



# MEDIA NOTES

## GOLDEN GOPHER VOLLEYBALL

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## NCAA TOURNAMENT

### #9 MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS (25-7, 17-3)

Dec. 8 - at No. 7 Florida, 6 p.m. (CT)

Dec. 9 - match 1 winner vs. match 2 winner, 3 p.m. (CT)

### 2006 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 1	^at St. Louis	W, 3-1
Sept. 2	^vs. LSU	L, 0-3
Sept. 2	^vs. Texas A&M	L, 1-3
Sept. 8	\$vs. #25 Cal Poly	W, 3-1
Sept. 9	\$vs. #20 Louisville	L, 1-3
Sept. 10	\$at #1 Nebraska	L, 1-3
Sept. 13	!vs. Northern Iowa	W, 3-1
Sept. 15	%U Conn	W, 3-0
Sept. 16	%Tulane	W, 3-0
Sept. 16	%Dayton	W, 3-0
Sept. 22	*at Northwestern	W, 3-2
Sept. 23	*at Illinois	W, 3-0
Sept. 29	<b>*#24 MICHIGAN</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
Oct. 1	<b>*MICHIGAN STATE</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>
Oct. 6	*at #2 Penn State	L, 1-3
Oct. 8	*at #14 Ohio State	W, 3-1
Oct. 13	<b>*INDIANA</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
Oct. 14	<b>*#9 PURDUE (Williams Arena)</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
Oct. 18	<b>*#11 WISCONSIN</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
Oct. 20	*at Iowa	W, 3-0
Oct. 27	<b>*#24 OHIO STATE</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
Oct. 28	<b>*#2 PENN STATE</b>	<b>L, 2-3</b>
Nov. 3	*at Michigan State	W, 3-0
Nov. 4	*at Michigan	L, 1-3
Nov. 10	<b>*ILLINOIS</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
Nov. 11	<b>*NORTHWESTERN</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
Nov. 15	*at #10 Wisconsin	W, 3-1
Nov. 18	<b>*IOWA</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
Nov. 24	*at #22 Purdue	W, 3-0
Nov. 25	*at Indiana	W, 3-0
Nov. 30	&vs. Siena	W, 3-0
Dec. 1	&St. John's	W, 3-2
Dec. 8	!!at #7 Florida	6 p.m.
Dec. 9	*!vs. #1 Nebraska/#17 San Diego	3 p.m.
Dec. 14-17	NCAA Semifinals/Finals (Omaha, Neb.)	TBA

Home matches in **bold** played at the Sports Pavilion

All Times Central • Big Ten Matches

%Diet Coke Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.)

!at Rochester, Minn.

^Billiken Invitational (St. Louis, Mo.)

\$Ameritas Players Challenge (Lincoln, Neb.)

&NCAA First and Second Round (Albany, N.Y.)

!!NCAA Regionals (Gainesville, Fla.)

\* If Minnesota advances

#### Minnesota at a Glance:

- Minnesota is 24-11 in NCAA Tournament Play
- Minnesota is 10-4 in NCAA Tournament Neutral Site Matches
- Minnesota is 3-6 in NCAA Road Matches
- Minnesota is 2-1 vs. Florida, and 18-10 against the SEC
- Minnesota is 4-29 vs. Nebraska, and 75-49 vs. the Big 12
- Minnesota is 2-2 vs. San Diego, and 9-2 vs. the WCC
- Minnesota is 4-5 in NCAA Regional play, but has won its last four NCAA Regional matches (in 2003 & 2004)
- Minnesota will be the first team in the tournament to play two 30-win teams (St. John's 31-4 & Florida 30-2)

### NCAA TOURNAMENT STORYLINES

• The Minnesota volleyball team will head to Gainesville, Fla. for the NCAA Regionals on Dec. 8-9. The Golden Gophers will face host Florida in the Regional Semifinals on Friday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. (CT). That will be the second match of the night, as Nebraska and San Diego will meet at 3:30 p.m. (CT). The winner of the two matches will play on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. (CT) for the right to go the Final Four. The Regional Final match will also be broadcast on ESPN U. Minnesota enters the week with the No. 2 seed in the region, and is the No. 8 national seed in the NCAA Tournament. Florida is the No. 3 seed in the region, and the No. 9 national seed in the tournament. Nebraska is the top seed in the region, and is the No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. San Diego is the No. 4 seed in the region, and No. 16 in the nation. The Golden Gophers enter the week with a 25-7 record after defeating Siena in three games in the first round, and St. John's in five games in the second round in Albany, N.Y. The Gators are 30-2, and join Texas as the only team that will host the regionals after hosting first and second rounds as well. Florida defeated Florida A&M in three games at home in the first round, and claimed a four-game victory over Arizona State in the second round. Nebraska, who is 29-1, stayed at home in the first and second rounds. The Cornhuskers defeated American in four games in the first round and Northern Iowa in three games in the second round. San Diego took the same route as Minnesota, winning a pair of neutral-site matches to advance to regional round. The Toreros, who are 26-5, defeated Jacksonville State in the first round, and won in five games over No. 25 Duke in the second round at Knoxville, Tenn.

• With a five-game victory over St. John's on Dec. 1, Minnesota advanced to its sixth NCAA Regional in the last eight seasons. The Golden Gophers became one of eight teams to advance to six or more NCAA Regionals since the 1999 season. Minnesota is joined on that list by Florida, Hawaii, Nebraska, Penn State, Stanford, UCLA and USC. Nebraska and Hawaii are the only two teams to advance every year since 1999. Florida and UCLA have done so seven times in that span, while the Golden Gophers, Penn State, Stanford and USC have done so six times since 1999. Amazingly enough, three of the four teams in Minnesota's regional made that prestigious list. Among Big Ten teams, the Golden Gophers and Nittany Lions have made the most regional appearances (six) since 1999. Wisconsin and Ohio State have each made five, while Purdue has made two in a row. Illinois and Michigan State have also each made an appearance in the NCAA Regional round once since 1999.

• Minnesota moved to 12-0 in 12 first round NCAA Tournament matches. The Golden Gophers are 10-0 in first round matches under current head coach Mike Hebert. Before Hebert, Minnesota won home first-round matches against Colorado (3-0 in 1989) and against Ball State (3-0 in 1993). In Hebert's 10 first-round matchups at Minnesota, he has defeated Central Florida at home (3-2 in 1996), Miami (Ohio) at Provo, Utah in three games in 1997, Sacramento State at Los Angeles in three games in 1999, Robert Morris at home (3-0 in 2000), DePaul at Cedar Falls, Iowa in three games in 2001, New Hampshire at home (3-0 in 2002), Wisconsin-Green Bay at home (3-0 in 2003), Long Island (3-0 in 2004) at New Haven, Conn. and Winthrop (3-0 in 2005) in Knoxville, Tenn. and Siena in three games at Albany, N.Y. this year.

### 2006 Big Ten Standings

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Penn State	18	2	.900	31	2	.939
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.850</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.781</b>
Wisconsin	16	4	.800	26	6	.813
Ohio State	13	7	.650	25	7	.781
Purdue	11	9	.550	23	10	.697
Michigan State	10	10	.500	19	12	.613
Northwestern	8	12	.400	14	15	.483
Michigan	8	12	.400	21	13	.618
Illinois	6	14	.300	15	15	.500
Iowa	2	18	.100	13	19	.406
Indiana	1	19	.050	10	22	.312

(at Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 8-9)

(16) San Diego vs. (1) Nebraska, 3:30 p.m. (CT)

(8) Minnesota at (9) Florida, 6 p.m. (CT)

winner match 1 vs. winner match 2, 3 p.m. (CT)

(at Austin, Texas)

California vs. (2) Stanford, 5p.m. (CT)

(10) Wisconsin at (7) Texas, 7:30 p.m. (CT)

winner match 1 vs. winner match 2, 5:30 p.m.

(at Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8-9)

(14) Purdue vs. (3) Penn State, 7 p.m. (CT)

(11) Ohio State at (6) Washington, 9:30 p.m. (CT)

winner match 1 vs. winner match 2, 8 p.m. (CT)

(at Honolulu, Hawaii, Dec. 8-9)

(4) UCLA vs. (13) Oklahoma, 9:30 p.m. (CT)

(5) USC vs. (12) Hawaii, 12:00 a.m. (CT)

winner match 1 vs. winner match 2, 11:30 p.m. (CT)

### MINNESOTA DEFEATS SIENA AND ST. JOHN'S TO ADVANCE TO NCAA REGIONALS

Minnesota advanced out of the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament (in Albany, N.Y.) with a pair of neutral-site victories over Siena (in the first round) and St. John's (in the second round). In the first match, the Golden Gophers defeated the Saints in three games by score of 30-16, 30-23, 30-15. Minnesota set a school-record for highest hitting percentage in an NCAA Tournament match at .426. The Golden Gophers also held Siena to a .090 hitting percentage for the match. Minnesota doubled the number of kills that the Saints had 56 to 27 for the match. Jessie Jones led the way for the Golden Gophers hitting .588 (12-2-17) with 12 kills and three blocks. Kelly Bowman hit .583 (8-1-12) with eight kills, five assists, 11 digs and two service aces. In the second match, Minnesota hung on to defeat St. John's in five games by scores of 30-26, 30-17, 26-30, 24-30, 15-12. The Golden Gophers jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a 30-26 and 30-17 victory. However, the Red Storm came back to claim the next two games 30-26, 30-24. Minnesota jumped out to an 8-4 lead in game five, before St. John's cut it to one at 9-8. The Golden Gophers seemed to gain breathing room at 12-8, but the Red Storm trimmed it back to 12-11. Minnesota scored the next two points, and made it match point on a Meredith Nelson kill at 14-11. St. John's cut it to 14-12, but Jones delivered a kill to give Minnesota the match. Jones had deciding kills on game point in all three games that Minnesota won on the night. Nelson led the way with 17 kills, four assists and three blocks, while Jones had 13 kills and tied a career-high nine blocks. Meghan Cumpston and Kyla Roehrig each had 14 kills. Minnesota out-hit St. John's .225 to .161 on the night.

