidly approaching 1978 college football season.

The "fever" spread in epidemic proportions not quite a year ago when the Gophers drilled Michigan 16-0, brought the coveted Little Brown Jug home and began its march on Birmingham, ALA. and the first annual Hall of Fame Classic.

Now that the fever is at its highest reading since those glorious days of the Golden Era and could reach a new pitch six times in Memorial Stadium this fall, several special "days" are on tap for Gopher football fans in hopes of making that a reality.

On Sept. 16, Minnesota kicks off its '78 campaign against Toledo with a Cap Day venture which is designed to offer free admission to the season opener to anyone who purchased an official \$5 Gold Country cap at the recent State Fair or through the U of M athletic ticket office prior to 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15.

The Gophers host Ohio State on Sept. 23 in the Big Ten Opener, and then on Oct. 7 entertain Oregon State in a game billed as Industry Day. Members of the Graduate "M" Club are spearheading a drive to attract fans from area business and industry, and they'll be joined by more than 5,000 high school band members and cheerleaders who also will be in Memorial Stadium as part of Band Day.

American Legion Day is scheduled Oct. 14 when Iowa invades Memorial Stadium. This will be the third annual Legion event (the first two attracted 2,000 members and friends) which offers the U of M an opportunity to tip its hat to Operation Heartbeat. This year American Legion members from Iowa also have been invited to participate and watch the battle for Floyd of Rosedale.

Homecoming, which could be the biggest extravaganza of its kind in years, is slated Nov. 4 when Minnesota takes on Indiana, and then on Nov. 18 the 1978 home season will draw to a close when Illinois plays here in the annual Parents' Day event.

An "arriving" University of Minnesota Football team will make six appearances in Memorial Stadium this fall with the lid-lifter on tap against the University of Toledo on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The fact that three of last year's standouts were taken in the second round of the 1978 NFL draft has lead head coach Cal Stoll to a pair of logical pre-season conclusions and in the process gives Gopher fans a reason to appear optimistic when discussing the upcoming campaign.

"First" Stoll says, "it means we have three giant holes to fill because of the loss of linebackers Michael Hunt and Steve Stewart as well as defensive end Mark Merrill. Second, and more important, it means our program has come of age."

There are more holes in Minnesota's lineup created by graduation losses than the three mentioned, but Stoll believes "We have better material returning than in any of our six previous years at Minnesota. We had our best spring practice ever in terms of accomplishment, in improved concepts and in techniques. Player attitude was excellent."

Stoll also points to other evidence of Minnesota football arriving. "Another plus for our program came at the end of last season," he says. "After finishing 7-4 with major victories over Michigan, UCLA and Washington, we received an invitation to play in the first Hall of Fame Classic at Birmingham, ALA. That we lost 17-7 is one thing. That we gained three extra weeks of practice, experience and exposure for our players and program is another."

One item underscoring Stoll's hope for 1978 is the return of 31 lettermen and an additional delegation of players with game experience. Heading the list is Captain Stan Sytsma (6-2, 222 Sr.) at defensive end. According to his coaches, Sytsma could be the best at his position in the Big Ten this season. He was third in all tackle points last fall and led the Gophers in sacks with 12 for 67 yards in losses.

At quarterback, two lettermen who carried the load at that spot last season return in Wendell Avery (6-0, 182 Jr.) and Mark Carlson (5-11, 188 Jr.) but both will be pushed by transfer Mark Tonn (6-5½, 215 Jr.)

The rest of the offensive backfield is loaded with veterans. Three lettermen return at fullback. They are NCAA record-smashing Kent Kitzmann (6-2½, 204 Jr.), powerful Jeff Thompson (6-2, 211 Jr.) and fleet Garry White (5-11, 188 So.)

Kitzmann, Minnesota's leading rusher the last two years, shocked the college football world last November when he set a new national standard by carrying the ball an amazing 57 times in Minnesota's 21-0 win at Illinois. In the process, he gained 266 yards and scored all three touchdowns. He didn't lose a single yard rushing last fall, either.

At tailback are two exceptional performers. Marion Barber (6-2½, 200 So.), who was second only to Kitzmann among Minnesota rushers in '77, and quick-stepping Roy Artis (6-2, 179 So.) are the keys to the Gophers' outside game this time around. Both won letters in their yearling seasons.

Two more monogram winners return at wingback. They are Elmer Bailey (6-½, 194 Jr.) and Steve Breault (6-0, 192 Sr.). That pair will be pushed, however, by Ray Dilulo (5-11½, 211 So.) for the starting position. Dilulo sat out all of last fall with an injury.

One half of Stoll's kicking game presents no problems. Record-setting Paul Rogind (5-10, 174 Jr.) owns all but two U of M place kicking marks and last fall ranked among the nation's leaders. He connected on all 14 of his conversion tries and hit 18 of 26 field goal attempts. Four of these three-pointers provided the margin of victory for Minnesota in '77. He also handles the kickoff task equally as well.

Gophers to Vie for Cage and Ice Honors

The winter sports seasons at Minnesota might find Coach Jim Dutcher's cagers and Coach Herb Brooks' icemen battling for honors in the Big Ten Conference and the Western Collegiate Hockey Association respectively.

Dutcher looks ahead to the 1978-79 season with the opinion that it is "The start of a new era. We've just finished a fantastic three years," he points out, "but people like Mychal Thompson, Osborne Lockhart and Dave Winey are gone, and we'll start out this year shooting for the top again with a lot of new people."

Five lettermen do return. Topping the list will be starters Keven McHale, 6-11 junior forward from Hibbing, and James Jackson, 6-4 junior guard from Chicago, Ill. Other monogram winners back this year will be David Carroll, Bill Duffy and Brian Pederson.

And while those cagers will have a lot to say about Minnesota's potential in '78-'79, the real hope for the future rests squarely on the shoulders of a handful of highly touted incoming freshmen.

Most of the nation's scouting and rating services have indicated that the University of Minnesota had the best recruiting year of any school in the country. If that holds true, it should be good news for Gopher cage fans.

Topping the list of promising newcomers may be Darryl Mitchell, a 6-4 guard from Miami, FLA., who is a prep All-American and became a standout in numerous post-season all-star games. Also heading for Minnesota from Florida will be Gary Holmes, a 6-10 center from Miami who was named his state's Mr. Prep Basketball this past year.

Mark Hall, a 6-2 guard from Springfield, MASS., averaged 38 points per game in his senior year and was named New England's Prep Player of the Year. Leo Rautins, a 6-7 forward from Toronto, Ontario, was the outstanding high school player in Canada this past season while Trent Tucker, a 6-5 guard-forward from Flint, MICH., averaged 29 points a game as a senior and was named honorary captain of Michigan's All-State team.

All in all, it makes for quite an aggregation, and when combined with such veterans as McHale, Jackson and group could provide quite a year of entertainment in Williams Arena.

On the hockey front, Coach Brooks figures his contingent has earned its place in the sun. "We've been paying our dues

for a couple of seasons," he says, "and we hope this is the year we get back on top of things."

Brooks remains optimistic and says "We have brought along a very young group the last couple of years. The group now appears mature and ready, but we need consistency, improved defensive play and good health."

Leading the way in '78-'79 are stalwarts Bill Baker, senior captain elect at defense; alternate captains Phil Verchota, senior left wing; and Steve Christoff, junior center.

Last season Christoff set a torrid scoring pace to become only the third player in U of M history to notch more than 30 goals in a single campaign. He ended the year with 32 goals and 34 assists for 66 points.

His wingmates also return. Don Micheletti will be on the left and Tim Harrer on the right. Both are juniors. Other key returnees include junior centers Rob McClanahan and Eric Strobel. In addition, John Meredith, a junior and sophs Steve Ulseth and Dave Terwilliger return on the wings.

Defensive returnees include senior Joe Baker, Junior Mike Greeder and sophomores Bob Bergloff and Steve Pepper. Steve Janaszak also is back in goal.

That impressive array of icemen, plus several reserves back from a year ago and another fine crop in incoming freshmen could combine efforts to return Minnesota to its "glory years" of 1974, 1975, and 1976 when Brooks and Co. stood the hockey world on its collective ears with three straight trips to the NCAA tourney, a WCHA title and two national crowns.

HOME COMING GREAT IN '78

University of Minnesota administrators, students, staff and alumni are working together to build a better Homecoming for 1978 and the future. Emphasis is being placed on "coming home" of the Minnesota Alumni. At "home" at the University, there will be events and receptions that bring together members of the entire University community—students, faculty/staff, alumni and townspeople throughout the week of October 30 through November 4.

Events and activities include:

- * College Days - Gatherings of distinguished alumni, faculty and students. This activity is expected to grow in future years to include all University colleges.
- * Recreational Sports Tournament - This will be a week long series of games. Participants will include students, faculty/staff, and alumni.
- * Concerts - The theme of Homecoming will be the 20's. Jazz concerts will recreate some of the 20's atmosphere.
- * Dances - Again a return to the 20's.
- * Receptions - Coffman Union will be a reception center for everyone on Saturday. There will also be college and campus groups (e.g. fraternities and sororities) receptions during the week and on Saturday.
- * Homecoming Barbeque - a \$2.50 annual Homecoming luncheon at Williams Arena from 11 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. featuring Bar-B-Que beef sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips, salad, ice cream, milk or coffee AND special entertainment provided by the Gopher Pep Band and Cheerleaders just before the Homecoming Parade.
- * Homecoming Game - The University of Indiana will furnish the opposition for Minnesota at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. Last year Indiana beat Minnesota 34-22 in Bloomington, but the Gophers lead in the series, 25-11-3. Minnesota has faced Indiana in Homecoming games at Memorial Stadium on three previous occasions. In 1948, the Gophers won over the Hoosiers 30-7. In 1953 the U of M again prevailed 28-20. And in 1957, Minnesota made it three in a row for the Alumni with a resounding 34-0 triumph.
- * Parade and House Decorations will prevail by the end of Homecoming Week, with most of the special events and the competition in those areas taking place Friday and Saturday.

Overall, the atmosphere of the 20's will prevail. The new spirit of the 70's will rise, and a revived dedication to Homecoming '78 promises a week of fervor and excitement at the University of Minnesota Oct. 30 through Nov. 4.

Summer Baseball Idea Super

A new concept in summer baseball competition for collegians has been pronounced a rousing success, "super" by Dick Siebert, veteran baseball coach at the University of Minnesota and "inventor" of the new program.

"We had a four-team collegiate league here in Minnesota for the past several years," Siebert said, "but it became increasingly difficult to operate. It became a buddy-buddy league where everybody knew everybody else. We played each other too many times. It was becoming difficult to attract enough quality players, and it became difficult to secure financial sponsors."

That sounds like reason (or reasons) enough to try something else. And that's exactly what the "Chief" did in 1978.

"Virgil Hegeholtz, a successful banker from the Red River Valley area of North Dakota and Minnesota came to me with an offer for financial support," Siebert said, "and we jumped at it."

The new program? It was simply the formation of one team, all in compliance with NCAA and Big Ten regulations, to travel throughout the state playing a series of games.

"It allowed us to put all our available talent on one team and to play together in almost 50 games," Siebert pointed out. "It enabled us to play a lot of different teams in a lot of different areas of Minnesota. We played games every weekend, and our kids loved it."

Siebert added that the new concept proved successful in towns all around the State of Minnesota. "The fans loved it too," he said. "We attracted a lot of people and in essence became ambassadors for the University of Minnesota. It was a good, workable and beneficial program that we hope to see continued in the future."

Bierman Briefs

Several New Faces Added To Gold Country Staff Picture

Several new faces have been added to the University of Minnesota Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department staff picture for the 1978-79 year in a variety of equally important capacities.

Although not new to the campus, the appointment of Jesse Evans to the U of M basketball staff as a full-time assistant coach is new this year after serving as a part-time assistant for the past two seasons. He replaces Terry Kunze who resigned to accept a post at East Carolina.

Evans played for Coach Jim Dutcher at Eastern Michigan in the late 1960's after a fine prep career at Pontiac Central. He coached at the junior high school level for one year before moving over to junior varsity and varsity duties at Flint Northwestern prior to joining the Gopher staff in 1976.

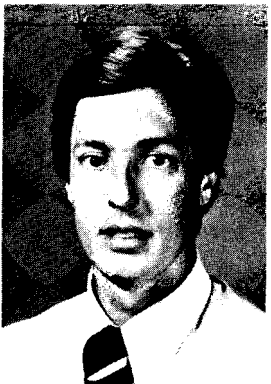


Stu Starner, meanwhile, moves onto the scene as a real newcomer to fill the post previously held by Evans. Starner will take a one-year sabbatical leave from his coaching and teaching duties at Richfield High School to cast his lot with the U of M.

A native of Hoffman, Starner played his college ball at the University of Minnesota, Morris, and coached at Wabasso High School before moving to Richfield in 1968. His 1973 and 1974 Spartan cagers finished as Class AA runners-up in the state prep tourneys.

Another "not so new" face to the Gopher scene this year will be Greg Harvey, a 1968-69-70 U of M golf letterman and co-captain who returns to the campus this year to take over as golf coach.

Harvey, who finished fourth in the Big Ten individual golf race as a senior, replaces Rick Ehrmanntraut who resigned this past spring after three years at the helm of the Gophers. Harvey has served as assistant professional at Bunker Hills in his home town of Coon Rapids the past two seasons while earning his degree from the U of M Dental School. Now he'll take



Over as Minnesota's golf coach on a part-time basis while also being associated with a dental group in St. Paul.

Ray Zingler also moves onto the Gold Country scene as the newest addition to Cal Stoll's football coaching Staff. It's a re-union of sorts, for Zingler was recruited by Stoll to play for him at Utah State in 1952.

A native of New Jersey, Zingler has coached at Trenton State College and at the high school level in his home state for the past 20 years and has sent several of his products, including current Gopher linebacking candidate Glen Howard and split end Chester Cooper, to the U of M. He'll be working with Minnesota's tight ends.

Another new face at Bierman Building this year is Mary Ann Ryan who takes over as the assistant secretary for the Williams Fund. A graduate of Richfield High School, Mary Ann is 21, single and now lives at home with her parents in Hopkins. Her hobbies include softball, camping and crafts, but she maintains her main interest in "sports" with the Minnesota Gophers at the top of her list.



