

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD PREVIEW

The Gophers hope to continue the momentum they have started to build throughout the last year. Although the team finished eighth at the Big Ten indoor championships, it was the team's best performance indoors since the Big Ten began sanctioning the championships in 1982. This outdoor season, the young Gophers will be looking to improve upon their eighth-place finish of a year ago.

The Gophers' strongest event last year, the **discus**, is not competed during the indoor season. Last year, the Gophers placed three women in the discus at the Big Ten outdoor championships, the most in a single event in school history. Sophomore **JEAN SCHLEUSENER** (TOMAH, WI) placed second, senior **DANA HAWKSFORD** (ANOKA, MN) finished third, and junior **SHIRLEY MOLITOR** (COLD SPRING, MN/ROCORI) grabbed sixth place. Freshmen **JENNY ESPE** (WHITE BEAR LAKE, MN), whose brother Dave plays varsity hockey for the Gophers, and **STEPHANIE BOSTWICK** (BROWN DEER, WI) add more strength to an already deep group.

In the **javelin**, another event not competed indoors, sophomore **JENNY AGNEW** (BETHEL PARK, PA) placed second at the Drake Relays and finished fourth at Big Tens, despite being hampered by an injured ankle. Schleusener scored in the **shot put** last year, but freshman **RACHEL LEWIS** (SIOUX CITY, IA/NORTH) was the highest Gopher finisher at the Big Ten indoor meet, placing seventh. Lewis also competes in the discus.

The Gophers hope the return of Big Ten cross country champion **EILEEN DONAGHY** (ST. PAUL, MN/HIGHLAND PARK), a junior, and senior half-miler **LISA JOHNSON** (LaCRESCENT, MN) from injuries that kept them out during the indoor season will spark their deep group of **distance runners**. Johnson has scored points in every Big Ten meet in which she has competed. **LAURA DUFFY** (KENNEBUNK, ME) has established herself as one of the conference's top freshmen. **NICOLE NUGENT** (DEL MAR, CA/TORREY PINES), another freshman, came on strong at the end of the indoor season, and hopes to continue improving. Others to watch are senior **PATTI WALSH** (SHOREVIEW, MN/MOUNDS VIEW), sophomore **CHERSTE JOHNSON** (OSHKOSH, WI/WEST), freshman **HEATHER DOYLE** (MOORHEAD, MN), sophomore **TIFFANY CHURCH** (APPLETON, WI/WEST), junior **JACKIE HUBBARD** (BECKER, MN) and freshman **CHRIS ABBOTT** (WINONA, MN), who did not compete indoors due to injury after a fine rookie cross country season.

In the jumps, freshman **TRACEE WOLF** (COLD SPRING, MN/ROCORI) captured the Big Ten indoor **high jump** title and set a new school record with a leap of 5-9 3/4. Wolf is the first Gopher woman ever to win a Big Ten indoor championship. She and sophomore **ROBYN HACKBARTH** (ROSEVILLE, MN/KELLOGG), the school outdoor record-holder, give the Gophers the finest high-jumping tandem in the conference.

Sophomore **LESLIE REVIER** (RAYMONDVILLE, NY/NORWOOD-NORFOLK) finished fourth in the **triple jump** at the Big Ten indoor meet and holds the school indoor triple jump record. She will be competing in her first outdoor season after coming back from an ankle injury that kept her out of both Big Ten meets last season.

Senior **BETH LINDBLAD** (ST. LOUIS PARK, MN), finished sixth in the **heptathlon** last year and fourth in the pentathlon at the indoor championships this year. Freshman **STEPH BATTIER** (ROBBINSDALE, MN/ARMSTRONG) placed sixth in the pentathlon this winter.

Sophomore **JACKIE ROBINSON** (EAST ST. LOUIS, IL/LINCOLN) leads the Gopher **hurdlers**. Robinson showed her versatility last year, as she set school records outdoors in the triple jump and 100-meter dash. This year, she has been concentrating on the hurdles as well as running some relays. Sophomore **KRISTA THYREEN** (PROSPECT HEIGHTS, IL/JOHN HERSEY) is the Gophers' 400-meter hurdle specialist.

Top **sprinters** include junior **MICHELLE BROWN** (POMPANO BEACH, FL/CORAL SPRINGS), sophomore **DIANE EGGER** (COON RAPIDS, MN) and freshman **SUE LOECK** (APPLETON, WI/FOX RIVER VALLEY).

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
1988 OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE

Head Coach: Gary Wilson
Assistant Coaches: Kirk Elias, Lynne Anderson

MARCH

26 Sat. Texas A & M (College Station, TX)

APRIL

9 SAT. MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL 11:00 A.M.

15-16 Fri-Sat. Drake Invitational (Des Moines, IA)

23 Sat. Badger Open (Madison, WI)

29-30 Fri-Sat. Drake Relays (Des Moines, IA)

30 Sat. Macalester Invitational (St. Paul, MN)

MAY

7 Sat. Oregon Twilight Open (Eugene, OR)

14 SAT. MINNESOTA OPEN 11:00 A.M.

21-22 Sat.-Sun. Big Ten Outdoor Championships (Ann Arbor, MI)

28 SAT. MINNESOTA LAST CHANCE MEET 5:00 P.M.

JUNE

1-4 Wed-Sat. NCAA Championships (Eugene, OR)

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