**CSTV/AVCA Poll, (Dec. 4, 2006)**

Rank	School (1st Pl. Votes)	Points	Record	Last Week
1	<i>Nebraska</i> (53)	1490	29-1	1
2	Stanford (7)	1436	27-3	2
3	Washington	1355	27-4	3
4	UCLA	1314	31-3	4
5	<i>*Penn State</i>	1274	31-2	5
6	Southern California	1205	27-4	6
7	<i>Florida</i>	1151	30-2	7
8	Texas	1071	23-6	8
9	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>25-7</b>	<b>9</b>
10	<i>*Wisconsin</i>	956	26-6	10
11	Hawai'i	874	28-5	12
12	Oklahoma	836	28-5	13
13	California	763	22-9	15
14	San Diego	672	26-5	17
15	Utah	654	28-4	11
16	<i>Ohio State</i>	624	25-7	18
17	<i>Cal Poly</i>	536	23-6	14
18	<i>Purdue</i>	460	23-10	23
19	<i>LSU</i>	412	26-6	16
20	BYU	283	25-6	22
21	New Mexico State	188	33-4	19
22	Duke	178	29-4	25
23	Missouri	151	18-13	NR
24	Ohio	141	28-5	20
25	Santa Clara	118	20-8	21

**Others Receiving Votes:** Colorado 102, Long Beach State 80, Pepperdine 46, Iowa State 43, \**St. John's* 25, Kentucky 17, Colorado State 10, Middle Tennessee State 6, \**Northern Iowa* 4, Arizona State 2.

\* Represents Teams that Minnesota played in 2005  
*Italicized Teams Represent Opponents on the Schedule*

**Minnesota Week-by-Week Top-25 (2006)**

Date	Rank	Points
Aug. 8	22	393 pts
Sept. 4	NR	14 pts
Sept. 11	NR	16 pts
Sept. 18	NR	37 pts
Sept. 25	NR	49 pts
Oct. 2	24	120 pts
Oct. 9	23	277 pts
Oct. 16	17	538 pts
Oct. 23	12	785 pts
Oct. 30	12	817 pts
Nov. 6	13	735 pts
Nov. 13	12	821 pts
Nov. 20	10	957 pts
Nov. 27	9	1,022 pts
Dec. 4	9	1,015 pts

**Minnesota Week-by-Week Top-25 (2005)**

Date	Rank	Points
Aug. 8	6	1,126 pts
Sept. 5	5	1,210 pts
Sept. 12	5	1,275 pts
Sept. 19	5	1,269 pts
Sept. 26	9	1,081 pts
Oct. 3	9	1,051 pts
Oct. 10	9	1,061 pts
Oct. 17	12	840 pts
Oct. 24	18	550 pts
Oct. 31	17	526 pts
Nov. 7	17	578 pts
Nov. 14	19	483 pts
Nov. 21	17	549 pts
Nov. 28	17	591 pts
Dec. 21	21	306 pts

**MINNESOTA USA TODAY/AVCA TOP-25 POLL HISTORY**

**Highest National Ranking:** 1st, Sept. 13, 20 & 27 2004  
**Highest National Ranking in 2006:** 9th, Nov. 27 & Dec. 4  
**Highest Final National Ranking:** 2nd (Dec. 22, 2004)  
**Highest Preseason Ranking:** 5th (Aug. 9, 2004)  
**Most Consecutive Weeks Ranked:** 41 (1999 to 2001 & 10/20/03-Aug. 8, 2006)  
**Most Consecutive Weeks in Top 10:** 24 (Dec. 24, 2003-Oct. 10, 2005)  
**Most Consecutive Weeks in Top 5:** 16 (Dec. 24, 2003-Dec. 22, 2004)

**MINNESOTA TIED FOR FOURTH-BEST RECORD IN PAST THREE YEARS OF NCAA TOURNAMENT**

Minnesota enters this year's NCAA Regionals tied for the fourth-best record in NCAA Tournament play since 2003. The Golden Gophers have gone 12-3 in NCAA Tournament play in that span. That record ties Minnesota with Nebraska at that mark. Washington has the best record in the NCAA Tournament since 2003 at 15-2, while USC is second at 13-2 and Stanford is third at 11-2. The Golden Gophers were 4-1 in the NCAA Tournament in 2003, as they advanced to their first Final Four in school history as the No. 4 regional seed and the No. 13 national seed. The next year (2004), Minnesota was 5-1 as it advanced to the National Championship as the No. 4 national seed before falling to Stanford in the National Title match. Last year the Golden Gophers were 1-1, as they fell in five games to eventual Final Four participant Tennessee in Knoxville in the second round. This year, Minnesota is 2-0 after winning its first and second round matches. The Golden Gophers enter regionals as one of only three teams to advance to two Final Fours in the past three NCAA Tournaments. Minnesota advanced to the Final Four in 2003 and 2004. The Golden Gophers are joined by USC who won the title in 2003 and advanced in 2004, and Washington who did it in 2004 and won it all in 2005.

**GOLDEN GOPHERS ENTER NCAA REGIONAL ROUND WITH FOUR-MATCH NCAA REGIONAL WINNING STREAK**

The Golden Gophers enter the 2006 NCAA Regionals with a four-match winning streak in NCAA Regional play. Among teams that are in this year's NCAA Regional round, only USC has a longer streak at six straight NCAA Regional wins. The Women of Troy enter this year with six straight regional victories. USC advanced to Final Four out of regional play in 2002, 2003 and 2004, but lost to Pepperdine in the second round last year before getting to NCAA Regional play. The Women of Troy's last loss in regional play came in 2001 to Arizona. Minnesota had won in regional play in 2003 and 2004, but lost in the second to Tennessee last year before it got to NCAA Regional play. Washington also enters this year's regionals with a four-match winning streak having advanced to Final Fours out of regional play in 2004 and 2005. The Huskies last loss in NCAA Regional play came in the 2003 Regional Finals, when Minnesota defeated Washington in five games to advanced to its first Final Four in school history. The Golden Gophers' last loss in regional play came at the hands of Arizona in 2002 in the NCAA Regional Semifinals. Prior to advancing to back-to-back Final Fours in 2003 and 2004, Minnesota had never won an NCAA Regional match in five appearances (1989, 1993, 1999, 2000, 2002). Stanford and Nebraska also both enter this year's regional round with winning streaks in NCAA Regional play. The Cornhuskers won their regional last year to advance to the Final Four, while the Cardinal won their regional in 2004 before getting knocked out by Santa Clara in the second round last year. Nebraska's last regional loss came to USC in the 2004 regional finals, while Stanford's came to Washington in the 2003 regional semifinals.

**MINNESOTA RANKED NINTH ON NCAA WINNING PERCENTAGE LIST**

Minnesota enters the 2006 NCAA Regionals with the ninth-best NCAA Tournament winning percentage among teams that have made a minimum five tournament appearances. The Golden Gophers enter the regionals with a 24-11 NCAA Tournament record, which is good for a .686 winning percentage. Minnesota has the best NCAA Tournament winning percentage of any program in the Big Ten. Wisconsin is second at 28-14 (.667), while Penn State is third at 47-24 (.662). Overall, Stanford is first with a .798 (79-20) winning percentage. Nebraska is second at .750 (66-22), UCLA is third at .747 (65-22), Hawai'i is fourth at .741 (60-21) and Florida rounds out the top five at .738 (45-16). USC (.722, 52-20), Long Beach State (.719, 46-18) and Washington (.710, 22-9) are the only other teams that rank ahead of Minnesota on the list.

**2006 Category Leaders for Minnesota**

<b>Kills</b>		<b>Assists</b>	
Meredith Nelson	367	Rachel Hartmann	1,511
Kyla Roehrig	361	Kelly Bowman	116
Jessy Jones	36	Malama Peniata	52
<b>Digs</b>		<b>Blocks</b>	
Malama Peniata	486	Jessy Jones	147
Kelly Bowman	321	Meredith Nelson	104
Christine Tan	282	Rachel Hartmann	86
<b>Service Aces</b>		<b>Kills Per Game</b>	
Meghan Cumpston	42	Meredith Nelson	3.28
Christine Tan	32	Kyla Roehrig	3.26
Meredith Nelson	28	Jessy Jones	3.00
<b>Assists Per Game</b>		<b>Digs Per Game</b>	
Rachel Hartmann	13.03	Malama Peniata	5.23
Kelly Bowman	1.10	Kelly Bowman	3.06
Malama Peniata	0.56	Christine Tan	2.45
<b>Blocks Per Game</b>		<b>Hitting Percentage</b>	
Jessy Jones	1.31	Meredith Nelson	.322
Meredith Nelson	0.93	Jessy Jones	.322
Rachel Hartmann	0.74	Kyla Roehrig	.240

### NCAA REGIONAL OPPONENTS AT GAINESVILLE, FLA.

**Florida** - The Gators enter the NCAA Regional round with an overall record of 30-2, and are seeded No. 9 nationally in the tournament field. Florida defeated Florida A&M in three games in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, and advanced to the regional round with a four-game victory at home over Arizona State. Florida enters week with a 22-match winning streak. The Gators have not lost a match since Sept. 17, when they fell at South Carolina in four games. Florida's only other loss came at the hands of then No. 10 UCLA in Hawaii in three games on Sept. 2. The Gators finished SEC play in first place at 19-1. Florida is led by Amber McCray who has 3.80 kpg, 0.87 blpg and is hitting .375. Kisy Killingsworth is also averaging 3.47 kpg and 1.12 dpg, while Marcie Hampton has 3.35 kpg and 3.37 dpg. Kelsey Bowers leads the team in blocks at 1.64 blpg, is hitting .413 and has 2.63 kpg. Setter Angie McGinnis has 13.27 apg, 1.56 kpg, 2.70 dpg and 1.08 blpg. Elyse Cusack leads the team in digs with 5.51 dpg. Florida is coached by Mary Wise who is 522-53 in her 16th season at Florida. Minnesota leads the all-time series against the Gators 2-1. The Golden Gophers won the last meeting in five games at the Sports Pavilion in the Diet Coke Classic on Sept. 11, 2004. Florida defeated Minnesota in three games in Gainesville on Sept. 13, 2003. The Golden Gophers won the first meeting on Sept. 11, 1984 in four games.

**Nebraska** - The Cornhuskers enter the NCAA Regional round with a 29-1 overall record, and are the top-seeded team in the tournament. Last week, Nebraska defeated American in four games and Northern Iowa in three games to move on to the regional round. The Cornhuskers are on a six-match winning streak that started after their only loss of the season at Colorado on Nov. 11. Nebraska is led by Sarah Pavan who is averaging 5.12 kpg, 1.36 dpg, 1.06 blpg and hitting .315. Jordan Larson is also averaging 4.25 kpg and 3.39 dpg, while Tracy Stalls leads the in blocks at 1.44 blpg, is hitting .406 and has 2.65 kpg. Setter Rachel Holloway has 13.47 apg, 2.62 dpg and 1.17 kpg. Nebraska is coached by John Cook who is 216-14 in his seventh season with the program. Minnesota trails the all-time series to the Cornhuskers 29-4, including a four-game loss to Nebraska on Sept. 10 in the Ameritas Players Challenge this year. In that match, the Golden Gophers were the only team to take a game off the Cornhuskers at home until American did so in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last year. Minnesota was also without the services of senior libero Malama Peniata in that match. The Golden Gophers also a home match to Nebraska last year on Sept. 5, 2005.