Terry Kunze, a member of the University of Minnesota basketball coaching staff both as a student assistant and full time assistant, has departed the Gold Country scene for a new tutoring assignment. This fall Kunze joins Larry Gillman, another former U of M coach, as assistant coach at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. Kunze is a native of Duluth and a former Gopher cager.

★ ★ ★
Coach Jim Dutcher's U of M Cagers, who led the Big Ten Conference in basketball attendance for the second straight year last season, moved into the national "fans attracted" picture during the 1977-78 campaign. Minnesota's home attendance figures, as announced by the NCAA, show that the Gophers attracted 223,336 in 15 assignments for an average of 14,889 to place them behind Kentucky (23,335), New Mexico (17,240) and Brigham Young (17,168). Minnesota's average "Home" attendance figures probably should be higher, since the NCAA includes the two games played in the Pillsbury Classic at the Met Center as home crowds even though those two games are not part of the U of M's season ticket package at Williams Arena.

★ ★ ★
Judy Kenady (Smith), assistant cashier and a U of M athletic department employee for the past nine years, delivered (without a 50¢ handling charge) a six pound, two ounce baby boy on July 31. Baby, (named Jay Christopher), mother and father all are doing fine, and Judy expects to be back on the job in the ticket office after a two month leave of absence.

★ ★ ★
Eric Strobel, Gopher hockey player from Rochester, was one of eight U of M icemen who participated in the National Sports Festival in Colorado this past July. Others were Steve Christoff, Billy Baker, Steve Ulseth, Phil Verchota, Rob McClanahan, Steve Janaszak, and Tim Harrer. In addition, Gopher basketball recruit Darryl Mitchell was the talk of that event's basketball competition when he led his team to the Gold Medal with games of 19 and 22 points.

★ ★ ★
Dick Mattson, veteran Gopher equipment manager and self-proclaimed eternal bachelor who, according to former U of M athletes has been hearing bells for years, listened to wedding bells in mid-July when marrying the former Lu Ann Thomas of Foley. They'll be making their home in Roseville while Matts continues his duties in Gold Country and Lu Ann works as a secretary for UNIVAC.

Harriers to Host NCAA IV

★ ★ ★
Minnesota's harriers will play host to the 1978 NCAA District IV cross country qualifying championships at the University of Minnesota Golf Course on Saturday, November 11.

Coach Roy Griak's Golden Gophers will be shooting for a high finish in that event, and their hopes probably will rest on six returning lettermen from last season's squad.

Steve Plasencia returns for his fourth year of cross country competition, having missed the 1975 season due to injury, and has previous Big Ten finishes of 19th, 4th, and 5th.

Plasencia should have strong competition from fellow senior Gerald Metzler, who hopes to avoid the injuries that hampered him in 1977 and improve upon 1976 and 1977 conference finishes of 31st and 39th.

Other returning seniors who will challenge in Big Ten cross country competition are Larry Berkner, Gordon Weaver and Dave Tappe. Berkner has finished 39th, 20th, and 38th; Weaver 57th, 28th, and 41st; and Tappe 50th and 43rd in previous conference meets.

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A Bierman Profile . . .

Ellen Downing No Whim

Webster's definition of whim reads, "a sudden turn or start of the mind, a notion or fancy."

It was basically a whim of Ellen Downing's that turned into a giant plus for the UM Men's Athletic Department...as she has been with us as secretary to the baseball, track and wrestling programs since June, 1974.

Her whim turned into a move from Des Moines, Iowa, to the Twin Cities.

"In 1974 I was working for the Iowa State Department of Revenue, Research Division," Ellen tells us, "but a co-worker and myself simply became restless and wanted to do something different.

"We had never heard anything bad about Minnesota or the Twin Cities, so we visited one weekend and that did it. We liked the area immediately and began looking for work.

"I actually ended up with a choice between two jobs at the University, and today I'm certainly glad I chose to join the athletic department staff."

"SO ARE WE," echo all three coaches in unison. Work is Ellen's middle name.

"I consider myself very fortunate to both have the type of job I really enjoy," Ellen continued, "and be able to work with the just plain super people at Bierman Building. Yes, I'm a fortunate gal."

A native of Greene, Iowa, located 50 miles south of Mason City, Ellen's first contact with athletics came through her father. As long as Ellen can remember she has been a loyal fan of the Minnesota Twins. She and her father made at least one trip a year, sometimes more, to watch "her" team at the Met.

"Isn't it ironic that baseball has always been one of my favorite sports and here I am working for the best college baseball coach in the country in Mr. Siebert," Ellen says. "But I enjoy equally working with Mr. Griak in track and Mr. Johnson in wrestling.

"To me, having the opportunity to not only attend but work at Gopher athletic events where I know both the coaches and players is about the most pleasing aspect of my job, It's twice the enjoyment as a spectator-worker to cheer the athletes you know personally compete for Minnesota."

Ellen played basketball and competed in track while in high school. Today she still plays basketball and also softball. Sewing is another hobby.

She later graduated from business school in Spencer, Iowa, before the move to Des Moines. However, her whim and restlessness coupled to give the UM athletic department a very special talent.

"I honestly can't remember just how we got along before Ellen joined our staff," says Siebert speaking also for Griak and Johnson. "Together my fellow coaches and I do everything we can to keep Ellen from getting any more whims."

1978-79 HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Site
Fri	Oct 20	North Dakota	Minot
Sat	Oct. 21	North Dakota	Eveleth
Fri-Sat	Oct. 27-28	WISCONSIN	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Nov. 3-4	Michigan St.	East Lansing
Fri-Sat	Nov. 10-11	NOTRE DAME	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Nov. 17-18	Duluth	Duluth
Fri-Sat	Nov. 24-25	Colorado Coll.	Col. Springs
Sat-Sun*	Dec. 2-3	MICHIGAN	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Dec. 15-16	North Dakota	Grand Forks
Fri-Sat**	Dec. 22-23	PRINCETON	Williams Arena
Wed	Dec. 27	HARVARD	Williams Arena
Thu	Dec. 28	YALE	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Jan. 5-6	Michigan	Ann Arbor
Sat-Sun*	Jan. 13-14	DULUTH	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Jan. 19-20	Wisconsin	Madison
Fri-Sat	Jan. 26-27	Denver	Denver
Sat-Sun*	Feb. 3-4	MICHIGAN ST.	Williams Arena
Sat-Sun*	Feb. 10-11	COLORADO COLL.	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Feb. 16-17	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
Fri-Sat	Feb. 23-24	MICHIGAN TECH	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Mar. 2-3	NORTH DAKOTA	Williams Arena

*Saturday and Sunday games are both 2:00 p.m.

**Only Saturday game at 2:00 p.m.

1978-79 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Sat	Nov. 25	IDAHO	Williams Arena
Tue	Nov. 28	Nebraska	Lincoln
Sat	Dec. 2	LOYOLA	Williams Arena
Tue	Dec. 5	Kansas State	Manhattan
Sat	Dec. 16	Marquette	Milwaukee
Wed	Dec. 20	SOUTH FLORIDA	Williams Arena
Sat	Dec. 23	SOUTH CAROLINA	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Dec. 29-30	Pillsbury Classic	Met Center
Thu	Jan. 4	Michigan	Ann Arbor
Sat*	Jan. 6	Michigan St.	E. Lansing
Thu	Jan. 11	INDIANA	Williams Arena
Sat	Jan. 13	Northwestern	Williams Arena
Thu	Jan. 18	Ohio State	Columbus
Sat	Jan. 20	WISCONSIN	Williams Arena
Thu	Jan. 25	PURDUE	Williams Arena
Sat	Jan. 27	Iowa	Iowa City
Thu	Feb. 1	Illinois	Champaign
Sat	Feb. 3	IOWA	Williams Arena
Thu	Feb. 8	Wisconsin	Madison
Sat	Feb. 10	ILLINOIS	Williams Arena
Thu	Feb. 15	OHIO STATE	Williams Arena
Sat	Feb. 17	Purdue	Lafayette
Thu	Feb. 22	Northwestern	Evanston
Sat*	Feb. 24	Indiana	Bloomington
Thu	Mar. 1	MICHIGAN STATE	Williams Arena
Sat*	Mar. 3	MICHIGAN	Williams Arena

*Afternoon game



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TIME OUT

Close to \$420,000 was raised for Men's Intercollegiate Athletics through contributions to the Williams and Williams Scholarship Funds in fiscal year 1977-1978 ending June 30, 1978. This represents a gain in excess of \$25,000 over last year and once again fund raising events played a major role in generating added income to our Men's Intercollegiate Athletic program which is **totally self-supporting**. Highlights of the years Williams Fund events were:

- 1) Pillsbury Classic in December which the Golden Gophers won handily netted the Williams Fund "a whopping" \$32,000 through the efforts of George Masko, Sara Tomes, Jim Tucker, Gordie Nevers, their committee and the great Pillsbury Company. A truly outstanding event, with an exciting line-up of teams for this coming year including Houston, Georgia Tech. and Brigham Young. And of course the **GOLDEN GOPHERS**.
- 2) Bob Pillsbury (Minnesota Football Fans Inc.) along with Steve Critelli, owner of the popular Monte Carlo Restaurant in downtown Minneapolis, annually host a Williams Fund "Monte Carlo" banquet with "celebs" from the sports world heading the event. This year's result—\$750!! Nice going, Steve and Bob!
- 3) Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest headed by Murray Warmath, Rollie Johnson, with help from Phil Perkins and "Doc" Wellman...and lots of Gophers helpers raised \$2,200 for the cause. (1978 special report elsewhere in the Chatter)
- 4) The 14th Annual St. Paul Stag at Midland Hills Country Club in November led by "old pros" Jack Fratzke, Paul Smith, Bob Keene, Mike Zaccardi, John Bloomquist, Chuck Herbst, Bill Lynch, and committee turned over \$6,700 to the Williams Fund.
- 5) One of the very first of all fund raisers for the Gophers was the Minneapolis Stag. This year's 13th Annual event at Little Jack's great restaurant honored "Nord East's" own "Butch" Nash. It was strictly S.R.O. It was the largest throng to ever attend an event at Little Jack's. They came from near and far to pay tribute to one of the Gopher's and Edison's all-time greats—Lawyers, Judges, Coaches, Friends, Players, and just plain fans honored "Butch" in one of our greatest events ever! John Kundla emceed the event and introduced—Coach Bud Grant of the Vikings, Murray
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Mychal Thompson, Paul Giel, Jay Dyer and Al McGuire gather at the Wayzata Sportacular where more than \$71,000 was raised for the Williams Fund in May of '78.

JOHNSON WINS WALLEYE FISHING CONTEST

Lenny Johnson of St. Cloud was the grand champion of the 1978 Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest.

A former University of Minnesota athlete who later became an NAIA All-America tackle at St. Cloud State University before playing professionally with the Minnesota Vikings and the New York Giants, Johnson gained first prize with his 12 pound, 1 ounce walleye.

Johnson made his catch at Lake Saganaga and claimed a 1978 Ford Pinto, provided by Northland Ford, as his first prize.

Runner-up in this year's contest was Terrance Ferrano of Fridley who entered a 12 pound walleye which he caught at North Lake. Ferrano claimed a combination Lund American Boat, Evinrude motor and Balko trailer as his prize.

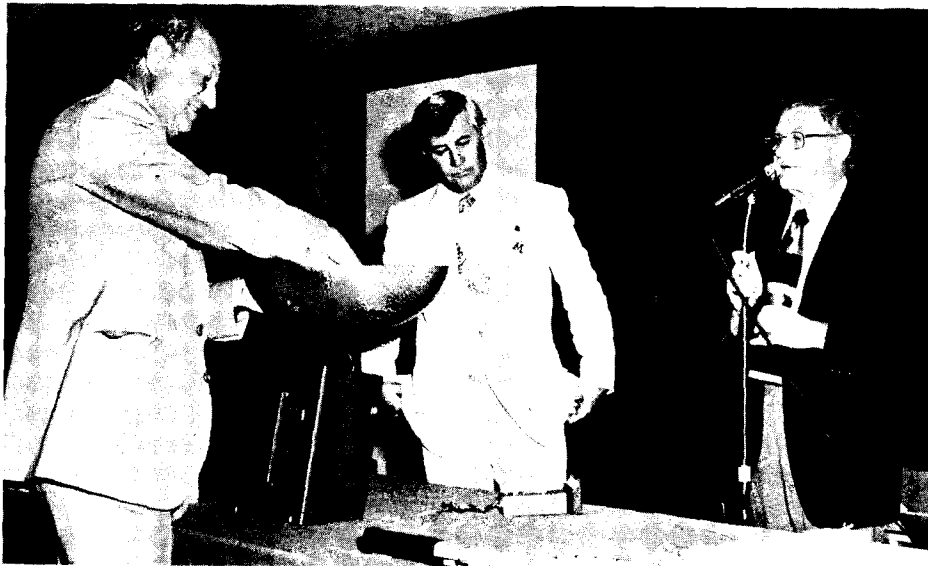
Sponsored by the men's intercollegiate athletic department at the University of Minnesota, the Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest again featured a \$1 button sale campaign and, with prizes donated by numerous companies and organizations from throughout the state, raised money for the U of M's Williams Fund.

SPECIAL NEWS

Although the 1978 Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest has not been officially finalized, we estimate the "net proceeds" will exceed \$20,000!! This is far and away the biggest and best Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest to date.

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Sid Cohen, Paul Giel and Ralph Green combine efforts to determine drawing prize winners during this 6th annual Oak Ridge All-Sports Day Williams Fund Outing.

Warmath (now assistant coach of the Vikings), John Gagliardi, coach at St. John's University, and a whole host of luminaries who lauded "Butch".

Jack Reshetar and his all-star committee did another outstanding job and presented the Williams Fund with a check for over \$11,000. P.S. The dinner as usual, was superb!

