

Minnesota Golden Gopher women's gymnastics

Penn State Invitational

-- meet notes

GOPHERS TRAVEL TO PENN STATE FOR FOUR-TEAM PENN STATE INVITATIONAL — After winning the Minnesota Challenge over the weekend, the Minnesota Golden Gopher women's gymnastics team take to the road for the first time this season to participate in the four-team Penn State Invitational. Penn State, New Hampshire and West Virginia will compete against the Gophers in the one-day event on Saturday.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS —

PENN STATE LADY LIONS

— Penn State returned six letterwinners from last year's team that finished second at the Big Tens and qualified for its third consecutive NCAA Championships.

The Lady Lions opened their 1994 season last weekend at home against the defending national champion Bulldogs of Georgia. Penn State lost the dual to Georgia 192.125-190.375.

Heading the list of returnees to the Lady Lion team is senior co-captain **April Polito**. After suffering a severe ankle sprain the beginning of last season, Polito battled back to finish second in the all-around at the Northwest Regional. Two seasons ago, Polito returned after a suffering a fractured leg to compete in the regional and NCAA Championships.

Polito finished second in the all-around in the Georgia dual, losing-out to **Leslie Angeles** of Georgia 39.050-38.650.

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS — West Virginia will bank on the experience of four juniors and two seniors in order to win the Atlantic 10 Conference title for the third consecutive year. The Mountaineers have been a fixture in the post-season, as the team has qualified for the NCAA Southeast Regional the past 11 years.

West Virginia opened its season last weekend, hosting a triangular event at home against Michigan and

Pittsburgh. Michigan won the team event with a score of 187.625. The Mountaineer finished second with a team score of 186.750.

Leading West Virginia into the season will be senior **Lajuanda Moody**. Moody holds school records in the bars, beam, floor and all-around and will be looking to qualify for her third NCAA Championships.

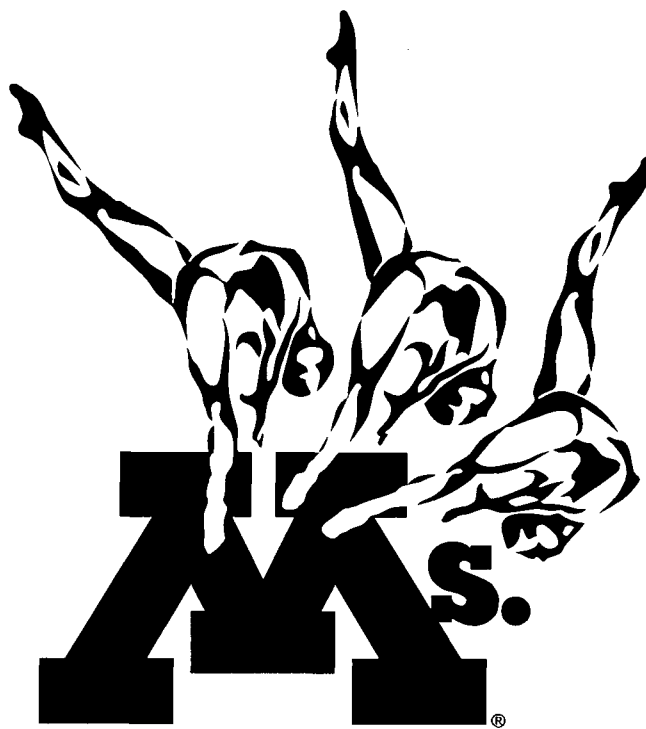
NEW HAMPSHIRE — No information available.

GOPHERS CAPTURE MINNESOTA CHALLENGE AS TEAM OPENS SEASON IN PAVILION — Minnesota opened a new era of gymnastics over the weekend as the team held its first competition in the new Sports Pavilion.

The Gophers won the Minnesota Challenge with a team score of 180.25 - defeating Winona State (168.575), Gustavus Adolphus (160.70) and Hamline (158.70).

Gopher sophomore **SUSAN CASTNER** (WORTHINGTON, OH/THOMAS WORTHINGTON) captured the all-around with a score of 36.275. Castner won individual honors in the uneven bars with a score of 9.325 and the balance beam with an effort of 9.250.

Minnesota won all four events with senior **JESSICA WOLF** (OSHKOSH, WI/OSHKOSH WEST) winning the vault with a score of 9.4 and senior **LORI KINDLER** (LAKE ELMO, MN/HILL-MURRAY) claiming the floor exercise with a score of 9.625



1994 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS SUMMARY

W/L Overall: 3-0 Dual: 0-0 Invites: 3-0 Home: 3-0 Away: 0-0 Big Ten: 0-0

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM SCORE		VAULT		BARS		BEAM		FLOOR	
		MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP
1/15	Minn Challenge	180.250		44.400		44.575		44.700		46.575	
	Winona State		168.575		42.500		40.000		42.550		43.525
	Gustavus Adolphus		160.700		41.700		36.750		38.750		43.500
	Hamline		158.700		40.150		36.450		40.050		42.050
1/22	at Penn State Inv.										
	New Hampshire										
	Penn State										
	West Virginia										
1/29	Arizona State										
2/5	at Iowa State										
2/12	Minn Inv.										
	Michigan State										
	Iowa										
2/19	at UCLA Inv.										
	Arizona St.										
	Auburn										
	Illinois										
	Michigan										
2/25	at Stanford Inv.										
	California										
	Cal-Davis										
3/4	at Oregon St. Inv.										
	Arizona										
	Nebraska										
	Penn State										
	Washington										
3/10	Gustavus Adolphus										
3/19	Utah										
3/26	at Big Tens										
	Michigan										
	Penn State										
	Michigan State										
	Ohio State										
	Iowa										
	Illinois										

Raw Average

Regional Qualifying Score*:

*The regional qualifying score (RQS) is based on a team's six best regular season meet scores, of which two must be home and two away. To obtain the RQS, the high score and low score are eliminated and the remaining four scores are averaged. Seven teams qualify for the regional.

1993 INDIVIDUAL & TEAM HIGHS BY EVENT--

VAULT	Jessica Wolf	9.4	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
UNEVEN BARS	Susan Castner	9.325	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
BALANCE BEAM	Susan Castner	9.250	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
FLOOR EXERCISE	Lori Kindler	9.625	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
ALL-AROUND	Susan Castner	36.275	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
TEAM VAULT		44.400	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
TEAM UNEVEN BARS		44.575	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
TEAM BALANCE BEAM		44.700	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
TEAM FLOOR EXERCISE		46.575	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
TOTAL TEAM SCORE		180.250	Minnesota Challenge 1/15