**San Diego** - The Toreros enter NCAA Regional play with a 26-5 record. Last week, they defeated Jacksonville State in three games in the first round and No. 25 Duke in the second round in Knoxville, Tenn. to advance to regional play. San Diego carries a six-match winning streak into this round, and finished 13-1 in the WCC. The Toreros are seeded No. 16 in tournament, and No. 4 in the region. San Diego is led by Kristen Carlson who has 5.09 kpg and 3.47 dpg. Christie Dawson is also hitting .311 with 4.06 kpg on the season. Laurel Abrahamson has 3.15 kpg and 0.78 blpg, while setter Jessica Nyrop has 13.78 apg and 2.55 dpg. San Diego is coached by Jennifer Petrie who is 151-60 in her sixth season with the program. Minnesota and San Diego has split four meetings in the all-time series. The Toreros won the last meeting at home in five games on Sept. 8, 2001

	Minnesota	Florida	Nebraska	San Diego
W	25	30	29	26
L	7	2	1	5
Kill	16.31	17.03	17.58	17.18
Hitting Pct.	.255	.294	.304	.259
Assists	14.99	15.58	16.40	15.78
Service Aces (SAPG)	1.58	1.36	1.53	1.60
Digs (DPG)	15.61	18.92	16.94	16.52
Blocks (BLPG)	2.97	3.41	3.20	2.26
Opp Hitting Pct.	.167	.144	.139	.196

### Where to Watch and Listen to the Golden Gophers

Minnesota had five matches on television this year. The Golden Gophers first match on television was on CSTV against No. 1 Nebraska on Sept. 10. Minnesota's second televised match was at No. 2 Penn State on Friday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. That match was telecast on a tape-delayed basis on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 12 p.m. on Comcast Chicago. Minnesota's third television appearance came when it played No. 9 Purdue at Williams Arena on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.. That match was telecast on a tape-delayed basis on ESPN 2 on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. The Golden Gophers fourth televised appearance was their match against No. 11 Wisconsin on Friday, Oct. 18. Minnesota's fifth televised was against No. 24 Ohio State on Friday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.. That match was telecast on a tape-delayed basis on Comcast Chicago on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 12 p.m..

#### Gopher Television Schedule

Match	Network	Broadcast Time/Result
Nebraska	CSTV	L, 1-3
Penn State	Comcast Chicago	L, 1-3
Purdue	ESPN 2	W, 3-1
Wisconsin	Fox Sports Net North	W, 3-0
Ohio State	Comcast Chicago/ Fox Sports Net North	W, 3-0

Minnesota has had 29 matches webcast on gophersports.com. this year. All 16 of the Golden Gophers road matches were webcast during the regular-season. Minnesota also had its match at Rochester, Minn. webcast as well. The Golden Gophers will also have all of their matches in the NCAA Tournament webcast on gophersports.com.

#### Gopher Webcast Schedule

Match	Date	Time/Result
at St. Louis	Sept. 1	W, 3-1
vs. LSU	Sept. 2	L, 0-3
vs. Texas A&M	Sept. 2	L, 1-3
vs. Cal Poly	Sept. 8	W, 3-1
vs. Louisville	Sept. 9	L, 1-3
at Nebraska	Sept. 10	L, 1-3
vs. Northern Iowa	Sept. 13	W, 3-1
Connecticut	Sept. 15	W, 3-0
Dayton	Sept. 16	W, 3-0
at Northwestern	Sept. 22	W, 3-2
at Illinois	Sept. 23	W, 3-0
Michigan State	Oct. 1	W, 3-2
at Penn State	Oct. 6	L, 1-3
at Ohio State	Oct. 8	W, 3-1
Indiana	Oct. 13	W, 3-0
Purdue	Oct. 14	W, 3-1.
Wisconsin	Oct. 18	W, 3-0
at Iowa	Oct. 20	W, 3-0.
Ohio State	Oct. 27	W, 3-0.
at Michigan State	Nov. 3	W, 3-0
at Michigan	Nov. 4	L, 1-3
Illinois	Nov. 10	W, 3-0
Northwestern	Nov. 11	W, 3-0
at Wisconsin	Nov. 15	W, 3-1
Iowa	Nov. 18	W, 3-1
Purdue	Nov. 24	W, 3-0
Indiana	Nov. 25	W, 3-0
vs. Siena	Nov. 30	W, 3-0
vs. St. John's	Dec. 1	W, 3-2
at Florida	Dec. 8	6 p.m. (CT)
*vs. Nebraska/San Diego	Dec. 9	3 p.m. (CT)

\* if necessary

No.	Name	Pos.	Gophers Starters				Player Notes
			KPG	APG	DPG	BLPG	
1	Kelly Bowman	OPP	2.29	1.10	3.06	0.73	10 kills, six digs, 4 assists & 3 blocks vs. St. John's
4	Meghan Cumpston	OH	2.63	0.14	1.93	0.35	14 kills & nine digs vs. St. John's
5	Meredith Nelson	MB	3.28	0.11	0.64	0.93	hit .378 (17-3-37) w/ 17 kills and 4 assists vs. St. John's
6	Malama Peniata	LIB/DS	0.15	0.56	5.23	0.00	leads Big Ten in digs per game
8	Rachel Hartmann	S	0.53	13.03	2.30	0.74	51 assists, 11 digs & 4 blocks vs. St. John's
11	Jessy Jones	MB	3.00	0.06	0.31	1.31	tied career-high 9 blocks and had 13 kills vs. St. John's
12	Kyla Roehrig	OH	3.26	0.02	0.26	0.73	14 kills & 4 blocks vs. St. John's
15	Christine Tan	DS/LIB	0.01	0.17	2.45	0.00	13 digs and 2 SA vs. John's

No.	Name	Pos.	Gophers Off The Bench				Player Notes
			KPG	APG	DPG	BLPG	
2	Kelly Fallon	DS/LIB	0.00	0.06	0.82	0.00	3 digs and 2 service aces vs. Iowa
7	Kelly Schmidt	MB	1.26	0.00	0.13	0.35	2 kills in 2 attempts vs. Siena
9	Doneila Jackson	OH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	played in five matches in 2005
10	Rachelle Hagerty	OH	1.45	0.05	0.09	0.14	hit .429 (4-1-7) vs. Siena
13	Michele Wilber	DS/LIB	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	had a service ace vs. Illinois
14	Krista Chin	DS/LIB	0.04	0.04	1.96	0.00	tied with career-high 11 digs vs. No. 25 Cal Poly
16	Katie Vatterrodt	OH	2.10	0.01	0.26	0.26	13 kills at Ohio State on Oct. 8

## Minnesota in 2006 is ...

	W	L
Overall	25	7
Big Ten Conference Play	17	3
At the Sports Pavilion	11	1
At Williams Arena	1	0
Away from Home	13	6
On the Road	9	3
Neutral Site	4	3
After a Win	20	5
After a Loss	4	2
When Outhitting Opponent	24	1
When hitting the same as Opponent	0	0
When Outhit by Opponent	1	6
When Outblocking Opponent	21	3
When Same Blocking	0	1
When Outblocked by Opponent	4	3
When Outdigging Opponent	18	1
When Digs Are Even	1	1
When Outdug by Opponent	6	5
When Outacing Opponent	19	2
When Aces Are the Same	0	0
When Outaced by Opponent	6	5
By Hitting Percentage		
.400 and above	2	0
.350 to .399	2	0
.300 to .349	3	0
.250 to .299	10	1
.200 to .249	6	3
below .200	2	3
By Opponents Hitting Percentage		
below .100	8	0
.100 to .149	8	0
.150 to .199	8	0
.200 to .249	0	3
.250 to .299	0	1
.300 and above	1	3
First Game	23	8
Second Game	25	6
Third Game	22	10
Fourth Game	9	10
Fifth Game	3	1
When leading 1-0	19	5
When trailing 0-1	6	2
When leading 2-0	19	0
When tied 1-1	6	6
When trailing 0-2	0	1
When leading 2-1	9	1
When trailing 2-1	0	5
By Attendance		
Over 2,000	13	4
1,500 to 1,999	4	0
1,000 to 1,499	3	1
500 to 999	1	1
Below 500	4	1
Against Ranked Teams	8	4
Top 20	5	4
Top 15	4	3
Top 10	2	3
Top 5	0	3

## THREE BIG TEN PLAYERS NAMED ALL-BIG TEN

Minnesota had three players named First-Team All-Big Ten when Kelly Bowman, Meredith Nelson and Malama Peniata were named to the team on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Junior Jessie Jones was also named Honorable Mention All-Big Ten. Nelson received the honors for a second straight season, after being named First-Team All-Big Ten in 2005 as well. She was also one of four players to be selected unanimously this year. Nelson is the first Golden Gopher middle blocker to win back-to-back First-Team honors since Stephanie Hagen did it in 2000 & 2001. Bowman also received the honors for a second time in her career. She was also named First-Team All-Big Ten in 2004, when she received the honors as a 6-2 setter. This year, she won the honors as an opposite hitter. She is the first opposite hitter since Cassie Busse (in 2003) to claim the honors for Minnesota. Peniata claimed the honors for the first time in her career as a senior. However, it was the fifth year in a row that a Minnesota libero claimed First-Team honors. Paula Gentil has been a First-Team All-Big Ten libero the past four seasons. Jones also received All-Big Ten honors for her first time. It marked the first time since 1987 that four Golden Gophers have received All-Big Ten honors of any sort in the same season. That year, Andrea Gonzalez (1st), Sharon Oesterling (2nd), Lori Miller (HM) and Chris Schaefer (HM) all received honors.

## PENIATA NAMED BIG TEN DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Minnesota senior libero Malama Peniata was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year on Tuesday, Nov. 28. It marked the fourth time in the six years of the award that a Golden Gopher has won it. Paula Gentil claimed Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year in 2002, 2003 and 2004. Peniata leads the Big Ten with 5.23 dpg, which is 0.50 more than the nearest person on the list. She has also helped Minnesota to the third-lowest opponent hitting percentage in the Big Ten at .167 this season. In conference play, Peniata led the way with 5.14 dpg, which was 0.42 higher than the next person. The Golden Gophers had the second-lowest hitting percentage in conference play at .160. Peniata has also led the Big Ten in service ace-to-service error ratio and is second in the conference in serve-receive percentage. She has 26 service aces to 14 service errors for a 1.86-to-1 service ace-to-service error ratio. Peniata also has a .968 serve-receive average. This season, Peniata has moved up to second on the Golden Gophers all-time list in career digs. She is one of only two Minnesota players in school history to record 1,300 digs, joining Paula Gentil. Peniata enters the week with 1,378 career digs.