- 6) The 5th Annual Wine & Cheese Festival was held again in November and once again hosted by North Central Airlines at their marvelous facilities out on 4942 Northliner Drive. Vice-President, George Karnas of North Central Airlines, his great assistant, John Kohrer and staff, along with Connie Hansen of California wines and the entire Minnesota Wine Association spearheaded this gala event. Close to \$3,000 was shared by the Williams & Patty Berg Funds.
- 7) The 3rd Annual Arizona-Minnesota Williams Fund Golf Outing raised close to \$5,000 through golf and banquet which were held at the wonderful Pima Country Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. This fun outing is directed by WCCO's "Rollicking Rollie" Johnson, Murray Warmath, with loads of help from Chairman Waldo Hardell and his Sun City "All Stars"...Frank Pond, Dick Beiswanger, Wally Humphrey. The Phoenix-Scottsdale contingent was led by George Kreutzer and Bob Herberger. "Bouncy Billy" Bloedel headed a group from Rio Verde and "Pro" Don Waryan had some Fountain Hills players there as well. A great day and evening was enjoyed by all.
- 8) In May, the 2nd Annual Les Bolstad-Patty Berg Golf Outing was held at Golden Valley Country Club with proceeds going to both the Men's and Women's Inter-collegiate Athletic programs. It returned over \$3,000 for each program, thanks to the leadership of Jody Gumlja, Fritz Rohkohl and their co-workers.

- 9) On May 24th the 1st Annual Stan Sytsma Williams Fund Outing was held at Stan's home town of Hutchinson, Minnesota. Chuck Schmidt, Ron McGraw, Ed McCormick, and a super committee did an outstanding job of making the "Hutch" event the best first year event ever for the Williams Fund by bringing in close to \$7,500.

- 10) Then came the Wayzata Sportacular with dynamic Jaye Dyer and his talented task force of "Hunt Captains" and "Call Girls" (Dyco secretaries and wives) leading the way to a smashing return to the Williams Fund of over \$71,000! Truly an incredible achievement! Far and away our #1 Fund Raising Event!! The Sportacular was somewhat marred this year by an all day rain which prohibited the participants from "doing their thing at Wayzata & Woodhill Country Clubs, who had donated their superb facilities. However, dazzling Al McGuire "wowed" both the breakfast and luncheon crowds with his "slam dunk" style of oratory! Special salute to Wayne Jimmerson who sold over \$20,000 worth of Sportacular tickets.

- 11) The 6th Annual Oak Ridge All-Sports Day saw Chairman Sid Cohen and son, Richard, along with Bob Mahin, Spencer Dean, Ralph Green, Pat Richie, Ben Bernstein put together a great golf and tennis outing that produced over \$10,000 for the Gopher cause while enjoying a wonderful day and evening supervised by "Genial" George Burton, manager extraordinaire...

- 12) Next on the Hit Parade was the "Dick Wildung" Williams Fund 4th Annual Outing at scenic Redwood Falls. Headed by Dr. Mike Flinn, they came to honor Dick and the Gophers from all over western Minnesota and added close to \$2,500 to the Williams Fund coffers.

- 13) Lovely Sharon Harris and Pat Whichello co-chaired the 4th Annual North Suburban Williams

Fund Golf Outing at Bunker Hills Golf Club and Seasons Restuarant. Sports "celebs" from all over the area came to support the Gophers and greet special guest, ex-Gopher great, Don "Swede" Carlson who helped make the program a smashing success while raising \$5,600 for the program. Bruce Frank did a great job selling tickets.

- 14) Allan Krejci and the "Hormel Gang" along with an awesome array of Austin "Packers" turned the 6th Annual Austin Williams Fund Golf & Tennis Outing at the beautiful Austin Country Club into another great production for the Williams Fund. Over \$13,938 (and that ain't SPAM!) was turned over by Allan and his cohorts...Super job "Austin Al"!
- 15) In spite of rain, mud and the worst flood in Rochester history Charley Pappas, (Michaels Restaurant) and the great gang from the Kahler Hotel along with Stu Olson put on an absolutely great 5th Annual Roger Hagberg Williams Fund Golf Outing at the Rochester Country Club with a scrumptious dinner following at the wonderful Kahler Hotel. In spite of their disaster, a great group of over 200 people showed up to return over \$11,000 to the Williams Fund. What more can we say!
- 16) John Hildebrandt with help from his dad, Lin, Bill Crist and dozens of others helped make the "Pat Crist" Memorial Golf Outing another great event for the Williams Fund. Close to \$4,400 was presented to the Williams Fund by the Hastings troupe and everyone enjoyed a great day!
- 17) Another "fantastic" first year event was held in Virginia at the Virginia Country Club and municipal park. Actually, it was the 4th Annual Iron Range Williams Fund Golf & Tennis Outing—But, it was Virginia's first! Next year it will go to Grand Rapids then back to Hibbing where it all started with "Dutch" Weber. Even so, with help from "Dutch" Weber, Bob Prittinen (former Michigander), Virginia Co-Chairmen and Al Strand, really went to work and tied Hutchinson for the best 1st year event in Williams Fund history with \$7,500—The highlight of the day and evening was a "cook out" bar-b-que as only "iron rangers" can do it. Grand Rapids is '79—here we come!
- 18) The 2nd Annual St. Croix Valley Williams Fund Golf Outing was hosted by the Stillwater Country Club on June 19 and headed by that "human dynamo" Neil "For Real" Junker and his committee of Stillwater "Ponies" who galloped home with almost \$5,000 in their tremendous second year effort for the Gophers.
- 19) The First Annual "Riverside" Williams Fund Golf Outing was held at the Riverside Country Club midway between Blue Earth and Winnebago. Almost \$5,000 was raised for the Gophers with a great

- group of guys headed by chairman "Red" the "Flash" Faunden. They came from all over southern Minnesota and this event promises to be one of the best on our tour in future years.
- 20) Ev Edstrom, Bernie Wagnild and their great committee of Winona "wonders" outdid themselves once again in making the 3rd Annual Paul Giel Golf Outing another big winner for the Williams Fund. They turned over \$7,500 to Paul and staff and arranged a truly delightful day and evening of fun, highlighted by guest speaker "Sir Sidney Hartman" of the Minneapolis Tribune who "TOLD IT LIKE IT IS".
- 21) The 2nd Annual New Ulm Area Williams Fund Event showed another record year for the Golden Gophers when they returned close to \$5,000 to the fund. Ex-Gopher baseball star and chairman Jim Wallace did another "Grand Slam" job of heading up a great group of guys with emcee dapper Red Wycawski doing his usual splendid job at the mike.
- 22) B.I.G. G.O.L.D. That stands for Building Industries Gopher Golf Open - Laughs 'n Dinner - Headed by Charlie Herbst of U.S. Gypsum Company and a hard working committee, B.I.G. G.O.L.D. raised over \$3,700 for the Gophers. This is the first industry sponsored event for the Williams Fund and promises to be one of our biggest producers in the future! "Charlie and his angels" are already working on B.I.G. G.O.L.D. in 1979!
- 23) The 8th Annual Williams Celebrity Golf Outing at Midland Hills is the Williams Fund Outing that is the "Daddy of 'em all", headed by John Bloomquist (who gives his blood, sweat...yes, even tears). John is ably assisted by Mike Zaccardi, Jack Fratzke, Paul Smith, Bob Keene, Bill Lynch, Pat Phippen, Tom Baxter, Bruce Smith, Dave Gilman and Charlie Herbst. This event, each year, is unsurpassed for excitement, glamour and goodies. Close to \$12,000 was realized for the Williams Fund and a "Who's Who" list of celebrities "made the scene" to help the Gophers! Harry Zimmerman, the merry gentleman of mirth (and Hansord Leasing Company) handled the emceeing job with his usual eloquent style and a great day and evening was had by all!!
- 24) Although the final reports are not in as yet, the 4th Annual Bruce Smith Outing at the Faribault Country Club on June 26 provided a super day and an exciting evening with proceeds to the Williams Fund expected to hit close to \$3,000. Pete Boerboon heads this great outing each year and he, along with a great committee, does a super job of gathering the good folks from Faribault to honor Bruce Smith and aid the Gophers. This year was highlighted by the appearance of many of Bruce's former friends and teammates including former All-American & Hall of Fame Dick Wildung, Bill Garnaas, Bob Bjorklund, and Chuck Dellago to name a few.

- 25) The 4th Annual John Mariucci Williams Fund Golf Outing at Southview Country Club was another slam bang, "body checking" event with many former Gopher hockey stars paying tribute to "Jovial John" and "Happy Herbie". The event chaired by Dave Metzen, Ray Wheeler, Bruce Telander, Joel Bennett, Harlan Hendricks, Tom Baxter and "old pro" John Mayasich and others did a masterful job of raising over \$5,500 for the Gophers. That will take care of a lot of "slap shots"!
- 26) The 2nd Annual St. Peter-LeSueur Williams Fund Golf Outing was held this summer by the St. Peter townspeople and spearheaded by Mark Davis and Bill Pell and a super committee. The golf and dinner were held at the lovely Le Sueur Golf and Country Club and attended by many gents from the valley of the jolly green giant. Final results from this years event aren't in yet, but it promises to be a great event. Last year's outing netted over \$4,000!
- 27) Our First Annual Golden Gopher "Shootout" was held at the Minneapolis Gun Club in September. This event was the "brainchild" of "Rollicking Rollie" Johnson, Win Stephens, Jimmy Robinson, Bob Haag, Charley Jackson, Vern Aanenson, Bruce Reinecker, Dick Reed, Ray Schweigert, Dave Yaeger, Mike Schmidt, and others with the object being to get the areas top shooters together in a fun "shootout" for the Golden Gophers. They did! This great bunch of guys "shot 'em up" to the tune of \$3,400! All we can say is that's a "real blast"!
- 28) This summer, the 2nd Annual "Super Jack" Williams Fund Outing was held at the scenic Glenwood Golf Club. (Last years event was at Sauk Centre). This final event of the summer was put together by a great group of Super Valu and Jack 'N Jill Store people who wanted to do something to honor their bosses and associates, George and Len Jensen. So, Joe Rosenfield got together with co-chairmen Don Bishop, Jim "The Emcee" Plumpnik, Tom Stewart and other Super Jacks and put together a super event that has netted close to \$3,000 for the Gophers in the 2 fun events to honor their friends, Len and George, and to help the Golden Gophers. Thanks to our super friends from Super Valu!
- Time nor space does not permit us to recognize all of the people around the great State of Minnesota who have helped make our close to 30 Williams Fund events such outstanding successes. But we do want to give "special thanks" to—

- * The wonderful ladies (of the various clubs) who did so much at all of the golf and tennis outings. They worked long, hard, and thankless hours out on the course to help make the Gophers go!
- * The golf pros, caretakers, and their staffs around the state, who did so much for our events. Without them, it just couldn't happen!

- * The Board of Directors of the many country clubs around Minnesota that made their wonderful courses available to us.
- * The club managers, bartenders, waitresses, and staffs that played such a major role in making our banquets truly outstanding!
- * The young caddies who showed up early and worked late to be with the Gophers. Our very special thanks to you—especially to the ones that didn't get a loop! — Just for being there!
- * All the prize donors around the state that contributed golf, tennis, shootout, door prizes to our events. We are especially grateful because you sent a lot of our participants home happy!
- * Finally, thanks to all of our participants, including the Pillsbury Classic, the fishing contest, and all of our events and special direct contributors, we estimate that well over 50,000 "wonderful Minnesotans" "gave" in some manner to the Williams and Williams Scholarship Funds in 1977-'78.

M Club Issues Final Industry Day Reminder

A final, last-minute reminder has been issued by...and to...members of the Graduate "M" Club regarding their ticket sale drive and promotion of the third annual Industry Day venture scheduled Saturday, Oct. 7 at Memorial Stadium when Minnesota plays host to Oregon State.

Dick Larson, Industry Day chairman, has announced that a recent count indicated that members of the M Club had sold more than 4,000 tickets to various business and industry representatives in the Twin Cities area.

"From that standpoint our efforts are successful," Larson said. "We had about 3,000 tickets sold for the UCLA game a year ago, and we've already exceeded that figure. But we are disappointed in the number of M Club members who actually participated in the promotion. As is too often the case, most of the work has been done by just a few members."

Bill Davis, president of the Graduate "M" Club, put a special effort into this year's drive. He wrote to every business office of major size in the metropolitan area asking them to fit Industry Day into their annual budget plans. Last March an M man was assigned to each business and asked to make a personal call to introduce the Industry Day concept.

Each of those participating M men were provided with attractive posters, U of M ticket applications and a complete program outline.

"We have felt that Industry Day was a worthwhile undertaking," Larson said. "We know that the Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department at the University of Minnesota pays its own way. We know that nearly all of its income comes from gate receipts, and it is our belief that we could help keep the department in the black and operating without financial assistance from the State Legislature by putting another 10,000 people into Memorial Stadium. If successful, we could put about \$1,000,000 into the men's budget."

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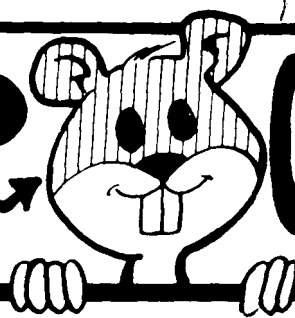




GOPHER CHATTER

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1978-79 GOLDEN GOPHERS—FRONT ROW: Leo Rautins, Bill Duffy, Brian Pederson, Head Coach Jim Dutcher, Captain Kevin McHale, James Jackson, Chris Engler and Mark Hall. BACK ROW: Assistant Coach Jesse Evans, Assistant Coach Stu Starner, Student Manager Karl Heinzerling, Darryl Mitchell, Gary Holmes, Trent Tucker, Kenny Pringles, Student Manager Henry Manuel and Assistant Coach Jimmy Williams.

'78 Classic Offers Great Entertainment

How 'bout an answer to the yearly question...."What do you buy the person for Christmas who has everything?"

Easy. Give 'em a pass covering dixieland to disco....south seas dancing to frisbee arts....clowns to chorus lines....with a fantastic basketball extravaganza thrown in for balance.

All the above, plus much, much more, unfolds during the Fifth Annual Pillsbury Holiday Basketball Classic December 29-30 at the Met Center in Bloomington.

Just about everything except a trip to Fantasy Island is included at this year's Classic. But the basketball purest may gain the biggest bonus of all.

Minnesota's four-year reign as Classic champion appears to be in jeopardy. The strongest field in Pillsbury Classic history has been assembled with the likes of Georgia Tech, Brigham Young and Houston coming to the Twin Cities for the holiday season. **Now That's A Tournament Field!!!**

That means coach Jim Dutcher and his young, exciting 1978-79 Gopher varsity will, along with the Yellow Jackets and two prides of Cougars, provide Minnesota fans with more action and basketball thrills than ever seen before at Met Center.