## MINNESOTA FINISHES SECOND PLACE IN THE BIG TEN

Minnesota finished second in the Big Ten this season with a record of 17-3. The Golden Gophers finished one match behind Penn State, who was 18-2. The difference between the two teams for a Big Ten title was separated by two points. In the meeting between the Nittany Lions and Golden Gophers at the Sports Pavilion on Oct. 28, the two teams were tied at 13 in the fifth game. Rachel Hartmann delivered a rocket of a serve that a Penn State player dove to keep alive. The Nittany Lions setter turned it into a good set for 2006 Big Ten Player of the Year Megan Hodge who delivered a kill to make it match point. After the near miss that would have given Minnesota match point, Hodge delivered another kill to give Penn State the match. Wisconsin finished third in the Big Ten at 16-4. The Golden Gophers handed the Badgers half their losses with a three-game sweep at home over Wisconsin on Oct. 18 and a four-game victory at Madison on Nov. 15. It marked the sixth time in eight years that Minnesota has finished second or higher in Big Ten play. Minnesota finished second in the Big Ten in 1999 with a 15-5 record, second in the conference at 17-3 in 2000, tied for sixth in the Big Ten at 10-10 in 2001, won the Big Ten title in 2002 at 17-3, finished tied for second in 2003 at 15-5, tied for second again in 2004 at 17-3, was third in 2005 at 15-5 and finished second this year at 17-3. In those eight seasons, Minnesota has amassed a 123-37 record for a .769 winning percentage.

## GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISHED WITH SCHOOL-RECORD 17 BIG TEN WINS

Minnesota finished with a school-record 17 wins in Big Ten play this year. The Golden Gophers swept eight teams in Big Ten play, split with Michigan and were swept by Penn State. Minnesota's 17-3 record matched a school record that the Golden Gophers had reached in three previous seasons. The Golden Gophers were 17-3 in 2000 when they finished second place to Wisconsin. Minnesota was 17-3 in 2002 when it won the program's first Big Ten title in school history. The Golden Gophers also went 17-3 in 2004 when they finished second to Penn State and advanced to the school's first National Championship in the program's history. Minnesota has repeated the same pattern all four seasons where it reached 17 wins. The Golden Gophers went 9-1 in the first half of the season and finished 8-2 in the second half of the season. Minnesota started out 4-0, before suffering its first loss to Penn State on the road. The Golden Gophers won six straight to go to 10-1, before falling to the Nittany Lions again at home. Minnesota won its next match, but lost at Michigan to move to 11-2 on the year. The Golden Gophers closed out Big Ten play with six straight victories. Minnesota was 7-2 against ranked opposition in conference play.

## MINNESOTA 2006 AWARDS

### All-Tournament Teams

Billiken Invitational: Katie Vatterrodt

Ameritas Players Challenge: Jessie Jones  
Kyla Roehrig

Diet Coke Classic: Malama Peniata (MVP), Kyla Roehrig,  
Rachel Hartmann

### Big Ten Honors

Defensive Player of the Week  
Malama Peniata (9/24, 10/23, 11/20)

Big Ten Player of the Week  
Meredith Nelson (Oct. 2)

### Individual Career Records

#### Career Assists

Player	Total	Years
1. Sharon Oesterling	6,024	1986-89
2. Becky Bauer	5,918	1994-97
3. Lindsey Berg	5,913	1998-01
4. Sue Jackson	5,120	1990-93
5. Lindsey Taatjes	4,719	2001-2004
6. Jennie Collings	2,115	1983-86
7. Kelly Bowman	2,162	2003-present
8. Rachel Hartmann	2,119	2005-present
9. Chris Donnell	921	1982-83
10. Missy Larson	514	1984-87

#### Career Kills

Player	Total	Years
1. Nicole Branagh	2,379	1997-2000
2. Katrien DeDecker	2,300	1993-96
3. Andrea Gonzalez	2,140	1985-88
4. Chris Schaefer	1,896	1986-89
5. Erin Martin	1,818	2001-04
6. Pam Miller	1,519	1983-86
7. Cassie Busse	1,502	2000-03
8. Stephanie Hagen	1,425	1998-2001
9. Trisha Bratford	1,405	2001-04
10. Jill Halsted	1,350	1979-82
11. Meredith Nelson	1,252	2003-present

#### Career Digs

Player	Total	Years
1. Paula Gentil	2,791	2002-05
2. Malama Peniata	1,378	2003-present
3. Sharon Oesterling	1,291	1986-89
4. Chris Schaefer	1,287	1986-89
5. Lindsey Taatjes	1,284	2001-04
6. Nicole Branagh	1,242	1997-2000
7. Sarah Pearman	1,198	1993, 95-97
8. Andrea Gonzalez	1,188	1985-88
9. Kelly Bowman	1,075	2003-present
10. Karyn Daline	1,067	1983-86

#### Career Hitting Percentage (Minimum 1,000 Attempts)

Player	Total	Years
1. Stephanie Hagen	.366	1998-2001
2. Charrette Fair	.324	1999-2000
3. Jill Halsted	.323	1979-82
4. Jessy Jones	.308	2004-present
5. Meredith Nelson	.301	2003-present
6. Jessica Byrnes	.298	2002-2005
7. Cassie Busse	.294	2000-2003
8. Lori Miller	.288	1986-89
9. Martie Larsen	.2769	1980-83
10. Karen Lushine	.2767	1988-91

#### Career Blocks

Player	Total	Year
1. Pam Miller	536	1983-86
2. Meredith Nelson	528	2003-present
3. Stephanie Hagen	524	1998-01
4. Martie Larsen	448	1980-83
5. Dawn Thompson	434	1987-90

#### Career Block Assists

Player	Total	Year
1. Meredith Nelson	449	2002-present
2. Stephanie Hagen	448	1998-01
3. Pam Miller	398	1983-86
4. Gretchen Dahl	366	1991-94
5. Dawn Thompson	355	1987-90

#### Team Records

Longest Winning Streak: 15 (2000)  
Longest Winning Streak in 2006: 8, twice (Sept. 13 to Oct. 1 & Nov. 10-present)

Longest Big Ten Winning Streak: 11 (2002)  
Longest Big Ten Winning Streak in 2006: 6, twice (Oct. 8-Oct. 27 & Nov. 10-Nov. 25)

Longest Home Winning Streak: 13 (2003)  
Longest Home Winning Streak in 2006: 9 (Sept. 15-Oct. 27)

Highest Big Ten Finish: 1st (2002)  
Big Ten Finish in 2006: 2nd

Most Big Ten Victories: 17 (2000, 2002 & 2004)  
\*Big Ten Victories in 2006: 17

Best Big Ten Winning Percentage: .850 (17-3 in 2000, 2002 & 2004)  
\*Big Ten Winning Percentage in 2006: .850 (17-3)

Most Wins in NCAA Era: 33 (2004)  
Wins in 2006: 25

\* represents records tied or broken

### MINNESOTA SENIORS FINISH ON A HIGH NOTE IN BIG TEN PLAY

Minnesota's four seniors this year (Kelly Bowman, Meghan Cumpston, Meredith Nelson and Malama Peniata), started the NCAA Tournament with a pair of wins over Siena and St. John's. This year's four-year seniors (Bowman, Nelson and Peniata) are 109-31 (.779) entering the NCAA Regionals and tied for the winningest class in Big Ten play at 63-17. That matches last year's three seniors (Jessica Byrnes, Paula Gentil and Athena Mallakis) for the best mark by a senior class in Big Ten play. In the three players careers, Minnesota has advanced to two Final Fours (2003 & 2004), a National Title match (2004), had a No. 1 national ranking and never finished below third place in the Big Ten. Individually, Bowman and Peniata each reached the 1,000-dig mark. Earlier this season, Peniata became the second player in school history to reach 1,300 digs in a career. Nelson became just the third player in school history to record 1,000 career kills and 500 career blocks. She is just eight blocks from tying the school record. Cumpston enters the week with 892 career kills spanning her two years at Arizona and her career at Minnesota.

### MINNESOTA AGAINST THE NCAA FIELD

Minnesota entered the NCAA Tournament with an 11-6 overall record against the field. The Golden Gophers have a 6-3 record against teams remaining in the field. In the Gainesville Region, Minnesota is 0-1 with its loss coming earlier in this season at the hands of No. 1 Nebraska. The Golden Gophers are 2-0 against teams in the Austin Regionals, with both wins coming against No. 10 Wisconsin. Minnesota is also 4-2 against teams in the Seattle Region. The Golden Gophers were 0-2 against No. 3 seeded Penn State, but went 2-0 against No. 11 seeded Ohio State and the No. 14 seed Purdue. Minnesota has not played anyone from the Honolulu Region this year.

### MINNESOTA STAYS AT NO. 9 IN CSTV/AVCA TOP 25

Minnesota stayed at No. 9 in the CSTV/AVCA Top 25 with 1,015 points on Dec. 4. The Golden Gophers lost seven points from the previous week, when they had 1,022. It marks the third straight week that Minnesota has been ranked in the top 10. The Golden Gophers have been ranked in 73 of the last 81 top 25 polls since the start of the 2002 season. There are currently five Big Ten teams ranked in the top 25 this week. Penn State is the highest ranked team at No. 5, while Wisconsin is No. 10, Ohio State is No. 16 and Purdue is No. 18.

### NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP MEET UP IN GAINESVILLE

This week's Gainesville Regional will feature the NCAA Runners-up from the last three National Championship matches. The most recent runner-up was Nebraska who finished 33-2 last year, but lost in three games in the National title match to Washington in San Antonio, Texas. Minnesota finished 33-5 in 2004, but was the National Runner-up to Stanford who defeated the Golden Gophers in three games to win the national title in Long Beach, Calif. that year. Florida finished the 2003 season with a 36-2 record, but fell to an undefeated USC team in the National Championship in four games in Dallas, Texas.

### MINNESOTA RETURNS FOUR PLAYERS WITH FINAL FOUR EXPERIENCE

Entering this year's NCAA Regionals, there are seven remaining schools that have advanced to the Final Four since 2003. Excluding transfers that play for other schools at the present time, there are 35 player remaining who have participated (excluding redshirts) on Final Four rosters since 2003 that are active in this year's NCAA Tournament. Minnesota has four players that have gained Final Four experience, and joins Washington and USC as the only teams on the list to have appeared in two Final Fours since 2003. Seniors Kelly Bowman, Meredith Nelson and Malama Peniata each appeared in both the 2003 and 2004 Final Fours. Those three Golden Gophers are included among only 10 players in this year's NCAA Tournament to have played on multiple Final Four teams. At the beginning of the tournament, Santa Clara and Tennessee returned the most players who had played on a Final Four team in this year's field with nine. Nebraska has eight players who played on last year's National runner-up squad. Stanford, Washington and USC all have six players who have played on Final Four teams. Minnesota is next with four, while Hawai'i and Florida have three and two respectively. Junior Jessy Jones also played for the Golden Gophers teams that advanced to the National Championship in 2004.

### NELSON APPROACHES SCHOOL-RECORD IN BLOCKS

Minnesota senior middle blocker Meredith Nelson recorded six blocks last week to move to within eight blocks of tying the school's career record. Nelson enters the week with 528 career blocks. That puts her at second place on the career list. Nelson moved past Stephanie Hagen (1998-2001) for second place last week. Hagen had 524 blocks in her career. Pam Miller (1983-86) has held the record for 20 years at 536. Nelson also moved past Hagen to become the all-time leader in block assists. Hagen had held the record at 448 since 2001. However, with six block assists last week, Nelson moved into first place at 449 for her career. Nelson also sits at ninth in block solos with 78. She joins Lori Miller, Dawn Thompson and Stephanie Hagen as the only players to be in the top 10 in solo blocks, block assists and total blocks. Nelson had 168 blocks as a freshman, 129 as a sophomore, 127 as a junior and has 104 this year.

### PENIATA CLIMBING UP SINGLE-SEASON DIGS LIST

Minnesota senior Malama Peniata continues to climb up the single-season digs list with 485 on the season. The 486 digs puts Peniata seventh on the list just nine behind Lindsey Taatjes (2004) and Chris Schaefer (1989) for fifth place at 495. Peniata is also 14 digs away from becoming only the second player in school history to record 500 digs in a single-season. Paula Gentil is the only player to do so, having recorded 500 or more digs in all four years with the program. Earlier in the season, Peniata joined Gentil as the only Golden Gopher to record 1,300 or more digs in a career. She needs just 22 more digs to reach the 1,400 mark for her career.

### Individual Single-Season Records

#### Single-Season Assists

Player	Total	Year
1. Lindsey Taatjes	1,734	2002
2. Sharon Oesterling	1,725	1989
3. Lindsey Taatjes	1,665	2003
4. Lindsey Berg	1,662	2000
5. Becky Bauer	1,657	1996
6. Becky Bauer	1,641	1994
7. Sharon Oesterling	1,595	1987
8. Lindsey Berg	1,557	1999
9. Sharon Oesterling	1,515	1988
10. Rachel Hartmann	1,511	2006

#### Single-Season Digs

Player	Total	Year
1. Paula Gentil	924	2004
2. Paula Gentil	656	2003
3. Paula Gentil	637	2005
4. Paula Gentil	574	2002
5. Lindsey Taatjes	495	2004
Chris Schaefer	495	1989
7. Malama Peniata	486	2006
8. Sarah Pearman	448	1996
9. Sharon Oesterling	431	1989
10. Nicole Branagh	422	2000

#### Single-Season Blocks

Player	Total	Year
1. Charmette Fair	175	1999
2. Stephanie Hagen	171	2000
3. Pam Miller	169	1985
4. Meredith Nelson	168	2003
5. Jill Halsted	164	1981
6. Martie Larsen	162	1983
7. Charmette Fair	154	2000
8. Bethany Brafford	153	2002
Pam Miller	153	1984
10. Martie Larsen	150	1982
Jessy Jones	147	2006

#### Single-Season Block Assists

Player	Total	Year
1. Stephanie Hagen	151	2000
2. Meredith Nelson	149	2003
3. Bethany Brafford	141	2002
Charmette Fair	141	1999
5. Jane Passer	128	1996
6. Hedi Olhausen	126	1994
7. Gretchen Dahl	125	1993
8. Pam Miller	124	1985
Jessy Jones	124	2006
10. Krista Nevelle	123	1992

#### Miscellaneous Statistics

<b>20-pt matches:</b> Kyla Roehrig (5), Meredith Nelson (5), Jessy Jones (3), Meghan Cumpston (1)
<b>20-kill matches:</b> Kyla Roehrig (2), Jessy Jones (2), Meredith Nelson (1), Meghan Cumpston (1)
<b>40-dig matches:</b> Malama Peniata (1)
<b>30-dig matches:</b> Malama Peniata (3)
<b>20-dig matches:</b> Malama Peniata (8) Christine Tan (1)
<b>Double-figure kills:</b> Meredith Nelson (23), Kyla Roehrig (20), Meghan Cumpston (17), Jessy Jones (15), Kelly Bowman (14), Katie Vatterrodt (5), Rachelle Hagerty (1)
<b>Double-figure digs:</b> Malama Peniata (26), Kelly Bowman (19), Christine Tan (13), Meghan Cumpston (8), Rachel Hartmann (8), Krista Chin (3)
<b>Multiple Service Aces:</b> Meghan Cumpston (12), Christine Tan (9), Kelly Bowman (9), Malama Peniata (8), Rachel Hartmann (8), Meredith Nelson (7), Kelly Fallon (1)

#### Individual Season-Highs

<b>Points:</b> Meredith Nelson - 27.5 vs. Michigan State (Oct. 1)
<b>Kills:</b> Meredith Nelson - 24 vs. Michigan State (Oct. 1)
<b>Blocks:</b> Kyla Roehrig - 11 at St. Louis (Sept. 1)
<b>Digs:</b> Malama Peniata - 41 vs. Northern Iowa (Sept. 13)
<b>Service Aces:</b> Meredith Nelson - 5 vs. Northwestern (Nov. 11) Meghan Cumpston - 5 vs. Northern Iowa (Sept. 13)
<b>Assists:</b> Rachel Hartmann - 72 vs. Michigan State (Oct. 1)

#### Team Season-Highs

<b>Kills:</b> 84 vs. Michigan State (Oct. 1)
<b>Hitting Percentage:</b> .430 at Purdue (Nov. 24, 2006)
<b>Blocks:</b> 19 at St. Louis (Sept. 1)
<b>Digs:</b> 94 vs. Iowa (Nov. 18, 2006)
<b>Service Aces:</b> 10 (twice) vs. Michigan State (Oct. 1) & vs. Northwestern (Nov. 11)
<b>Assists:</b> 77 vs. Michigan State (Oct. 1)

### MINNESOTA AMONG HOTTEST TEAMS HEADING INTO NCAA REGIONALS

Minnesota enters NCAA Regional play tied with the fourth-longest winning streak among the remaining teams in the tournament. Florida is the hottest team heading into the NCAA Regionals with a 22-match winning streak. Hawai'i and Ohio State have the next best winning streaks at 15 and 10 respectively. However, Minnesota and Oklahoma are tied for the fourth-best winning streaks at eight heading into this round of NCAA Tournament play. Overall, the Golden Gophers have won 23 of their last 26 matches since starting out 2-4.

### HARTMANN MOVES INTO TOP 10 IN SINGLE SEASON ASSISTS

Minnesota sophomore setter Rachel Hartmann moved into the top 10 in the single-season assists list this past week. Hartmann heads into the week with 1,511 assists, which is 10th on the list. She trails Sharon Oesterling (1988) by only four assists for ninth on the list, and is just 46 assists from tying Lindsey Berg (1999) for eighth. Hartmann's 1,511 assists are the fourth-highest total by a sophomore setter in school history. Lindsey Taatjes set the school record as a sophomore in 2002 at 1,734. Oesterling had 1,595 as a sophomore setter in 1987, while Berg had 1,557 in her sophomore season in 1999. Hartmann is averaging 13.03 apg heading into the week.

### JONES CREEPS UP ON TOP 10 IN SINGLE-SEASON BLOCKS

Minnesota junior middle blocker is just three blocks away from moving into school's the single-season top 10 list. Jones is already tied for eight on Minnesota's single-season top 10 list in block assists with 124 this season. She also enters the week at fourth place on the school's career list in hitting percentage. Jones brings a career hitting percentage of .308 into NCAA Regional play.

### NELSON AMONG SEVERAL CAREER TOP 10 LISTS

As her senior season winds down, Meredith Nelson finds herself littered among Golden Gopher top 10 lists. Entering the week, Nelson is on five Minnesota career top 10 lists and is sitting at 11th place on another one. The most notable is the fact that Nelson enters the week needing just eight blocks to tie for the all-time lead in the category. She has 528 blocks and is just eight shy of tying Pam Miller's record which has stood since 1986. This past week, Nelson recorded her 449th block assist against St. John's to become the all-time leader in school history, passing that mark of 448 set by Stephanie Hagen from 1998 to 2001. Nelson also sits in a tie with Dawn Thompson for eighth on the solo block list at 79. Heading into the week, she is also fifth in school history in hitting percentage at .301. However, the mark that perhaps identifies her career the best is the fact that she is just two matches from tying Paula Gentil for the most matches played in school history. Nelson will play her 141st match against Florida on Dec. 8. That will tie her for second on the all-time list with Erin Martin (2001-04) and Jessica Byrnes (2002-05). Since stepping on the court as a freshman against No. 2 Hawai'i in 2003 for her first career match, Nelson has played in every match for the Golden Gophers. Nelson is also currently 11th on the all-time kills list with 1,252.

### MINNESOTA RECEIVES NO. 8 SEED NATIONAL SEED

Minnesota received a No. 8 national seed in this year's NCAA Tournament, and a No. 2 seed in the Gainesville region. It marked the third time in five years that the Golden Gophers received a top eight national seed. Minnesota was the No. 7 national seed in 2002 and had its highest-seed in school history at No. 4 in 2004. Minnesota was also seeded No. 13 nationally in the 2003 tournament. As a conference, the Big Ten received five of the top 16 national seeds. Penn State had the highest seed of any team in the Big Ten at No. 3. Minnesota was next at No. 8, followed by No. 10 Wisconsin, No. 11 Ohio State and No. 14 Purdue. The Big Ten had the most seeds of any conference, followed by the Pac-10 who had four and the Big 12 who had three. There is not one No. 1 seed that will get the chance to host regionals. Texas and Washington will be host NCAA Regionals, as No. 2 seeds in their respective regions, while Florida and Hawai'i will both host regions as No. 3 regional seeds.

### CUMPSTON HELPS PACE GOLDEN GOPHERS OVER LAST TWO MONTHS

Senior outside hitter Meghan Cumpston has helped lead the Golden Gophers to a 14-2 record over the last eight weeks, as she has averaged 3.86 kpg, hit .267, had 2.27 dpg and 0.54 blpg. Cumpston has recorded double-figure kills in 15 of the last 16 matches for Minnesota. She had 12 kills and seven digs against No. 10 Wisconsin in a four-game victory at Madison on Nov. 15, and delivered 17 kills, 13 digs and four blocks on senior night against Iowa on Nov. 18. Cumpston also hit .500 (14-0-28) with 14 kills and six digs at No. 22 Purdue on Nov. 24. This past week, Cumpston had 14 kills and nine digs against St. John's on Dec. 1.