Meanwhile, off the court, entertainment for every taste is planned. The first evening highlights the best dixieland music north of St. Louis when the Riverboat Ramblers jazz band takes center court, with the wonderful antics of the Circus Clowns thrown in for the youngsters.

Another highlight features the Cultural Society of Filipino Americans with their entire group attired in island dress performing authentic, traditional Phillipine dances.

The next evening finds the same group that performed beautifully at halftime of the Minnesota-Toledo home football game this fall, Disco World. This local group, some 200 strong, presents a vivid interpretation of today's #1 dance craze. The music and movement will have every fan movin' and groovin' in the stands.

Add in a super display by the Northern Winds Disc Co-op, professional frisbee flingers, and you have about as much entertainment as a three ring circus.

As usual, Goldie Gopher, the UM Pep Band and Chorus Line unit, along with the clowns will provide continuous court-side entertainment for everyone.

What all the above amounts to is a pair of special evenings for the entire family. At least one event to sweeten every palate. But as we said, the basketball purest may gain the biggest bonus of all.

In four years, three under Dutcher, Gopher teams have won all eight games played. But this year's UM squad is all but brand new. No longer are tournament MVP's Mark Olberding (1974) or Mychal Thompson (1975 and 1977) around, nor are all-tournament selections, besides the "Big O & Big T", like Oz Lockhart, Flip Saunders or Ray Williams aboard.

However, a pair of Pillsbury stars from the last two year are back in 1976 Classic MVP Kevin McHale, the 6-11 Gopher captain this winter, and 1977 all-tournament selection James Jackson, a 6-3 swing man at guard and forward. But the remaining cast is, for the most part, composed of rookies.

But what a set of rookies. Five newcomers, all freshmen, named the top recruited class in the nation last spring, will vie for the remaining three starting positions.

Battling for a guard spot are 6-4 Darryl Mitchell and 6-2 Mark Hall. A center candidate is 6-10 Gary Holmes, while 6-8 Leo Rautins and 6-5 Trent Tucker are scapping over a forward slot. Tucker could double at guard, too.

But unlike death and taxes, nothing is certain. Three returning reserves from last year's varsity are not about to hand over starting spots to the rookie crop. Vieing for playing time are 6-10 forward-center Brian Pederson, 6-10 center Chris Engler, and 6-4 guard Billy Duffy. Each will see plenty of action at the Pillsbury.

"We may not be the favored team at this year's Pillsbury Classic," Dutcher says, "but it will take an excellent effort to beat us."

Tickets are \$7 per night reserved seats. Advance purchase information may be obtained by calling 373-3181, the UM ticket office. Remember...they would make a super Christmas gift!

Winters Sports Teams Move Into High Gear

Gymnastics

The defending Big Ten champion Gophers will vie for their fourth consecutive conference title in 1979 with the least experienced team they have had in years, as seven of last year's eleven varsity performers have graduated. Of the four starting all-arounders from last year, only Reid Goldetsky is returning, and of the six performers in each event this season, floor exercise will have three new performers, pommel horse five, rings four, vault three, parallel bars four, and horizontal bar four.

However, Minnesota coach Fred Roethlisberger feels that "while inexperience and youth will be the hallmark of this year's team, Gopher gymnastics fans will also see a great deal of talent and aggressive ambition in the freshmen and sophomores who hope to follow in the footsteps of such former Gopher standouts as Tim LaFleur, Jay Lowinski, Bob Waldron, and Bob McHattie."

Among those aggressive, ambitious, and talented youngsters are two of the most advanced freshmen ever to compete for Minnesota, all-arounders Brain Meeker, from Edina (East), and Dan Price, from Miami, Florida. Both were rated among the top 10 freshman recruits in the country. Along with lettermen Joe Wickert and Kevin Prady (both of whom sat out last season with injuries) and Goldetsky, they'll be counted on to give Roethlisberger what he feels could be one of the strongest Gopher all-around teams ever by the end of the season.

They'll be joined by returning specialists Peter Velguth on the still rings, Kurt Koegel on pommel horse, Reid Gysland on the horizontal bar, Tom Caron and Larry Selchow in the floor exercise and vault, and a long list of "hopefuls" that includes sophomore Dean Hinitz, and freshmen Jeff Murray, Dave Conrad, and Robert Harrison.

According to Roethlisberger, "the large turnover precludes any predictions of championships for this young team. But it can be said that this will be an exciting team to watch, that it will be competitive in every meet, and that by the end of the season, it may be as strong as last year's Gopher team." If so, the Gophers could once again find themselves in a battle with Michigan and Illinois for top honors at the Big Ten conference meet.

Indoor Track

The Gophers will look to the leadership of conference placers Ike Okolue, Gerald Metzler, Gordon Weaver, and Tim Doolin, when they open their 1979 season at Drake on Jan 20th.

Okolue will again anchor the relay team, which returns intact from a 5th place outdoor conference meet finish in the 1600. Okolue, a junior, also brings a 31.5 time to the 300 indoors, while senior Tim Wichelman has 1:13.0 indoor best in the 600. The sprint squad, which also includes senior Bill Kink and sophomore George Coffey, could get help from freshman Terry Haythe, of Sparta, Wis.

Co-captain Metzler, an All-American in both track and cross country, leads a middle distance squad that includes junior transfer Kyle Monson, sophomores Tom Polisen and Jay Mountain, and freshmen Anthony Owuwu, from Takoradi, Ghana, and Lester Johnson, from Hutchinson; and a much improved Weaver joins fellow cross country lettermen Joe Nabbeffeld, Larry Berkner, John Idstrom, Don Hurley, and Dave Tappe in the distance races.

Doolin, who set freshman records in the long jump and triple jump both indoors and outdoors, was the biggest surprise of the 1978 season, and, along with junior Jay Bunke, should provide the Gophers with valuable points in these events.

Senior Rick Ailts will be the lone Gopher hope in the weight events, while sophomore Wayne Larson brings a 6'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " outdoor best to the high jump, and co-captain Bryan Mortland will attempt to improve on his 2nd best conference outdoor mark of 16'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in the pole vault.

In the hurdles, senior Bob Ringer should receive help from sophomore Lee Hildebrandt.

Coach Griak looks for the Indiana Hoosiers to be the heavy favorite at the conference level, with their strongest challenges coming from defending champion Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Swimming

For the first time since individual medley and freestyle swimmer Marty Knight in 1969, and diver Craig Lincoln in 1972, Minnesota has some legitimate Big Ten title contenders in diver Brent Bordson, sprint freestyler Art Griffith, backstroker Scott Malm, and the Medley Relay. This fact, based on some outstanding summer performances, has the team and staff very excited about the 1978-79 season, as well as the Big Ten championships.

Bud Ericksen, in his fourth year as Gopher coach, is particularly enthusiastic about the summer performances of some of his athletes: "Brent Bordson competed in the summer nationals in California," the coach stated, "and this experience gives him a better background to improve on last year's NCAA finish."

"Scott Malm was the highest scoring backstroker from the Big Ten conference at this summer's AAU championships at Houston, Texas; and Art Griffith, representing the United States in a dual meet with Canada, turned in the twelfth fastest time in the world for 1978 in the 100 meter free!"

Adding to Ericksen's optimism is the fact that Minnesota graduated only one championship scoring swimmer in 1978, while the club that is returning with another year's experience was responsible for setting no fewer than eleven varsity and nine freshman records in '77-78, and looks to do even better this year.

Finally, Ericksen also has a group of sixteen outstanding new freshmen who "can potentially leave their mark on 10 of the 17 freshman records—while there is not one safe varsity record, unless it's Wally Richardson's 100 fly."

It's not hard to see why Ericksen is confident the Gopher swimmers will once again return to the upper division of the Big Ten in 1978-79.

Wrestling

Coach Wally Johnson welcomes twelve letterman back to a Gopher squad that will be heavily populated with freshmen and sophomores. Only three senior lettermen, and two juniors who lettered last year, return from a young team that came on strong late in the season, winning seven of its last eight dual meets, to finish with a 14-7 won-lost record.

Heading the list of returnees from that squad, which went on to place fourth at the Big Ten meet, are co-captains Tom Press and Dan Zilverberg. Press, a 177 pound senior, was 21-6-1 last season, while Zilverberg, younger brother of assistant coach Larry Zilverberg, was 30-10-3, and placed second in the Big Ten at 158 lbs. Zilverberg is a junior this season.

The other returning upperclass lettermen are seniors Jim Hansen, fourth in the Big Ten at 118, and Joe Leif, 10-11 at 142, and junior heavyweight Jim Becker, 19-15-2, including a third place finish in the Big Ten. A pair of juniors who were regulars two year ago should see a return to action this year, also. They are Gene Shaw, 126 pounder who sat out last season with an injury, and Mark Obyrcki, beaten out by Zilverberg last year, but expected to move up a slot and challenge for the 167 pound position this year.

The remainder of the squad is loaded with underclassmen, and includes five wrestlers who lettered last year as freshmen: Jeff Merritt at 126, Jim Martinez and Ryan Kaufman at 134, Dave Henry at 150, and George Bowman at 190. Martinez, a former state champion from Osseo, led that group with an 18-9 record, while Bowman, a two-time North Dakota state champ from Grand Forks, was 14-14-1 as a Gopher freshman.

In addition, the Gophers have three other outstanding sophomore candidates who were all state champions in their respective classes: 118 pound Brad Huckle from Appleton, 126 pound Randy Rose from Burnsville, and 190 pound Mark Miller from Stillwater.

They will be joined by another strong corps of freshmen that includes 118 pound Vic Martinez of Osseo, 126 pound Gary Lefebvre of Elk River, 150 pound Jim Trudeau of Inver Grove Heights, and 167 pounders Jerry Tesch of Mounds View, Craig Wiklund of Bloomington Kennedy, and Dennis McCormick of Springfield, Illinois. Martinez, Lefebvre, and Tesch were all state high school champions.

Bierman Briefs

Ellen Sidney Weisz is one of the newest additions to the staff of the Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department. She has taken over the duties as a secretarial assistant in the Williams Fund office.

Born in Chicago, Ellen was graduated from Woodstock Community High School in 1970 and received her B.A. degree in political science and English in 1974 from Northern Illinois University.

An avid jogger, Ellen lists U of M hockey as her favorite sport but enjoys such varied activities as softball, movies, reading and baking. She also likes to do some fiction reading, perhaps a carryover from her collegiate studies.

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New faces in the athletic ticket office include Pam Caryl who moved over to Bierman from the U of M's Department of Environmental Health and Safety. She'll serve as the receptionist for ticket office patrons at the main counter.

July Latham also has returned to the ticket office on a full time basis after having worked there part-time while a student at the University of Minnesota, while Bunny Moore has moved from the ticket office to the football and hockey office as a full time secretary.

Linda Kerchner, who doubles as a gymnastic and swimming secretary as well as working part of the year in the ticket office, is planning a short maternity leave of absence and will have her baby in December.

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The University of Minnesota athletic department lost a close friend this past July when Milt Holmgren, equipment manager for 28 years before retiring in 1974, passed away. He was 67.

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Another loss was suffered in October when Kathryan A. Ryman, mother of former U of M athletic director Marsh Ryman passed away. She was 92. Marsh, and his wife, Dorothy, now reside in Edina.

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Thanks to the financial assistance of such friends of the U of M as Control Data and Honeywell, a number of Golden Gopher highlight films are available for free use by clubs, schools and organizations.

For the latest football, basketball and hockey highlight films write Control Data, 8100 34th Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55440 or call 853-5096.

This year's highlight films are: 1977 football-Return to Glory
1978 Basketball-Big Ten's Best
1978 Hockey-A Stride Toward the Top

Highlight films from the past as well as last year's Pizza Hut Classic Basketball film, Anatomy of an All-Star Game featuring Minnesota's Mychal Thompson, are available through the U of M Sports Information Office, 208 Bierman Building (call 373-5237).

The '76 football film is titled A Winning Tradition, the '75 football film They Learned How to Win, and the '74 football film is Young Men of Gold.

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Four members of the 1978-79 Minnesota hockey varsity have been named to the U.S. National Junior Hockey Team and are headed for the World Junior Championships in Sweden Dec. 27 through Jan 4. The players are: sophomore wing Steve Ulseth (Roseville); freshman forward Neal Broten (Roseau); freshman goalie Jim Jetland (Grand Rapids); and freshman defenseman Mike Ramsey (Minneapolis Roosevelt).

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GOOD LUCK—Dick Morgan, right, extends good luck to Coach Cal Stoll while Assistant Coach Roger French looks on prior the Minnesota's departing for Wisconsin and the season's football finale.

Roy Griak, popular University of Minnesota head cross country and track coach and a veteran of international competition, also has been named manager of the 1980 United States track and field team for the 1980 summer Olympics in Moscow, Russia.

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Fred Roethlisberger, U of M gymnastic coach, recently served as coach of the United States team for its Gymnastics Canada competition which included meets in Calgary, Regina and Toronto. "It was an exciting experience," Roethlisberger said.

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Mike McArthur, former All-America wrestler at the U of M, has joined Athletes in Action, the athletic arm of Campus Crusade for Christ. Other former Gophers on the squad are Reid and Tom Lamphere, and James Axtel. The athletic director for the total Athletes in Action program is John Klein, still another former Gopher wrestler. The Campus Crusade for Christ also sponsors Athletes in Action teams in basketball, and track and field. The teams combine athletic competition and witnessing for Christ, on both a national- and international-level. The wrestlers recently returned from a tour of Iran, Germany, and Poland. McArthur was a two-time Big Ten champion for Minnesota. Klein, Axtel, and Reid Lamphere were all captains of the Gopher wrestling squad.

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Tim LaFleur, Minnesota's three-time Big Ten all-around gymnastics champion, is the latest winner of the Minneapolis Athletic Club President's Cup award.

LaFleur was named recipient of the award based on his excellent undergraduate career at Minnesota in both athletics and other areas. The award places as much emphasis on academics, leadership, and social values as it does athletic achievement.

Previous winners of the MAC honor include Doug Kingsriter, John Harris, Mike Polich, Larry Silverberg, and Tony Dungy.

LaFleur led the Gophers to three straight Big Ten conference championships, and won the 1978 Nissen Award as the nation's top collegiate gymnast. He was also given the 1978 Big Ten Conference Medal, awarded annually to each school's top graduating scholar-athlete.