### GOLDEN GOPHERS AMONG BIG TEN LEADERS

Minnesota has four players among the top-10 in Big Ten categories as of Dec. 4. Jessy Jones currently is fourth in the Big Ten in blocks at 1.31 blpg. Sophomore setter Rachel Hartmann is third in the Big Ten in assists per game at 13.03 apg, Meghan Cumpston is sixth in service aces (0.36) and Malama Peniata leads the conference with 5.23 dpg in her 26 matches this season. As a team, Minnesota is also third in blocks with 2.97 blpg, third in opposing hitting percentage at .167 and fourth in service aces (1.58 sapg). In conference play, Meredith Nelson is sixth in hitting percentage at .335 and eighth service aces (0.34), Hartmann is fourth in assists (12.88 apg), Jones is ninth in blocks at 1.15 blpg and 10th in hitting percentage at .312, while Cumpston is fourth in service aces with 0.34 sapg. Peniata leads the way in digs with 5.14 dpg.

### HARTMANN AMONG NATIONAL LEADERS

Minnesota has one player among the national leaders as of Nov. 26. Sophomore setter Rachel Hartmann is 26th in the nation in assists. Jessy Jones and Malama Peniata have also made an appearances among the national leaders in blocks and digs respectively during the season.

## Minnesota Players NCAA Tournament Career Statistics

### #1 Kelly Bowman, Sr., Opp.

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	A	SA	DG	TB
11	41	76	33	178	.242	289	15	113	17
<b>KPG DPG</b>		<b>APG</b>	<b>BLPG</b>	<b>SAPG</b>					
1.85	2.76	7.05	0.41	0.37					

### #2 Kelly Fallon, So., DS

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	A	SA	DG	TB
3	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

### \*#4 Megan Cumpston, Sr., OH

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	A	SA	DG	TB
4	16	51	18	113	.292	0	2	15	5
<b>KPG DPG</b>									
3.19	0.94								

### #5 Meredith Nelson, Sr., MB

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	A	SA	DG	TB
15	59	144	37	318	.336	6	18	63	
<b>KPG BLPG</b>									
2.44	1.07								

### #6 Malama Peniata, Sr., LIB

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	A	DG
15	59	8	5	23	.130	7	127
<b>DPG</b>							
2.15							

### #7 Kelly Schmidt, So., MB

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.
3	3	2	0	2	1.000
<b>KPG</b>					
0.67					

### #8 Rachel Hartmann, So., S

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	A	SA	DG	TB
4	16	5	2	11	.273	124	5	32	7
<b>APG DPG</b>		<b>BLPG</b>	<b>SAPG</b>						
7.75	2.00	0.44	0.31						

### #10 Rachelle Hagerty, Fr., OH

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	DG	TB
2	2	4	2	8	.250	1	1
<b>KPG DPG</b>		<b>BLPG</b>					
2.00	0.50	0.50					

### #11 Jessy Jones, Jr., MB

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	TB
8	26	54	17	106	.349	34
<b>KPG BLPG</b>						
2.08	1.31					

### #12 Kyla Roehrig, So., OH

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	SA	DG	TB
4	10	21	11	48	.208	0	1	6
<b>KPG BLPG</b>								
2.10	0.60							

### #14 Krista Chin, So., DS

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	A	SA	DG	TB
1	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

### #15 Christine Tan, Fr., DS/LIB

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	A	SA	DG	TB
2	8	0	0	0	.000	1	3	21	0
<b>DPG SAPG</b>									
2.62	0.38								

### #16 Katie Vatterrodt, So., OH

MP	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	SA	DG	TB
2	2	2	0	2	1.000	0	0	0
<b>KPG BLPG</b>								
1.00								

## 2005 TO 2006 COMPARISON

Minnesota advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2005 and finished 25-8. At this point last year, the Golden Gophers were 25-7 and 14-6 in Big Ten play. This year, Minnesota is 23-7 and had a 17-3 Big Ten record. The following is comparison of the last two years after 32 matches:

	2006	2005
Wins	25	25
Losses	7	7
Kills	1,892 (16.31)	1,730 (15.73)
Hitting Pct.	.255	.232
Opp. Hitting Pct.	.167	.143
Assists	1,739 (14.99)	1,616 (14.69)
Service Aces	183 (1.58)	179 (1.63)
Service Errors	331	255
Digs	1,811 (15.61)	1,766 (16.05)
Blocks	344.0 (2.97)	324.5 (2.95)

## RALLY GOPHERS

Minnesota has developed a knack for coming from behind this season. The Golden Gophers are 6-2 in matches where they have dropped the first game. Minnesota has defeated St. Louis, No. 25 Cal Poly, Northwestern, Michigan State, No. 14 Ohio State and No. 9 Purdue in matches where it dropped the first game. The only losses have come to LSU and No. 2 Penn State when Minnesota has dropped the first game. In Minnesota six victories, the Golden Gophers have won the third game after being tied at 1-1 in every single match.

## ROAD WARRIORS

Since the beginning of the 2004 season, the Golden Gophers are 30-9 in road matches. This past season, the Golden Gophers went 9-3 in road matches. Minnesota's only losses came to No. 1 Nebraska, then No. 2 Penn State and Michigan. In 2004, the Golden Gophers were 12-2 on the road. Last year, they finished 9-4. This past week, Minnesota won a pair of neutral-site matches at Albany, N.Y. against Siena and St. John's. The Golden Gophers are 10-4 all-time in neutral-site NCAA Tournament matches, and have won seven of their last nine.

## GOLDEN GOPHERS CONTINUE WINNING WAYS IN THE BIG TEN

Minnesota enters the week with the second-best Big Ten record since 2002. The Golden Gophers are 80-20 over the last four-plus years in the Big Ten. That record is only topped by Penn State who is 89-21 in the same span. Wisconsin is third in that span with a 71-29 record, followed by Ohio State at 62-38, Illinois at 47-53, Michigan at 46-54, Michigan State at 46-54, Northwestern at 42-58, Purdue at 41-59, Indiana at 19-81 and Iowa at 11-89.

## HEBERT BECOMES WINNINGEST COACH IN SCHOOL HISTORY

Minnesota Head Coach Mike Hebert became the winningest coach in school history with a win over Northwestern on Sept. 22. The win was his 264th with the program. That passed Stephanie Schleuder's mark of 263, which she accumulated from in 13 years from 1982 to 1994. Hebert matched Schleuder's mark of 263 wins in 78 fewer matches. Schleuder won 263 times in 436 matches, while Hebert collected his 263 wins in 358 matches. Hebert is now the all-time winningest coach at Minnesota and Illinois (where he collected 323 wins).

## HEBERT NAMED TO FOURTH AVCA HALL OF FAME CLASS

Minnesota head coach Mike Hebert was named to the AVCA Hall of Fame on Sept. 28. Hebert was one of seven members to be named to the fourth Hall of Fame Class. He joins Deborah Chin, Carol Dewey, Mick Haley, Sue Gozansky, Sue Woodstra and John Zoltek as part of the 2006 Hall of Fame Classic. All seven honorees will be inducted on Wednesday, Dec. 13 in Omaha, Neb. in a ceremony that will run from 7 to 8 p.m. as part of the AVCA Convention.

## MINNESOTA NON-CONFERENCE SLATE

Conference	2006 Teams	Date/Record
Atlantic 10	Dayton	1-0
Big East	Louisville, Connecticut, St. John's	2-1
Big 12	Texas A&M, Nebraska	0-2
Big West	Cal Poly	1-0
Conference USA	St. Louis, Tulane	2-0
MAAC	Siena	1-0
Missouri Valley	Northern Iowa	1-0
SEC	LSU	0-1

## MINNESOTA 2006 CAREER MILESTONE TRACKER

Name	Milestone	Current No.	No. away from
Meredith Nelson	550 blocks	528	22
Malama Peniata	1,400 digs	1,378	22
Kelly Bowman	1,100 digs	1,075	25
Malama Peniata	150 service aces	102	48
Meredith Nelson	1,300 kills	1,252	48

# Mike Hebert

## 11th season at Minnesota

**Mike Hebert** helped guide Minnesota to its first national championship appearance in school history in 2004. The program became just the 12th in 23 years at the time to make an appearance in the national championship.

This year, Hebert has guided the Golden Gophers to a 25-7 overall record and a second-place Big Ten finish at 17-3. He also guided Minnesota to its sixth NCAA Regional trip in the last eight years. The Golden Gophers are one of only eight programs to make it six times since 1999. Hebert also moved to 10-0 in first round NCAA Tournament matches at Minnesota with a win over Siena on Nov. 30.

For the sixth time in eight years, Minnesota also finished second or higher in Big Ten play. The 17 Big Ten victories also tied a school-record set in 2000, 2002 and 2004. Minnesota also had three players named First-Team All-Big Ten. It was the fifth time since 1999 that the Golden Gophers have had three players named First-Team All-Big Ten.

In 2005, Hebert guided Minnesota to a 25-8 record and helped the Golden Gophers tie for third place in the Big Ten at 14-6. It was the sixth time in seven seasons that Minnesota finished third or higher in conference play, and also the sixth time in seven years that the Golden Gophers had 14 or more wins in Big Ten play. Heading into this season, Minnesota is 63-17 in Big Ten play over the last four years, making the Golden Gophers one of only two teams in the conference to win 60 matches during that span. Hebert also moved his record in NCAA Tournament first-round matches to 9-0 at Minnesota. It also marked the sixth time that Minnesota reached 25 wins in a season under Hebert. The Golden Gophers have also reached the 30-win plateau twice under Hebert. Prior to his arrival, Minnesota had only reached 25 wins twice and had never reached 30 wins during the NCAA Era.

The Golden Gophers had two players named First-Team All-Big Ten in Meredith Nelson and Paula Gentil. Minnesota has had 19 First-Team All-Big Ten honors in Hebert's 10 years. Ten different players have collected those honors for Minnesota during Hebert's tenure.

Minnesota also qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the ninth time under Hebert. He finished the 2005 season with a 19-9 NCAA Tournament record with the Golden Gophers.

Hebert also became just the third coach in NCAA history to take two different programs to multiple Final Fours, when Minnesota defeated Ohio State in the NCAA Regional Finals on Dec. 11, 2004. Hebert joined Mick Haley from USC and John Dunning from Stanford on that list. Hebert guided Minnesota to two straight Final Fours in 2003 & 2004, and took Illinois to two Final Fours in 1987 and 1988.

He also stands alone as the only coach to bring two different programs from the same conference to the Final Four. Hebert is also the only coach to bring four different programs to a national postseason tournament (AIAW or NCAA). He has also taken three different programs to NCAA Regionals (New Mexico, Illinois and Minnesota) and is tied for 10th on the all-time list for Final Four appearances with four.