Now a member of the U.S. National team, LaFleur recently returned from Strasbourg, France, where the U.S. team captured fourth place in the 1978 World Games. He will travel to Japan for more international-level competition later this winter.

GOPHER CAGERS ON TV

Minnesota's untested but youthful and highly-touted basketball team again will get its share of air time this season as the Gophers are pitted for an abundance of radio and television exposure.

On radio, Coach Dutcher can be heard over the Gopher State Network (KEEY as the originating station) with Gary Wilcox mikeside, and on WCCO with Ray Christensen doing the play-by-play.

The Gophers are also scheduled to make 11 more appearances on WTCN-TV (they've already been on against Nebraska and Kansas State this season) with Roger Buxton at court-side.

In addition, Minnesota will appear on the Big Ten Game of the Week series twice (KSTP-TV locally) this season.....at Michigan State and at Indiana. There also is a chance that the Gophers again will appear on Home Box Office.

Remaining Gopher Television Slate

December 16	at	Marquette University
December 23		U of South Carolina
January 4	at	University of Michigan
January 6	at	Michigan State
January 18	at	Ohio State University
January 25		Purdue University
January 27	at	University of Iowa
February 1	at	University of Illinois
February 8	at	University of Wisconsin
February 10		University of Illinois
February 17	at	Purdue University
February 22	at	Northwestern University
February 24	at	Indiana

Harriers Finish 11th in NCAA

Roy Griak's Gopher cross country team closed out one of its most successful seasons ever by running to an 11th place team finish in the NCAA Championships at Madison, Wis., Nov. 20th.

"Anytime you finish in the top 20 in the country, it's a successful season," said Griak. "Our goal was to make the first 15, so I'm more than pleased with our team's showing."

It was Minnesota's seventh trip to the NCAA's in Griak's 16-year tenure as head coach, and their third best finish ever. Only the 1968 team, which placed fourth, behind Captain Steve Hoag, and the 1969 team, seventh, behind All-American Garry Bjorklund, have placed higher.

The Gophers also rolled up a 10-1 dual meet record for the season, and notched third place team finishes in the NCAA Region IV meet, the Big Ten conference meet, and the United States Track and Field Federation championship meet.

At the Big Ten meet, Gerald Metzler and John Griffin developed cramps, and John Idstrom lost a shoe halfway around, but the Gophers still qualified for the NCAA Region IV meet behind the strong performances of Steve Plasencia, Gordy Weaver, and junior letterman Joe Nabbefeld. And at the regionals, on their home course, the Gophers ran perhaps their best race of the season, to become one of only 29 teams (out of some 400 that started the season) to qualify for the national finals.

Plasencia set the pace in the early going of the regionals, and finished a strong fourth, while Metzler was 12th, Weaver 22nd, Idstrom 29th, and Nabbefeld 34th. Only Big Ten powerhouses Wisconsin and Indiana finished ahead of the Gophers.

At the nationals, Plasencia finished 21st, to improve on his previous best of 38th, while Metzler was 27th, Weaver 49th, Hurley 84th, and Nabbefeld 108th, out of nearly 250 runners. Plasencia was once again awarded All-American status for his strong showing.

Remaining UM Hockey Home Games

Dec. 22-23	Princeton (Sat*)
Dec. 27	Harvard
Dec. 28	Yale
Jan. 12-13	Duluth (Sat*)
Feb. 2-3	Michigan State (Sat*)
Feb. 10-11	Colorado College*
Feb. 23-24	Michigan Tech
Mar. 2-3	North Dakota

*Afternoon home games 2:00 p.m., all other home games 7:30 p.m.

**A change was made in the Duluth and Michigan State home games. Originally scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, the hockey games were moved to Friday and Saturday dates.

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Remaining UM Basketball Home Games

Dec. 20	South Florida
Dec. 23	South Carolina
Dec. 29	PILLSBURY TOURNAMENT**
Dec. 30	Brigham Young, Georgia Tech, Houston and Minnesota
Jan. 11	Indiana
Jan. 13	Northwestern
Jan. 20	Wisconsin
Jan. 25	Purdue
Feb. 3	Iowa
Feb. 10	Illinois
Feb. 15	Ohio State
Mar. 1	Michigan State
Mar. 3	Michigan*

*Afternoon home game 2:00 p.m., all other home games 8:05 p.m.

Single Game Reserve Ticket — \$6.00
 General Admission Ticket — \$4.50

**Pillsbury Tournament Tickets — \$7.00 per night

Remaining UM Wrestling Home Meets

Dec. 15	South Dakota St. U.
Jan. 5	Indiana
Jan. 12	Arizona, Wisc., N. Mexico
Feb. 8	Washington
Feb. 10	Purdue
Feb. 12	Oregon
Feb. 16	Ohio State

Remaining UM Swimming Home Schedule

Jan. 19	Southwest State
Feb. 9	Iowa State
Feb. 10	Iowa

Remaining UM Gymnastic Home Schedule

Jan. 13	Wisconsin
Jan. 27	Michigan
Feb. 17	Iowa State
Feb. 24	Michigan St., St. Cloud

General Admission for Wrestling, Swimming, and Gymnastics. \$2.00 Adults; \$1.00 under 18 years.

Bill Baker Leads Gopher Hockey Squad



There are not a whole pile of young people today who have rolled the dice of life and seen their number come up more often than Bill Baker, senior defenseman and captain of the 1978-79 U. of Minnesota hockey team.

Bill, a native of Grand Rapids, Minnesota and a Williams Scholar carrying a high B classroom average while majoring in Pre-Dent, just hopes he hasn't used up all his good fortune.

"Yes, I'm one very lucky guy, but I still believe that maybe the best is yet to come as long as I continue to be surrounded with all the great people who have already helped me more than I could ever ask in the first place," the modest skating star states.

As to his "best is yet to come" statement, Bill is now facing three vital factors in his immediate future...1) to help direct the Gopher hockey team to the WCHA and NCAA championships in this, his final season...2) hopefully be accepted into the U. of M. Dental School...3) and lastly find out if he is talented enough to play professional hockey with the team that drafted him, the mighty Montreal Canadians.

"See what I mean," Bill continued, "when I said that maybe the best is yet to come? But for right now the real challenge facing me is being the best captain possible and helping every way I can to see the full potential of our team is reached. With the guys we have on this club and the direction we get from head coach Herb Brooks and his assistants, it would be an all-time shame if we didn't reach our combined goals of going out as champions."

Championships are nothing new to Mr. Baker. Beginning with his days as a tot, athletics have always played a major role in his life. By high school time he filled his days playing football, baseball and hockey for the Grand Rapids Indians. But it was the ice sport that most influenced his life. He traveled to the Met center during his freshman, junior and senior years to play in the prep state tournament. The Indians won it all on his last trip.

The very next year, after he chose the U. of M. where he would continue his academic and athletic careers, he experienced his all-time high as a rookie defenseman with the Gophers. The "high" came at the Mile High City of Denver, Colorado when, in March, 1976, he played a key role in Minnesota's winning its second NCAA hockey championship.

"Winning the 1975 State high school championship was a huge thrill," Bill continued, "but I had already been there twice. Some of the edge was lost. But when we won it all in Denver, I couldn't believe the emotional high that accompanied that victory. It was awesome. And I'll never, ever forget that goal I scored in the title game. I'll still be talking about that one when I'm in my rocker."

"But who knows? Maybe there is another winning number if we all roll the dice right. Man, wouldn't that be something else to go out champions after four years of hard, concentrated work. You can believe this team will give it every shot. We've worked too hard and too long not to make a run for the whole bundle. At least if we don't make it we'll know we've given every gallon of sweat possible."

Asked why he chose the U. of M. and how difficult a decision it was, Bill tells us "it really wasn't all that hard to make the final decision."

"Anyone who plans to live in his home area and has a chance to attend his State University and get a solid education is nuts to go anywhere else. This is my home area. It's my hope to someday return to Grand Rapids, or a neighboring community, and eventually get into some part of the dental field. So those items, combined with the winning traditions and history of the Minnesota hockey program, were the most influencing factors."

"Of course, the low key recruiting approach by coach Brooks had a lot to do with it, too. I always knew he was around and aware of my progress, but he never once talked to

me during my senior season. He waited until it was all over and then we sat down and talked. Some of the other coaches really came on heavy. It got to the point where we all dreaded hearing the telephone ring."

The "all" Bill speaks of are Dad Bill, Sr., Mom Beverly, and three younger sisters living at home in Grand Rapids. Bill has two older sisters who have moved away.

"Probably the biggest single factor that influenced me were my parents," Bill continues. "They never once pushed me in any area. But they were always there offering encouragement and council. They aided in every decision, but made it clear that the ultimate decision had to be my own. In another area I was really fortunate. I didn't have to go through what many of my friends did...unreal parental pressure. I just couldn't believe, and still can't believe, the way some parents go up one side and down the other when it comes to grading performances. I've seen many parents make absolute fools of themselves at the rink or field or gym, and at the same time embarrass their sons or daughters. Not my parents. They were always solid, always encouraging, always receptive to the many moods of a competing athlete."

"That's probably another reason why I want to return to my home area. Since coming to the U. of M. my Dad has lost his fishing and hunting partner. As I am the only boy in the family, he bought me my first rifle when I was five years old. We have had some great, great times together."

"Yes, I'm a very lucky, lucky individual."

But Bill, aren't you at least somewhat worried about the future? "Nope, I've got too much on the positive side going for me right now to worry about tomorrow," was his reply. "We are just concentrating right now on being a winning hockey team, making our fans and our school proud of us. The whole State, too."

His application is on file at the UM Dental School. The Canadians are scouting every game. His teammates seek his leadership. And somehow he finds time to study and maintain his high B average in the classroom.

"U" Gridders Finish at 5-6

Although the University of Minnesota lost its finale, the 1978 football season certainly had its high spots and saw its share of new standards engraved in the Gold Country record books.

Coach Cal Stoll's contingent opened the campaign with a 38-12 victory over Toledo before falling to Ohio State at home and UCLA on the road. Then the Gophers returned to the Brick House, only to be upset by Oregon State.

That setback was followed by a 22-20 win over Iowa and a 38-14 conquest at Northwestern as Big Ten Conference action moved into high gear. Minnesota fell to Michigan and Indiana 32-31 after trailing 24-0 in the first half. Then they whipped Illinois 24-6 before dropping that season-ending game at Wisconsin to end the year at 5-6 (4-4 in the Big Ten).

In the record department, Marion Barber, Minnesota's brilliant sophomore tailback, was the big name. Barber finished the year with 1,210 yards....the most ever in a single campaign by a Gopher. The previous high was 1,164 established by John King in 1972. Barber's biggest day was 233 against Illinois, but he also was over the coveted 100-yard mark six other times.

As a team, the Gophers established two additional records. They had 815 running and passing plays to break the old mark of 809 set by Tony Dungy's contingent in 1975.

Minnesota also set a new record for pass completion percentage. As a team, the Gophers hit .556 in the aerial department to shatter the previous best of .527 etched in '75. Mark Carlson hit 64 of 113 (.566), Wendell Avery 60 of 111 (.540) and Mark Tonn 5 of 8 (.625).

Individual honors continue to pour in for various Gophers, but it already has been announced that Captain Stan Sytsma, standout defensive end from Hutchinson, has been invited to play in the East-West Shrine game. Stoll previously was named head coach for the East squad in that traditional contest.

In addition, defensive tackle Jim Ronan will play in the Blu-Gray contest and the Japan Bowl as will defensive back Keith Brown.



TIME OUT

U THANKS SPONSORS

The University of Minnesota Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department truly is indebted to a number of major business and industry organizations from the area for its continued support of Gold Country.

This year, for example, the 1st Banks of Minneapolis again provided the U of M with 125,000 attractive pocket schedules. Pizza Hut, meanwhile, contributed towards the printing of both basketball and hockey season tickets and then combined efforts with North Central Publishing Co. to print 50,000 full-color basketball and hockey pocket schedules.

Control Data and Honeywell also did their parts by contributing towards the cost of creating the U of M's football, basketball and hockey season highlight films while Super Valu participated in the preparation of this fall's football tickets.

Midwest Federal, for the second straight year, made a major contribution by assisting with the cost of printing each issue of the Gopher Chatter while the G. Heileman Brewing Co. contributed numerous and varied promotional posters as well as football, basketball and hockey pocket schedules.

Minnesota-Arizona Golf Outing Planned

The 4th Annual Arizona-Minnesota U of M Williams Fund Golf Outing will be held Monday, March 5th at beautiful Rio Verde Golf and Country Club, just thirty miles northeast of sunny Scottsdale, Arizona.

Rio Verde is truly one of the most lovely areas in Arizona situated in a lush valley between the McDowell and Mazatzal Mountains. The golf course is one of the finest in the area and our 18 hole outing will be followed by a good old fashioned **Western Cookout** with cowboy music—fun—frolic—and **few speeches**.

There will be prizes galore in an atmosphere of conviviality with our Arizona alums headed by former Gopher All-American, Ray King, and many Minnesotans who now reside in Rio Verde.