Hebert has also guided Minnesota to the third-best record in the nation in the NCAA Tournament from 2002-04 at 11-3. In fact, the Golden Gophers were 9-2 in 2003-04, only surpassed by USC's 10-1 record, and Stanford's 8-1 record in the same time period.

In 2004, Hebert guided Minnesota to a 33-5 overall record. The 33 wins were the most by a Golden Gopher team in the NCAA era (since 1982). For the first time in school history, Minnesota had two players named First-Team All-Americans, as Paula Gentil and Kelly Bowman claimed the honors. Only Nebraska and USC, joined Minnesota with two First-Team All-Americans that year. For the fourth time since 1999, Hebert also had three of his players named First-Team All-Big Ten and to the All-Region team.

On Dec. 2, Hebert won his 800th career match against Long Island in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. He is one of only four active coaches in NCAA Division I to reach the 800-win plateau. Entering the 2006 season, Hebert is season fourth on the NCAA Division I active wins list at 829, and 26th in the active winning percentage list at .705 (829-347).

In 2004, the Golden Gophers finished tied for second in the Big Ten for a second straight season at 17-3. It marked the fifth time in the six seasons that Minnesota has finished second or higher in the Big Ten.

Hebert also directed Minnesota to its first No. 1 ranking in school history on Sept. 13-27. The Golden Gophers were also the only team to be ranked in the top five for the entire 2004 season. Heading into the 2006 season, Minnesota has a school record streak of 40 consecutive weeks in the top 25. That streak is the 11th-best in the nation.

In 2003, Hebert enjoyed one of his most satisfying years as a head coach. After starting the season 0-4 for the first time in school history, Minnesota rebounded to make a strong push toward the end of the year. After losing its first two matches in Big Ten play, Minnesota won 15 of its final 18 Big Ten matches to finish tied for second place in the conference. The best was yet to come as Hebert guided his team to the Final Four for the first time in the program's history. As the No. 4 regional seed and the No. 13 national seed, Minnesota made history as the lowest seeded team (at the time) in NCAA Tournament history to qualify for a Final Four. The Golden Gophers also became the first No. 4 seed in NCAA Tournament history to reach the national semifinals. For all those accomplishments, Hebert was named the 2003 Volleyball Magazine National Coach of the Year.

Hebert also helped two Minnesota players capture All-American honors for the fourth time in five years. Cassie Busse became only the third Minnesota player (at the time) to claim First Team All-America honors, the second under Hebert. In the first two years of the libero rule being in effect, Paula Gentil was the only libero to capture All-American honors, doing so in both seasons. Busse was also named the 2003 Big Ten Player of the Year, marking the second time in a four-year span that a Minnesota won or shared those honors.

Perhaps one of the most exciting moments of Hebert's career occurred in July, 2004 when Lindsey Berg was named to the 2004 U.S. Olympic team. It marked the first player who Hebert has coached that made the U.S. Olympic squad. Since Hebert took over as Minnesota's head coach in 1996, the Golden Gophers have claimed 10 All-America honors and 23 Big Ten All-Conference honors.

Off the court, Minnesota has been a strong academic program as well. In 2003, Busse was named a First Team Academic All-American and received the Big Ten Medal of Honor. Over Hebert's 10+ seasons with Minnesota, the Golden Gophers have had 61 Big Ten All-Academic selections, an average of over five players per season.

In 2002, Mike Hebert led the Minnesota program to heights it had never reached in Big Ten play the previous 21 seasons. The 2002 squad became the first in the program's history to win the Big Ten title.

Minnesota also set a then-school record for wins (in the NCAA era) with 32, and tied a school record for Big Ten victories with 17 in 2002. That season, Hebert was named Big Ten Coach of the year for the second time at Minnesota and for the fifth time overall. Hebert is one of only two coaches in Big Ten history to be named conference coach of the year on five different occasions.

Hebert first stepped into the Sports Pavilion as the head coach of the Golden Gopher volleyball program in 1996. Prior to his arrival, trips to the NCAA Tournament were few and far between. Hebert changed that. His Minnesota program is now an annual entry in the NCAA Tournament. He has guided the Golden Gophers to the big dance in nine of his 10 years at Minnesota. The Gophers have advanced to the Sweet 16 five times (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 & 2004) in the last seven years. In two of the last three years, the program has advanced to the Final Four, and in all of its NCAA Tournament appearances, Minnesota has advanced into the second round.

During his tenure, Hebert has continued to raise the bar on the program's expectations. This year is no different, as Hebert embarks on his 11th season at Minnesota and his 31st overall in the coaching ranks. Throughout his first 10 years Hebert has prepared this program to compete at the highest level. He has also helped turn the Sports Pavilion into one of the best volleyball atmospheres in the nation, as Minnesota has averaged more than 2,000 fans a match since Hebert's arrival as head coach. In 2005, the Golden Gophers were ranked third in the nation in attendance at 3,883 fans per match. One of the most remarkable achievements in the history of the program came on Oct. 16, 2004 when Minnesota played its first match at Williams Arena since 1993 in front of a school-record 10,927 fans. The 10,927 fans were the most to see a women's collegiate volleyball match in 2004. The Golden Gophers also drew 9,671 fans in a match against Indiana at Williams Arena on Oct. 29, 2005.

In 2001, Hebert passed two milestones during the season. He coached the 1,000th match of his coaching career, on Aug. 31, 2001, with the Gophers defeating Radford. On Sept. 19, a Minnesota victory over Iowa marked Hebert's 700th career coaching victory.

The 2000 team recorded what was then a school record 30 wins, and came within one point of winning what would have been the school's first-ever Big Ten title at the time. That team produced two All-Americans, three All-Big Ten and all-district players and recorded a school-record 15-match winning streak. The 1999 season saw Minnesota win 27 matches, in what was the third-highest total in the NCAA era of volleyball for the Gophers. Hebert was rewarded with the 1999 Big Ten Coach of the Year award and the 1999 AVCA District Coach of the Year honor.

In Hebert's 10+ years at Minnesota, the Gophers are 280-97 (.743), 156-64 (.709) in the Big Ten and have participated in nine NCAA Tournaments. Minnesota went to the NCAA Tournament in 1996 and 1997, the first time the Gophers had qualified for NCAA postseason play in consecutive seasons. The Gophers have been among the top 12 nationally in attendance in all 11 seasons, and in the top 10 the last six seasons.

Hebert moved to Minnesota for the 1996 season after 13 successful seasons at Big Ten rival Illinois. He led Illinois to four Big Ten titles, two perfect 18-0 conference records and 11 consecutive NCAA tourna-

## Hebert's Record

Year	Team	Season	Big Ten	Postseason
2006	.....Minnesota	.....25-7	.....17-3 (2nd)	.....???
2005	.....Minnesota	.....25-8	.....14-6 (t-3rd)	.....NCAA Second Round
2004	.....Minnesota	.....33-5	.....17-3 (t-2nd)	.....NCAA National Championship
2003	.....Minnesota	.....26-11	.....15-5 (t-2nd)	.....NCAA Final Four
2002	.....Minnesota	.....32-6	.....17-3 (1st)	.....NCAA West Regional Semifinal
2001	.....Minnesota	.....19-13	.....10-10 (6th)	.....NCAA Second Round
2000	.....Minnesota	.....*30-4	.....*17-3 (2nd)	.....NCAA West Regional Semifinal
1999	.....Minnesota	.....27-9	.....15-5 (2nd)	.....NCAA Midwest Regional Semifinal
1998	.....Minnesota	.....17-14	.....7-13 (8th)	
1997	.....Minnesota	.....23-10	.....12-8 (T5th)	.....NCAA Second Round
1996	.....Minnesota	.....24-11	.....14-6 (4th)	.....NCAA Second Round
1995	.....Illinois	.....24-9	.....12-8 (t-4th)	.....NCAA Midwest Regional
1994	.....Illinois	.....23-14	.....12-8 (4th)	.....NCAA First Round
1993	.....Illinois	.....18-13	.....14-6 (t-3rd)	.....NCAA Second Round
1992	.....Illinois	.....32-4	.....19-1 (t-1st)	.....NCAA Midwest Regional
1991	.....Illinois	.....19-10	.....14-6 (4th)	.....NCAA First Round
1990	.....Illinois	.....21-12	.....11-7 (4th)	.....NCAA First Round
1989	.....Illinois	.....27-8	.....13-5 (2nd)	.....NCAA First Round
1988	.....Illinois	.....30-4	.....18-0 (1st)	.....NCAA Final Four
1987	.....Illinois	.....31-7	.....17-1 (1st)	.....NCAA Final Four
1986	.....Illinois	.....36-3	.....18-0 (1st)	.....NCAA Midwest Regional
1985	.....Illinois	.....39-3	.....16-2 (2nd)	.....NCAA Midwest Regional
1984	.....Illinois	.....18-15	.....6-7 (6th)	
1983	.....Illinois	.....5-25	.....3-11 (10th)	
1982	.....New Mexico	.....21-20		
1981	.....New Mexico	.....26-17		.....NCAA West Regional
1980	.....New Mexico	.....13-20		
1979	.....Pittsburgh	.....34-22		.....AIAW East Regional
	.....Pittsburgh (men)	.....31-9		
1978	.....Pittsburgh	.....41-12		.....AIAW East Regional
	.....Pittsburgh (men)	.....29-12		
1977	.....Pittsburgh	.....27-13		.....AIAW East Regional
1976	.....Pittsburgh	.....27-5		.....AIAW East Regional

**Overall Career Record (30+ years):** 854-354 (.707)  
**Record at Minnesota (10+ years):** 282-97 (.744)  
**Overall Women's Career Record (30+ years):** 794-336 (.703)  
**Big Ten Record (23+ years):** 329-128 (.720)

ment appearances, including the Mid-east Regional seven times and the NCAA semifinals in 1987 and 1988.

A self-proclaimed program builder, Hebert took the Illinois volleyball program, as well as collegiate volleyball in the Midwest, to a new level. While at Illinois, Hebert's programs continually drew record-setting crowds, leading the nation in attendance in 1992 and 1993. In 1992, Illinois set what was then an NCAA record, drawing 52,666 fans into Huff Hall for 17 home matches.

Hebert coached collegiate volleyball for four years at Pittsburgh (the final two as both the women's and men's coach), three years at New Mexico, 13 years at Illinois and the last 10 years at Minnesota. During that time, Hebert has compiled an 829-347 mark and a .705 winning percentage, making him one of the winningest volleyball coaches in the nation. While at Illinois, he had an impressive 323-127 (.718) record, finishing in the upper half of the Big Ten for 11 consecutive years.