Plans are now underway for a group tour rate—so if you're interested CALL 373-4216 or 373-4924 AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!! THIS WILL BE A SELLOUT!! THERE WILL BE SOME RIO VERDE TOWN HOUSES AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR 1-2 or 3 WEEK STAYS—THOSE INTERESTED, CALL US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

1979 SCHEDULE OF WILLIAMS FUND EVENTS

Tuesday JANUARY 30	14th ANNUAL MINNEAPOLIS STAG Dick Siebert Night	Little Jack's Restuarant Nordeast
Monday, MARCH 5	4th ANNUAL ARIZONA- MINNESOTA GOLF TOURNAMENT	Rio Grande Country Club
Monday, MAY 7	3rd ANNUAL PATTY BERG— LES BOLSTAD GOLF & TENNIS	Golden Valley Country Club
Saturday, MAY 5 - JUNE 24	4th ANNUAL GOLDEN GOPHER WALLEYE FISHING CONTEST	Land of 10,000 Lakes
Monday, MAY 14	8th ANNUAL WAYZATA SPORTA- CULAR (Golf, Tennis, Trapshoot)	Wayzata and Woodhill Country Clubs
Tuesday MAY 22	7th ANNUAL OAK RIDGE GOLF & TENNIS OUTING	Oak Ridge Country Club
Wednesday, MAY 23	2nd ANNUAL STAN SYTSMA GOLF OUTING	Hutchinson
Thursday, MAY 24	1st ANNUAL GOLDEN GOPHER— HUSKIE GOLF	St. Cloud Country Club
Monday, JUNE 4	5th ANNUAL NORTH SURBURBAN GOLF & TENNIS OUTING	Bunkers Hills Country Club
Tuesday, JUNE 5	4th ANNUAL DICK WILDUNG GOLF OUTING	Redwood Falls Country Club
Monday, JUNE 11	7th ANNUAL AUSTIN GOLF & TENNIS OUTING	Austin Country Club
Wednesday, JUNE 13	4th ANNUAL BUILDING INDUSTRIES GOLF	Bunker Hills Country Club
Monday, JUNE 18	3rd ANNUAL ST. CROIX VALLEY GOLF OUTING	Stillwater Country Club
Tuesday, JUNE 19	2nd ANNUAL RIVERSIDE GOLF OUTING	Blue Earth & Winnebago
Thursday, JUNE 21	5th ANNUAL IRON RANGE OPEN— GOLF AND TENNIS	Grand Rapids Country Club
Monday, JUNE 25	5th ANNUAL BRUCE SMITH MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING	Faribault Country Club
Monday, JUNE 25	5th ANNUAL JOHN MARIUCCI OPEN GOLF	Mendakota Country Club
Tuesday, JUNE 26	5th ANNUAL NEW ULM GOLF OUTING	New Ulm Country Club
Monday, JULY 9	7th ANNUAL ROGER HAGBERG MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING	Rochester Country Club
Monday, JULY 16	6th ANNUAL PAT CRIST MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING	Hastings Country Club
Monday, JULY 23	4th ANNUAL PAUL GIEL GOLF CLASSIC	Winona Country Club
Tuesday, JULY 24	4th ANNUAL ST. PETER- LeSUEUR GOLF OUTING	LeSueur Country Club
Monday, JULY 30	10th ANNUAL CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT	Midland Hills Country Club
Wednesday, AUGUST 1	3rd ANNUAL SUPER JACK GOLF OUTING	Sauk Centre
Wednesday, AUGUST 8	1st ANNUAL GOPHER-BULLDOG (U.M.D.) GOLF & TENNIS	Cloquet Country Club
Tuesday, AUGUST 14	MINNESOA FOOTBALL FANS INC. WILLIAMS FUND DINNER	Richards
To be Announced	14th ANNUAL ST. PAUL STAG	Midland Hills Country Club
To be Announced	3rd ANNUAL GOLDEN GOPHER "SHOOTOUT"	Minneapolis Gun Club
To be Announced	7th ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE FESTIVAL	North Central Airlines
Dec. 28-29	6th ANNUAL PILLSBURY BASKETBALL CLASSIC	Met Sports Center



Kathy Haley of the Minnesota Kicks administrative staff, and Herman Lussan, former chairman of the wine taster committee, join former Williams Scholar and M man Judge Chet Dorda during the recent Golden Gopher Wine and Cheese Festival.

Minnesota Twins President Calvin Griffith, right, greets Paul Blake of the U of M staff while Max Nichols of the Minneapolis Star sports staff looks on during the 1978 Golden Gopher Wine and Cheese Festival at North Central Airlines.

Golden Gopher Quarter-Million Dollar "Triple Threat"



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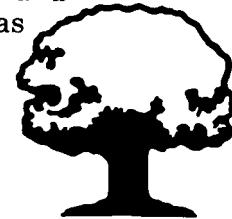
Pictured above are three great guys who have served the Men's Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Minnesota for a combined total of over forty years. Between the three of them they have raised a minimum of \$250,000 for the Williams Fund. Besides their selling tickets for various Gopher events, they also serve on various Williams Fund committees and are always "on hand" to do their thing for the Maroon and Gold. Aside from their fund raising activities, each one of our "Terrific Trio" has been a "Dyed In The Gold" Gopher fan for many, many years—rarely missing a game. Our warm thanks to Jack, Mike and Paul, our favorite 1-2-3 punch in Gold Country.

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LUNCHEON SCHEDULE SET

Again this season, U of M boosters can join the fun by attending Backcourt Club and Blueline Club luncheon meetings. All sessions are held at Jax Cafe on University Avenue in NE Minneapolis, and all are open to the public.

Blueline Club—

- Friday, October 27..... Wisconsin
- Friday, November 10..... Notre Dame
- Friday, January 12..... Minn. Duluth
- Friday, February 2..... Michigan State
- Friday, February 23..... Michigan Tech

Backcourt Club—

- Thursday, November 20..... Preseason
 - Tuesday, January 9..... Indiana
 - Tuesday, January 23..... Purdue
 - Tuesday, February 13..... Ohio State
 - Tuesday, February 27..... Mich. State
- (Annual Appreciation Dinner is Monday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.)

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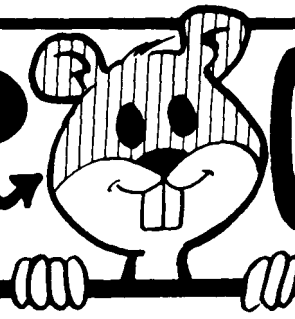




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Spring Grid Game Set At Parade Stadium



Pearlt Honored — Julie Pearl, left, was honored in special ceremonies during the Minnesota-Purdue basketball game at Williams Arena early in March and presented with a Gold Country Award of Appreciation from Paul Giel. The commemorative plaque read: To Julius L. Pearl, Voice of the Golden Gophers, Thanks for the first 50 years, from the University of Minnesota Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department, 1978. Pearl started announcing Gopher games in 1928 when serving as an assistant gymnastic coach at the U of M. Those coaching duties were a natural for Pearl who was a Gopher gymnast in 1923-24-25. His career as voice of the Gophers has spanned seven athletic directors, seven football coaches and nine basketball coaches.

Spring football practice at the University of Minnesota will grind to a halt Friday, May 19, when Coach Cal Stoll sends his 1978 Golden Gophers through their annual spring game at Parade Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

That confrontation will be the fifth such division of forces during this year's 20-day practice session. The Gophers scheduled scrimmages at Faribault and Bloomington in April. One dual, pitted May 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium, was planned as part of the annual high school coach's clinic. Minnesota also will hold a scrimmage Friday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Stillwater before the Parade Stadium finale.

"We've taken our show on the road the last couple of years," Coach Stoll has said, "and it has met with great success. It gives the fans outside the Twin Cities a chance to see us work, and it helps break the monotony of spring practice for our players. They like it very much."

Spring practice has found Coach Stoll making some position changes and doing some experimenting with his personnel. Despite that "new look" for a handful of his Gophers, it will be a fairly seasoned team that comes out of spring drills May 19 ready to head into the '78 campaign.

After notching back-to-back records of 6-5 in 1975 and '76, the University of Minnesota battled its way to a 7-4 mark last fall and in the process earned its first post-season game invitation since 1962.

Now Stoll enters his seventh season as head football coach at the U of M with a solid nucleus of bowl-wise veterans returning.

The May 19th extravaganza at Parade Stadium will feature the Maroons against the Whites in a preview of the '78 season as the Gopher coaches divide their squad.

Admission prices are: advance sale \$1.50 for adults and children and \$1 for U of M staff and students; gate sale \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children and U of M students with I.D. cards.

In addition, anyone who has purchased a 1978 Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest button for \$1 will be admitted free. Buttons will remain on sale at the Bierman Field Athletic Building ticket office and at more than 250 fishing hot spots around Minnesota through May 12.

1978 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TENDER SIGNEES

Football

NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL
Kurt Bankston	NG	5-11	240	Franklin Park, ILL	E. Leyden
Ed Bifulk	RB	6-3	200	Maplewood, MN	St. Thomas Academy
Steve Bisch	DT	6-5	225	LeSeuer, MN	
Glenn Cardelli	WR	5-10	180	Chicago, ILL	Holy Cross
Anthony Davis	LB	6-2	210	Detroit, MI	Chadsey
Dean Feine	OT	6-3	240	Rushford, MN	
Tod Hallstrom	LB	6-6	230	Mora, MN	
Randy Hooverman	QB	6-3	190	Osceola, WI	
Bill Humphries	OL	6-4	220	Detroit, MI	Chadsey
Paul Izban	LB	6-3	212	Mount Prospect, ILL	Prospect
Kevin Kellin	DT	6-5	225	Grand Rapids, MN	
Chuck Lowell	RB	6-1	180	White Bear Lake, MN	White Bear
Darryl Mia	DE	6-3	210	Detroit, MI	Highland Park
Ed Olson	C	6-3	224	Plymouth, MN	Armstrong
Fred Orgas	DE	6-4	215	Brooklyn Center, MN	Park Center
Todd Peterson	LB	6-3	200	Richfield, MN	
Mike Robb	SS	6-2	195	Woodbury, MN	

Ahman Shareef	QB	5-11	105	Pittsburgh, PA	Westinghouse
Rick Witthus	WR	6-3	185	Glencoe, MN	
Tony Wozniak	OT	6-5	220	Lombard, ILL	East

Basketball

Mark Hall	G	6-2	180	Springfield, Mass.	Commerce
Gary Holmes	C	6-10	225	Miami, FLA	Central
Kevin Stallings	G	6-5	190	Collinsville, ILL	
Trent Tucker	G/F	6-5	190	Flint, MI	Northwestern
Leo Rautins	F	6-7½	195	Toronto, CAN	St. Michael's

Hockey

Neal Broten	C	5-9	155	Roseau	
Jim Jetland	G	6-1	180	Grand Rapids	
Kevin Hartsell	W	5-11	175	St. Paul	Washington
Jay Larson	D	6-0	175	Minneapolis	Roosevelt
Mike Ramsey	D	6-2	185	Minneapolis	Roosevelt
Brian Zins	W	6-0	185	Aurora-Hoyt Lakes	

Wrestling

Gary LaFabvre	5-9	119	Elk River
Vic Martinez	5-8	112	Osseo

THREE CAGERS END CAREERS AT MINNESOTA

Three seniors have cashed in their chips and ended illustrious four-year basketball careers at the University of Minnesota.

When the Gophers brought down the curtain on the 1977-78 season against Michigan State at Williams Arena early in March, Dave Winey, Captain Osborne Lockhart and Mychal Thompson donned the maroon and gold for the final time.

It was another outstanding year for Coach Jim Dutcher and the Gophers who copped their fourth straight Pillsbury Classic championship, posted an overall record of 17-10, and finished as the runner-up in the Big Ten for the second straight year with a 12-6 log.

"Over the past two years we have won 27 and lost only nine in the Big Ten," Coach Dutcher pointed out. "That means we've won more games than any other conference team during that period, and that has to stand for something. I'm just sorry for Winey, Lockhart and Thompson that they didn't get a chance to compete in an NCAA tournament."

And it was that trio of seniors that did most of the "talking" during Minnesota's two most recent runs for Big Ten championships.

In his career, Winey played in 93 games, scored 478 points and collected 408 rebounds. After his sophomore season, he was named as Minnesota's Most Improved Player.

Lockhart, who joined Gold Country's elite 1,000 point club in his final campaign and was named to the All-Big Ten's second team, played in 92 games, hit 464 baskets in 923 attempts for a career mark of .502 percent, connected on 176 of 234 free throws for .752 percent and finished with 1,106 points for a four-year average of 12 per game.

But the big record-breaker was Thompson. A consensus All-American who was selected to the All-Big Ten team for the second straight year and picked as Minnesota's Most Valuable Player for the third straight season as well as the MVP in the recent Pizza Hut Classic, and the Big Ten MVP, literally re-wrote the Gopher and Big Ten record books.

Take a look at these new standards:

INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS SET

- Most Points: 1,992, Mychal Thompson 1974-78 (broke own record set last season)
- Best Per Game Avg.: 20.8, Mychal Thompson (old record 20.4 by Lou Hudson 1963-66)
- Most F.G.: 823, Mychal Thompson (broke own record set last year)
- Best F.G. Pct.: .568, Mychal Thompson (old record by Dave Winfield 1971-73)
- Most F.T. Attempted: 500, Mychal Thompson (old record 480 by Chuck Mencil 1951-55)
- Most Rebounds: 956, Mychal Thompson (old record 905 by Jim Brewer 1970-73)
- Most Fouls: 329, Mychal Thompson (old record 260 by Ed Kalafat 1951-54)

INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS FOR MINNESOTA IN BIG TEN GAMES ONLY

- Most Points: 1,477*, Mychal Thompson (old record 1,461 by Rick Mount of Purdue 1968-70)
- Best Scoring Avg.: 21.7, Mychal Thompson (old record 21.4 by Tom Kondla 1965-68)
- Most F.G.: 616, Mychal Thompson (broke own record set last year)
- Most F.G. Attempts: 1,072, Mychal Thompson (old record 907 by Chuck Mencil 1951-55)
- Best F.G. Pct.: .575, Mychal Thompson (old record .475 by Larry Overskei 1967-70)
- Most F.T. Attempts: 364, Mychal Thompson (old record 325 by Dick Garmaker 1951-55)
- Most Rebounds: 697, Mychal Thompson (old record 501 by Mel Northway 1962-65)
- Most P.F.: 243, Mychal Thompson (broke own record set last year)

Thompson's rewards were many, but the most treasured may have come on that final night at Williams Arena. With his family on hand from the Bahamas, Thompson's number 43 was officially retired in an emotional halftime ceremony that will live forever in the hearts of Gold Country basketball fans.



43 RETIRED — Mychal Thompson was honored with the retirement of his jersey at the 1977-78 home finale in an emotional ceremony at Williams Arena. With his sister and mother joining more than 17,500 in paying tribute to Mychal, U of M athletic director Paul Giel made the momentous announcement. (Photo courtesy Minneapolis Tribune).

WE GET LETTERS . . .

March 11, 1978

Dear Paul,

My wife and I want to make a gift to the Williams Fund at this time. We are firm believers in the value of athletic programs in our society and are especially grateful for the development of our son Bryson as a result of his participation in your football program. We gave you a boy and you are now returning a man to us. Also, we have enjoyed and expect to continue to enjoy our fall weekends with the team.

We hope the enclosed gift will spur some other young man to strive for excellence.

Best Personal Regards,
Hollie

December 5, 1977

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Alabama Council on Epilepsy today received the football autographed by the Golden Gophers of Minnesota football team. We are deeply grateful for your cooperation in this matter.

We in the south have always heard that the "Big Ten" is in a class of its own. The promptness with which our request was handled is proof positive of that belief.

I cannot tell you how much your contribution is going to mean to our efforts.

I wish your school the best of luck in your upcoming game here as well as in the years to come.

Respectfully yours,

Bill Gardiner
The Alabama Council on
Epilepsy, Incorporated

Highlight Films Available

Sports Films & Talents, a locally based firm in Edina, has again produced three outstanding highlight films covering every key moment of the recent Gopher football, basketball and hockey seasons.

As in past years the Control Data Corporation is the major sponsor of these films. In addition, Honeywell, Inc. is a contributor to the football film, with the Golden Dunkers Club supplying aid for the basketball flick.

The football film is already in, but the other two spectaculars have a completion date of late May.

Each of these 16 mm films is approximately 27 minutes in length and features full color and sound. There is no charge for use of the films and advance reservations can be made by calling the U. of M. Sports Information Office at 373-5236, or Control Data at 853-5096.

BROOKS PILOTS "U" ICEMEN TO 22 VICTORIES

Hockey coach Herb Brooks has had some outstanding seasons in his six years as ice boss at UM . . . including 2 NCAA titles and one WCHA championship. However, the job turned in this past winter could be his best yet.

Fielding a team comprised of 18 freshmen and sophomores out of 27 varsity members, Brooks led his charges to a fourth-place finish in the WCHA and a season record which included 22 wins, tying for the third highest in UM hockey history.

"Anytime a team that young gains a first division finish in the strongest amateur hockey league in the nation, you just have to know every man on the squad paid a dear price," Brooks says. "I can't fault any team member for not giving his best.

"Sure we made the mistake all young teams are prone to make, but often our men just picked themselves up and played over their errors. And not all these mistakes were made by the players, I had a hand in some, too.

"What we have to look forward to now is that 21 of the men who played for us this season return next winter, providing none turn pro. With that many seasoned players back and the expected input of some outstanding freshmen recruits, I am really eager to start next season."

Minnesota's top six scorers in 1977-78 were all underclassmen, led by sophomore center Steve Christoff. Steve scored a whopping 66 points in 38 games on 32 goals and 34 assists. He is only the third man in UM history to score 30 goals in a single season.

Both goalies, Steve Janaszak and Paul Joswiak, are underclassmen, too. Of the 21 men who can return, 11 are forwards and eight play defense, plus the two goalies.

Gopher wrestling and swimming teams ended their 1977-78 campaign on very high notes. Especially encouraging about the fourth and seventh place finishes in the Big Ten recorded by the wrestling and swimming teams respectively is that both teams were very young.

Wally Johnson's wrestlers notched a 14-7 mark, giving Johnson over 300 career victories at Minnesota. Three of his wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Nationals in Maryland and all three will be back next year.

Topping the list was sophomore Dan Zilverberg, brother of assistant Gopher coach and former all-American Larry, who grabbed second in the Big Ten meet and won three matches and lost two at the NCAA tourney in the 158 pound category.

Juniors Jim Hansen (4th in Big Ten at 188 lbs.) and Jim Becker (third in Big Ten at heavyweight) strengthened the Gopher line-up at both ends of the roster. Both won and lost a match at the NCAA's.

The swimmers just didn't finish seventh in the Big Ten meet, they did it with flair. Thirteen varsity and nine freshmen records were broken, including six varsity records by freshmen.

Those freshmen — Art Griffith, Torkel Sanner and Scott Malm — and two sophomores — Brent Bordson and Phil Wilk — qualified for the NCAA Championships.

Bordson was the first diver since Craig Lincoln won the meet in 1972 to place among the top 12 at the Big Tens.

The medley relay team of Malm, Griffith, Sanner and Wilk also qualified for the national AAU meet in Texas, as did two other relay teams.

Although the track team finished 10th in the Big Ten conference indoor meet, a few less steps could have gained them a few precious points.

Tom Polisenio, a freshman from Little Falls, grabbed the only point the team scored in the indoor meet with a sixth-place finish in the mile. Teammate Steve Plasencia finished third in the same race, but was disqualified for switching lanes too soon. Ike Okolue also suffered the consequence of cutting and had to give up his third-place finish in the 300-yard dash.

The gymnastics squad finished 7th at the NCAA meet in early April after earlier winning its third straight Big Ten title.

Both accomplishments were gained by the obvious complement of good coaching and skilled athletes. Coach Fred Roethlisberger, named the Mid-East Coach of the Year, put forth his best effort in toning the raw skills of a very agile group into one of the best gymnastics teams in the nation.



TIM LaFLEUR



FRED ROETHLISBERGER

HONORS — Three-time Big Ten all-around champ Tim LaFleur recently was awarded the Nissen Award for 1978, symbolic of the best gymnast in the country as voted by U.S. college coaches and judges. Gopher gymnastic coach Fred Roethlisberger was selected by his peers as the Mid-East Coach of the Year. It marked the second time Roethlisberger received that award after previously garnering those honors in 1972.

But as Roethlisberger attests, when a coach has gymnasts like three-time Big Ten all-around champ and this year's Nissen Award winner Tim LaFleur and four-year letterman Jay Lowinske, the job is made easier.

This year's dream team, in addition to LaFleur and Lowinske, graduates Shawn Hayth, Bob Waldron, Bob McHattie and Reid Gysland.

Before fans sell the ranch, they should think of the top performers returning and who will still be around to mold them into a top-flight team. In his seven seasons at Minnesota, Roethlisberger has an overall dual record of 46-21. He has never finished lower than third in a Big Ten championship meet.

Gophers Race For Titles

Three veteran squads — tennis, golf and track — are currently in the middle of their seasons and are building up for the Big Ten meets.

Five of the seven starters on the tennis squad were regulars last year and are looking forward to the Big Ten championships May 18-20. Co-captains Mark Brandenburg and Tom Nelson have been leaders all year, getting plenty of support from sophomores Mark Wheaton and Mike Trautner.

Also the weekend of May 20, the golfers and track team will compete in their Big Ten tourneys, with Miles Prestemon considered one of the Big Ten's best. Prestemon has finished sixth and tenth in the past at the Big Tens.

Roy Griak's track team has a good chance to move up on their seventh-place finish of a year ago. Runners like Steve Plasencia, Gerry Metzler and Roger Frazier should again place and field event specialists Bryan Mortland (pole vault) and Rick Ailts (discus and shot put) will score.

Unlike the sports covered, Coach Dick "Chief" Siebert's baseball squad is relatively young and inexperienced.

However, Siebert is blessed with a stout pitching staff, one that could be the equal of any in the Big Ten.

Last season mound ace Jerry Ujdur set a new UM record for most appearances (18) and tied for most wins ever in a single season (11). He and co-captain Perry Bauer, plus a host of newcomers, could give Siebert the staff he needs to challenge for another Big Ten title, the 12th under the Chief.

But hitting could be the big problem. The only returning players on defense who saw any action at all last year are catcher Tom Jagiela and converted shortstop Tarry Boelter. Through the first 14 games of this season, Boelter led the Gophers with four home runs.

Everything you want to know about tickets

The 1978 football season tickets are on sale for the coming fall season. There are prospects of more exciting action and more fans coming back to collegiate football. We are able to offer this year's season football ticket along with valuable coupons redeemable for free merchandise at local Super-Valu stores and discounts of 15% at local County Seat stores.

With this renewed interest in our season tickets, it seemed a good idea to list the most frequent inquiries and supply the answers to you in advance of the season football ticket ordering period.

The reorder application — Your last year's locations, number of tickets purchased, and price extensions have been entered for your convenience. May we emphasize the importance of your signing the application at the *extreme upper-left* of the application. For your protection, the signature will be verified when received in our Athletic Ticket Office. Your reorder application is valid for *your personal use only*. This restriction is doubly important since all seat assignments are based on the longevity as a season ticket holder each of you has established through the years.

The priority deadline — We request your signed application and remittance reach us by *May 31*. We can guarantee your application will be considered for an improved location (if requested) or that you will be assigned your last year's location *only* if your completed application has reached us prior to that date.

How your seat locations may be improved — If last year's seat locations listed on your reorder application are satisfactory to you, please check the appropriate box at the lower right corner of your application. The second box checked will tell us that you wish your seats moved nearer mid-field. Your height preference may be checked also, in conjunction with the request for yardage improvement. We should point out, however, that since "Medium" height (approximately from row 20 through row 45) is the preference of the majority of ticket holders, less vacancies do occur at that level and more requests are received for the same area. *One final note:* Patrons who do not indicate either a preference for last year's location or for improvement will be assigned the same seats held last year.

The procedure for assigning ticket locations is as follows: At the close of the reorder period, the patrons' names, from all applications received are entered in our assignment charts. Those locations *not* reordered are then isolated and available for improvement to those reorder patrons who have indicated a desire for better seating. Those applications from our oldest priority date of record are assigned first, and so on down the line through those of you who were new patrons last year. Naturally, each time a location is improved, an additional vacancy is created for improvements. We feel this system is the most equitable to our many thousands of priority holders.

New Season ticket locations — When the above procedure has been completed and all reorder patrons' tickets assigned, applications from new patrons are assigned based on the date each new order is received. Ticket applications for *additional* season tickets from present reorder patrons are processed as new orders. As a reorder patron, then, you may accumulate several groups of seat locations through the years, each with its own priority. We will assign your seats annually based on your instructions, considering each location by its individual longevity priority.

Transfers of priority — This situation is probably the most difficult to deal with. If our "longevity dictates seat locations" philosophy is to be meaningful, transfers of priorities must be minimal. If transfers were granted indiscriminately very few vacancies would occur in the more desirable season ticket areas. Priorities, once established, would run to perpetuity as one generation passed control to the next. The result would be that other patrons, ordering each year in good faith in an effort to eventually move into better seats, would not be given an equal chance to be improved. This would be unfair to those who through their continued financial and moral support make up the back bone of our football following.

You will find only one exception to our "No Transfer" regulation. The surviving spouse of an original priority holder will receive transfer of priority, if requested.

Ken Buell
Athletic Ticket Manager

Gopher Football Tickets

ON SALE MAY 1

Six Home Games

Regular Reserved Tickets	\$48.00
Economy Plan (Seating in Section 16 Only)	
Adult	\$36.00
Child (Under 18)	27.00
Golden Age (62 and over)	27.00

Single Game Ticket Mail Order Sale
Opens August 1, 1978

\$8.00 Reserve Economy Plan \$6.00 & \$4.50
Applications mailed from Ticket Office
the latter part of July.

1978 MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 16	TOLEDO — HOME
Sept. 23	OHIO STATE — HOME
Sept. 30	UCLA — Los Angeles
Oct. 7	OREGON STATE (Industry Day) — HOME
Oct. 14	IOWA — HOME (American Legion Day)
Oct. 21	Northwestern — Evanston
Oct. 28	Michigan — Ann Arbor
Nov. 4	INDIANA — HOMECOMING
Nov. 11	Michigan State — E. Lansing
Nov. 18	ILLINOIS — HOME
Nov. 25	Wisconsin — Madison

Bierman Briefs

Mrs. Kathleen Anderson, secretary to Holger Christensen in the Gopher Athletic Department, and her husband Scott welcomed a new addition to their family, son Jeff, born Feb. 3, 1978. Jeff weighed in at 8 lbs., 7 oz. and is their first child. Kathleen says she plans to return to her desk about June 1.

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Assistant Gopher hockey coach Brad Buetow will coach the Minnesota team for the Pre-Olympic Development camp July 23-31 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Brad will work with another M man, Doug Woog, as co-coach. Four 20-man teams will be in camp, including one from the Detroit, MI area, another from Massachusetts, plus an at-large squad. The 1980 U.S. Olympic will be chosen from candidates in this group. U.S. Olympic coach Herb Brooks, head mentor at Minnesota, will oversee the entire operation at the Academy.

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Bob Peterson, Gopher sports promotion and information director, will head for Atlanta in June to preside over this year's College Sports Information Directors of America workshop-convention. Peterson served as president of CoSIDA this year, and his final duty at the five-day gathering in Atlanta will be to turn over the gavel to incoming prexy Don Bryant of Nebraska.

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Holger Christiansen, finance and facilities coordinator for Gopher athletics, isn't planning a move to Hollywood, but he did come closer than most to appearing in films! The Williams Arena ice rink was one of several sites in the metropolitan area used recently by Columbia Pictures for filming segments of the film "Ice Castles."

Scheduled for release sometime next year, the film will depict Williams Arena as the setting of a regional figure skating competition in St. Louis. The ice rink was made available to Columbia Pictures on a rental basis, but Columbia also agreed to make a donation to the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs for each of the persons who appeared as "extras" in the crowd scenes.

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TIME OUT



Bloomquist Boosts Golden Gophers

John Bloomquist is another member of a long list of great guys who really get out and help the Golden Gopher program.

John was born and raised in Minneapolis, where he attended Minneapolis Edison High School, "Northeast." He went on to the University of Minnesota, where he graduated in 1969 with a degree in Speech Communications. John served in the Army 2 years and spent several years as Wally Mund's assistant at Midland Hills Country Club in Saint Paul. While working at Midland Hills, John came in contact with Bob Keene and Jack Fratzke (2 charter members of the Gophers St. Paul Committee), and John volunteered his services. That was over 10 years ago! John has been a tireless worker for our program ever since.

John's "baby" is the Celebrity Golf Outing at Midland Hills each year. He practically runs the event by himself. He spends countless hours prior to the event, planning, preparing, and getting ready to make each years event "better than ever." He can be seen 2 days before the event making signs, then putting them up, marking greens . . . just getting things ready to go. Then at 5 a.m. the day of the event, there he is taking care of last minute details . . . and all day long he's there taking care of the "thousand little things" that crop up during an event that involves close to 300 participants. *Nobody does it better*, because it's a labor of love for John, who has been a Golden Gopher fan (football, basketball, and hockey) ever since he can remember.

From John's association with the St. Paul Gopher Committee and Bob Keene, president of John Roberts Printing Company (and a member of the Golden Gopher Club), John went to work for John Roberts Co. as a salesman and has been selling for them for close to 8 years. So, the Bob Keene, John Roberts Co., and John Bloomquist affiliation has proven to be a winner for everyone — especially the Gophers!

1978 Schedule of Williams Fund Events

Monday, May 8	7th Annual Wayzata Sportacular (Golf and Tennis)	Wayzata Country Club
May 13 thru May 29	3rd Annual Golden Gopher Fishing Contest	Land of 10,000 Lakes
Monday, May 15	2nd Annual Patty Berg-Les Bolstad Golf	Golden Valley Country Club
*Wednesday May 24	1st Annual Hutchinson Golf Outing	Hutchinson Country Club
Monday, May 22	6th Annual Oak Ridge Golf & Tennis Outing	Oak Ridge Country Club
Tuesday, May 30	3rd Annual Dick Wildung Golf Outing	Redwood Falls Country Club
Monday, June 5	4th Annual North Suburban Golf Outing	Bunker Hills Country Club Coon Rapids
Tuesday, June 6	6th Annual Austin Golf & Tennis Outing	Austin Country Club
Monday, June 12	5th Annual Pat Crist Memorial Golf Outing	Hastings Country Club
Wednesday, June 14	3rd Annual Building Industries Golf	Bunker Hills Country Club Coon Rapids
Monday, June 19	2nd Annual St. Croix Valley Golf Outing	Stillwater Country Club
Tuesday, June 20	1st Annual Riverside Golf Outing	Riverside Country Club Midway - Blue Earth & Winnebago
Thursday, June 22	3rd Annual Paul Giel Golf Classic	Winona Country Club
Monday, June 26	4th Annual Bruce Smith Memorial Golf Outing	Faribault Country Club
Tuesday, June 27	4th Annual New Ulm Golf Outing	New Ulm Country Club
Thursday, June 29	4th Annual Iron Range Open	Grand Rapids Country Club
Monday, July 10	6th Annual Roger Hagberg Memorial Golf Outing	(To be announced) Rochester, Minn.
Monday, July 17	9th Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament	Midland Hills Country Club
Monday, July 24	5th Annual John Mariucci Open Golf	Southview Country Club
Tuesday, July 25	2nd Annual St. Peter Golf Outing	Le Sueur Country Club
Wednesday, August 2	2nd Annual Super Jack Golf Outing	Sauk Centre Country Club
Tuesday, August 15	Minnesota Football Fans Inc. Williams Fund Dinner	(To be announced)
Monday, October 2	13th Annual St. Paul Stag	Midland Hills Country Club

Look for PAUL GIEL's invitation to join our WILLIAMS FUND *special team!*
It's coming with all football ticket applications.

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Men's Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Minnesota are **totally** self-supporting and the WILLIAMS FUND is vital to our very existence!

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WILLIAMS FUND donations are now processed and recorded by the UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOUNDATION. If you receive a solicitation from the Foundation, remember to earmark any, or all, of your gift for the WILLIAMS FUND. We need your help . . . now, more than ever!

THANK YOU! Tom Barron
Director, Williams Fund
Room 220f, BFAB

McGUIRE, SCOTT HEADLINE WAYZATA EVENT

Al McGuire, NBC Sports commentator and former Marquette University basketball coach, headlines the seventh annual Wayzata Sportacular, Monday, May 8. Ray Scott, radio and television sportscaster, will act as master of ceremonies at the day long event held at Wayzata Country Clubs.

The sportacular, including breakfast and luncheon programs followed by tennis, golf and skeet and trap events, raises funds for the University of Minnesota's Williams Fund. Last year, under the direction of Jaye F. Dyer and D. Wayne Jimmerson, \$65,000 was donated to the Fund, which benefits exceptional student-athletes and assists in maintaining the university's 11-sport program.

"Our goal this year is \$78,000," said Dyer, chairman of the Sportacular. "We'll sell out our golf events early and the tennis should go over big this year. We expect the increase in funds to come from the expanding tennis and skeet and trap events."

Tickets to the Sportacular are \$100 and include the breakfast or luncheon program followed by one of the sporting events. Golf events are played on both Wayzata and Woodhill courses.

The breakfast program was initiated last year and indicates the growth of the Sportacular. The event evolved from a speech request in 1972. Giel, who had just joined the University staff, was asked to speak at a Wayzata meeting. He offered to bring some of his coaches and staff to the program. As a result, tickets were sold and \$5,000 donated to the Fund.

Since then, the Sportacular has expanded its program, the number of events, and the number of participants.

McGuire led his Marquette Warriors to the NCAA Title in March of 1977 and then left the coaching ranks to join Medalist Industries, Inc.

He remains close to the game of basketball, however, as a member of the NBC-TV sports team and serves as a color analyst during that network's coverage of NCAA competition. McGuire was on hand in Williams Arena this past February when Minnesota's assignment against Louisville received national television coverage.

As the featured speaker at this year's Wayzata Sportacular, McGuire will join a lengthy list of prominent sportsmen such as Jesse Owens, Bob Griese, Bart Starr, Fran Tarkenton and Bud Wilkinson who held similar billing in previous years.

Here's the way a Medalist Industries brochure describes its new executive:

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Al McGuire. Eccentric. Controversial. Philosophic. Candid. Witty. A winning basketball coach.

And now a businessman — Al McGuire, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors at Medalist Industries, Inc.

McGuire brings to Medalist the great spirit that, for so many years, he gave to basketball. An aggressive, winning attitude that was climaxed by an NCAA Championship in 1977.

However, the quality that will propel Al McGuire to the top of the business



McGuire

world is his ability to be a leader. Leadership, that not only will drive Medalist to reach beyond its potential, but also fulfill the company's "obligation to the community." Assistance for the handicapped. The poor. Employee communications. The environment. In other words, Al McGuire believes everybody and everything should be touched by this work.

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Besides what Medalist says about McGuire, Minnesota sports fans say even more. They remember his many appearances at Williams Arena as coach of the Marquette Warriors. They'll be delighted to welcome him back at this year's Wayzata Sportacular. The same goes for Ray Scott.

For many years the voice of the Minnesota Twins, Scott currently is the television voice of the Penn State College football TV network and for the past two years has been the TV voice of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Whatever the game, his motto of sportscasting is: "The game is the thing." As a commentator with thoroughness for detail and critical skill in analysis of trend, Scott, nonetheless, gives the game an opportunity to dramatize itself. Those traits will permit him to do the same with the Wayzata Sportacular.

Scott began his long association with professional football as the CBS voice of the Green Bay Packers's television network. The ensuing years saw Scott teamed with the late Paul Christman and considered by many as the finest matchup in the history of sportscasting.

In balloting among fellow sportscasters, Scott has seldom finished lower than the top three in ranking nationally. He was voted the nation's number one sportscaster in 1968 and 1971, the highest award of his profession.

He has covered the World Series, NBA Basketball, many of the major college football bowl games, Big Ten and Pacific-Eighth Conference basketball and football. Four times he has been the TV voice of the Super Bowl, the nation's number one television attraction in sports each year.

Along with his deep love for playing the game of golf, Scott has served as anchorman for many of the nation's top PGA & LPGA golf telecasts including a



Scott

long association with the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

In the National Football League, he has been the pre-season TV and regular season radio voice of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers since their inception in the NFL.

"M" Club Seeks Address Help

This year's M banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 31 at the Learnington Hotel in Minneapolis. Once again a number of 50 year men will be honored, but assistance is being sought in locating some of those individuals. If anyone has an address for any of the following, please contact Toni Coleman (373-4823) at the Bierman Field Athletic Building.

50 Year Men

Elton F. Hess — Track — 1928
Hugo W. Matson — Swimming — 1928
Phillip Merritt — Basketball — 1928
Raymond A. Nelson — Basketball — 1928
Milford Rigg — Baseball — 1928
C. O. Waidelich — Swimming — 1928

Over 50 Year Men

Stanley Ward — Gymnastics — 1927
Harold L. Rush — Swimming — 1927
Kenneth Mann — Football — 1927
Homer L. Hussey — Hockey — 1927
Oswald S. Gjerset — Track Mgr. — 1927
William Erickson — Gymnastics — 1927
Edwin L. Sylvester — Swimming — 1924
Rev. Herbert W. Griffin — C. Country — 1914
George Abramson — Football — 1922
Stanley J. Bakke — Baseball — 1926
Max M. Moody — Swimming — 1926
Frank L. Lucke, Jr. — Swimming 1926
Stanley B. Morris — Swimming — 1926
Lester E. Wiley — Gymnastics — 1926
Clark Newhouse — Swimming — 1925
Robert H. MacMurphy — Baseball — 1923
Dr. George A. Miners — Football — 1918
Harold E. Bird — Swimming — 1923
Walter G. Haertel — Football — 1916
Frank S. Kelly — Track — 1920
L. E. Teberg — Football — 1920

Walleye Fishing Contest Offers Prizes Galore

The third annual Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest is on tap in Minnesota from the opening of walleye season May 13th through May 29th, and this year's venture looms as the best ever.

Designed to raise money for the men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department at the University of Minnesota, the contest also provides an opportunity to have fun in Minnesota's great outdoors.

This energetic promotion with a new angle for the angler centers around a button sale campaign and a fishing contest, and it provides prizes for a variety of winners.

Paul Giel, director of men's intercollegiate athletics at the U of M, has stressed the fact that there literally are prizes, including cars, fishing trips, fishing gear, vacations, trips with Gopher athletic teams and season tickets, for everyone who buys a button.

"We gave away prizes at drawings during the recent Sports Show," Giel said. "We're going to give two major prizes for our 'Lucky Drawings' so even button holders who don't fish have a chance to win. We will give prizes for the biggest fish entered at each weigh-in station, and of course we'll have our 10 grand prizes for the top winners in the state-wide contest."

Buttons, which also will serve as a free admission ticket to this year's spring football game scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on May 19 at Parade Stadium, have been distributed to more than 250 fishing "hot spots" around the state.

In addition, Giel has secured the assistance of several organizations to assist in the distribution and sale of buttons for this year's contest.

"The American Legion and the VFW are participating," Giel said, "so buttons should be available at many of those posts around the state. We also have the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Knights of Columbus involved as well as a number of sports booster clubs in different parts of Minnesota."

All proceeds will go to the Williams Fund, a fund which Giel describes as having two distinct purposes.

"The Fund," Giel says, "enables the University to lend financial assistance to those student athletes from all of our 11 sports who attain and maintain a B average during their careers at Minnesota. It also is available, at our discretion, for us in augmenting the operating budget of the Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department."

Giel stresses the fact that the University of Minnesota has pledged itself to maintaining a total, competitive and quality program in men's intercollegiate athletics.

"The success of a venture such as the Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest is vital to our Department, which remains nearly 100 per cent self-sustaining," Giel said.

Spearheading the promotion are Rollie Johnson, noted TV sports personality and Minnesota outdoorsman, Murray Warmath, Assistant to the Athletic Director, and Tom Barron, director of the Williams Fund.



BUTTON KICK OFF — Charlie Herbst, Golden Gopher benefactor, and Coach Cal Stoll helped kick off the button sale for the 1978 Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest in the U of M booth during the recent Sportshow at the Minneapolis Auditorium where 5,890 buttons were sold.

Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest

opens May 13th and ends May 29th

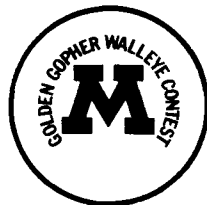
GRAND PRIZES

- 1st Grand Prize** — Choice of 1978 Ford Pinto car, courtesy Northland Ford Dealers; or \$5,000.00 combination boat, motor, and trailer — courtesy Lund American Boats, Evinrude Outboard Motors, and Bako Trailers.
- 2nd Grand Prize** — Prize not selected by 1st place winner.
- 3rd Grand Prize** — One week fly-in fishing trip, Canadian Wilderness Lakes, courtesy Rusty Myers Flying Services, Fort Francis, Ontario
- 4th Grand Prize** — One week vacation for four, courtesy McArdle's Luxury Resort on Big Winnie Lake, Bena, MN.
- 5th Grand Prize** — Fish house for ice fishing — Courtesy of Ercoa Industries, Inc., Braham, MN.
- 6th Grand Prize-7th Grand Prize** — Trip with Gopher Football Team to an Away Game.
- 8th Grand Prize** — Choice of pair of Gopher season tickets (football, basketball, or hockey).
- 9th Grand Prize** — Choice of season tickets of remaining two sports.
- 10th Grand Prize** — Pair of season tickets of remaining sport.

LUCKY DRAW PRIZES

1
One year use of 1978 Chevrolet Chevette, courtesy of Paul Gantriss — Gantriss Chevrolet Co., Blooming Prairie, MN.

2
Canadian Fishing Trip — three night fly-out Special for two people at KaBeeLo Lodge, Ear Falls, Ontario, courtesy of Ken & Betty Lohn, Prior Lake, MN.



TEAMWORK



There's been a longtime friendship between Midwest Federal and the University of Minnesota. It's teamwork, the same kind that wins ball games, and helps all endeavors succeed. At Midwest Federal we believe in what the University is doing; we've enjoyed watching it grow. That's why we give our corporate and personal support to the University of Minnesota Marching Band, the Williams Scholarship Fund, the Cal Stoll Show, the Gopher Chatter newsletter and the entire intercollegiate athletic program. The University has our best wishes for continued success.

Harold W. Greenwood Jr.

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A GOOD TREE TO COME TO FOR SHELTER

REMAINING HOME EVENTS FOR SPRING SPORTS TEAMS

BASEBALL: (Bierman Field)

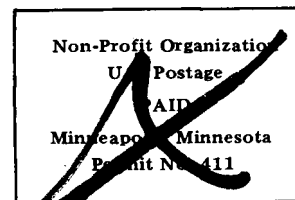
Tue., May 2 — Winona (2) 2 p.m.
Sat. May 6 — Wisconsin (2) 1 p.m.
Tue., May 9 — Bemidji (2) 2 p.m.

TENNIS: (Bierman Courts)

Tue., May 2 — Gustavus 2 p.m.
Wed., May 3 — St. Olaf 2 p.m.
Mon., May 8 — St. Cloud St. 2 p.m.
Tue., May 9 — St. Thomas 2 p.m.
Fri., May 12 — Wisconsin 7 p.m. (Northwest Tennis Club)
Sat., May 13 — Northwestern 1 p.m.

GOLF: (University Golf Course)

Fri. & Sat., May 12-13 — Minnesota Invitational
Sun., May 14 — Varsity-Alumni meet



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