In forming the model for consistency and program building, Hebert has posted 20-win seasons in 17 of the last 21 years and a 35-21 (.625) NCAA Tournament record. Hebert was named National Coach of the Year in 1985 after leading the nation with a 39-3 record. He won Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1985, 1986, 1988, 1999 and in 2002 and was the president of the American Volleyball Coaches Association from 1985-88.

Hebert added yet another milestone to his successful coaching resume in 1997, earning his 600th career coaching victory with a 3-0 win over Mercer on Sept. 5. In 1992, Hebert collected career win No. 500 as Illinois defeated Purdue, 3-0, in Champaign, Ill. The 1987 season marked the 300th career victory for Hebert and his 100th victory at Illinois, making him the first coach in Illinois history to record 100 wins at the school. He recorded his 200th Big Ten victory in 1998, as Minnesota defeated nationally-ranked Ohio State at the Sports Pavilion in four games.

Hebert has also assembled an all-star list of talented players during his college coaching career, as he has produced 14 All-Americans. Included in that list are three-time All-American, U.S. national team member Mary Eggers and 2004 U.S. Olympian Lindsey Berg. Eggers was the 1987 recipient of the Honda Award, given to the nation's top collegiate volleyball student-athlete. In 1996, Hebert's Minnesota team produced the first Gopher to be named an NCAA first team All-American, outside hitter Katrien DeDecker.

In the summer of 2002, Hebert coached the U.S. National Team at the Pan American Games. Hebert has held a wide variety of responsibilities on the national and international level.

Hebert served as head coach of the U.S. women's team competing at the 1991 World University Games in Sheffield, England. The USA women's team also competed in the 1991 Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba. Hebert traveled to the 1989 Canada Cup and 1990 Cuba Cup as part of a series of assignments with the U.S. National Team.

In 1988, Hebert was the head coach of the U.S. National "B" team, which included squad members training for the 1992 Olympic team. During the summer of 1987, Hebert served as head coach of the U.S. women's team that competed at the World University Games in Yugoslavia. He was the assistant coach of the U.S. women's team at the 1981 World University Games in Romania and served as a head coach of the North team at National Sports Festival VI in 1985.

Hebert began his coaching career at the University of Pittsburgh, where from 1976-79, he compiled a 129-52 mark with the women's team and a 60-21 record as the men's coach. In building the program, he won the EAIAW Eastern Region Coach of the Year award in 1978 and 1979.

From 1980-83, Hebert coached the women's team at New Mexico, establishing a 60-57 record and advancing to the NCAA regional championships in 1981 with a 26-17 mark. Hebert was named the Intermountain Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1980.

Hebert received his bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California Santa Barbara in 1966, and his Ph.D. in philosophy of education from Indiana in 1974. He is the author of two books, including a co-written autobiography titled *The Fire Still Burns*.

Hebert and his wife Sherry reside in Minneapolis. Hebert has two daughters, Becky (who is married and resides in Mesa, Ariz.) and Hillary (who graduated in June 2000 from the University of Minnesota and in 2003 from Denver University Law School).

## ► Hebert in the NCAA Tournament

Year	Team	Result	Round
1981 (1-1)	New Mexico	def. Miami (Ohio), 3-1	First Round
	New Mexico	lost to San Diego State, 0-3	Regional Semifinals
1985 (1-1)	Illinois	def. Western Michigan, 3-1	First Round
	Illinois	lost to USC, 0-3	Regional Semifinals
1986 (2-1)	Illinois	def. Northern Iowa, 3-1	First Round
	Illinois	def. Western Michigan, 3-0	Regional Semifinals
	Illinois	lost to Nebraska, 0-3	Regional Finals
1987 (3-1)	Illinois	def. Pittsburgh, 3-1	First Round
	Illinois	def. Western Michigan, 3-2	Regional Semifinals
	Illinois	def. Nebraska, 3-0	Regional Finals
	Illinois	lost to Hawaii, 0-3	Final Four
1988 (3-1)	Illinois	def. Illinois State, 3-0	First Round
	Illinois	def. Notre Dame, 3-2	Regional Semifinals
	Illinois	def. Oklahoma, 3-0	Regional Finals
	Illinois	lost to Hawaii, 1-3	Final Four
1989 (2-1)	Illinois	def. Penn State, 3-0	First Round
	Illinois	def. Ohio State, 3-1	Regional Semifinals
	Illinois	lost to Nebraska, 0-3	Regional Finals
1990 (0-1)	Illinois	lost to Wisconsin, 0-3	First Round
1991 (0-1)	Illinois	lost to Nebraska, 0-3	First Round
1992 (2-1)	Illinois	def. Houston, 3-0	First Round
	Illinois	def. Nebraska, 3-0	Regional Semifinals
	Illinois	lost to Stanford, 1-3	Regional Finals
1993 (1-1)	Illinois	def. SW Missouri State, 3-0	First Round
	Illinois	lost to Colorado, 0-3	Second Round
1994 (0-1)	Illinois	lost Ball State, 2-3	First Round
1995 (1-1)	Illinois	def. Georgia, 3-1	Second Round
	Illinois	lost to Texas, 0-3	Regional Semifinals
1996 (1-1)	Minnesota	def. Central Florida, 3-2	First Round
	Minnesota	lost to Long Beach State, 0-3	Second Round
1997 (1-1)	Minnesota	def. Miami (Ohio) 3-0	First Round
	Minnesota	lost to BYU, 0-3	Second Round
1999 (2-1)	Minnesota	def. Sacramento State, 3-0	First Round
	Minnesota	def. USC, 3-2	Second Round
	Minnesota	lost to Penn State, 0-3	Regional Semifinals
2000 (2-1)	Minnesota	def. Robert Morris, 3-0	First Round
	Minnesota	def. Arizona State, 3-1	Second Round
	Minnesota	lost to UC Santa Barbara, 1-3	Regional Semifinals
2001 (1-1)	Minnesota	def. DePaul, 3-0	First Round
	Minnesota	lost to Northern Iowa, 2-3	Second Round
2002 (2-1)	Minnesota	def. New Hampshire, 3-1	First Round
	Minnesota	def. Georgia Tech, 3-1	Second Round
	Minnesota	lost to Arizona, 1-3	Regional Semifinals
2003 (4-1)	Minnesota	def. Wisconsin-Green Bay, 3-0	First Round
	Minnesota	def. Northern Iowa, 3-1	Second Round
	Minnesota	def. Pepperdine, 3-2	Regional Semifinals
	Minnesota	def. Washington, 3-2	Regional Finals
	Minnesota	lost to USC, 0-3	Final Four
2004 (5-1)	Minnesota	def. Long Island, 3-0	First Round
	Minnesota	def. Yale, 3-0	Second Round
	Minnesota	def. Georgia Tech, 3-2	Regional Semifinals
	Minnesota	def. Ohio State, 3-2	Regional Finals
	Minnesota	def. USC, 3-1	Final Four
	Minnesota	lost to Stanford, 0-3	National Championship
2005 (1-1)	Minnesota	def. Winthrop 3-0	First Round
	Minnesota	lost to Tennessee 2-3	Second Round
2006 (2-0)	Minnesota	def. Siena 3-0	First Round
	Minnesota	def. St. John's 3-2	Second Round

**Overall NCAA Record:** 37-21 (.638); 22 appearances  
**NCAA Record at Minnesota:** 21-9 (.700), 10 appearances  
**NCAA Record at Illinois:** 15-11 (.577) 11 appearances  
**NCAA Record at New Mexico:** 1-1 (.500); 1 appearance

**Born:** Jan. 7, 1944

**Hometown:** Long Beach, Calif.

**College:**

UC Santa Barbara, 1966 (B.S. in sociology)

Indiana, 1974 (Ph.D. in philosophy of education)

### Career Records

**Overall:** 852-354 (30+ years)

**At Minnesota:** 280-97 (10+ years)

### Coaching Highlights

- Named to 2006 AVCA Hall of Fame Class
- In his 30+ years of coaching, Hebert has led his teams to 21 NCAA Tournament appearances with an overall record of 852-354.
- Third Coach in NCAA history to lead two different programs to multiple Final Fours.
- Led Minnesota to first National Championship title match in school history in 2004.
- Led Minnesota to NCAA era record 33 wins in 2004.
- Helped Minnesota get two First-Team AVCA Americans for the first time in school history in 2004.
- Fourth coach in NCAA history to lead two different programs to the Final Four. First coach in NCAA history to do so with two different programs from the same conference.
- Led Minnesota to first Final Four in school history in 2003.
- Led Minnesota to the program's first ever Big Ten title in 2002.
- Coached Minnesota to the NCAA Tournament in 10 of his 11 seasons and five Regional semifinals in the past seven seasons heading into the 2006 tournament.
- Has led Minnesota to a second place or higher finish in the Big Ten in six of the last eight seasons.
- One of only two coaches in conference history to be named Big Ten Coach of the Year on five occasions (1985, '86, '88, '99, 02)
- 2003 Volleyball Magazine National Coach of the Year and 1985 National Coach of the Year
- 1999, 2002 AVCA District Coach of the Year
- Led Illinois to the NCAA Final Four twice (1987 and 1988)
- Has coached 14 different All-Americans, including six at Minnesota (Katrien DeDecker, Nicole Branagh, Stephanie Hagen, Paula Gentil, Cassie Busse, Kelly Bowman).
- Coached 2003 U.S. National Women's Volleyball Team at Pan American Games in the Dominican Republic.
- Head coach of U.S. Women's Team at 1991 World University Games and Pan Am Games.
- Head coach of U.S. Women's Team at 1987 World University Games.
- Former president of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (1985-88).
- Became the winningest coach in school history on Sept. 22 when he recorded his 264th victory against Northwestern. Hebert is the winningest coach at both Minnesota and Illinois.
- Coached in his 1,200th match against Michigan on Nov. 4.
- Recorded his 800th career win in 2004.
- Recorded his 700th career win and coached his 1,000 career match in 2001.

# MINNESOTA'S ALL-TIME NCAA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Dec. 2, 1989 at Minneapolis (A-4,969)

**MINNESOTA 3, COLORADO 0**  
(15-11, 16-14, 15-11)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Lisa Soulliere (C) 13  
Chris Schaefer (M) 18  
Digs - Michelle Kohler (C) 12  
Becky Lindberg (M) 17  
Blocks - Soulliere/Salgato (C) 6  
Karen Lushine (M) 7

Dec. 8, 1989 at Lincoln, Neb. (A-2,361)

**NEBRASKA 3, MINNESOTA 1**  
(15-10, 11-15, 15-13, 15-12)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Chris Schaefer (M) 20  
Cris Hall (N) 25  
Digs - Schaefer/Ahquist (M) 11  
Janet Kruse (N) 13  
Blocks - Karen Lushine (M) 7  
Virginia Stahr (N) 6

Dec. 1, 1993 at Minneapolis (A-1,875)

**MINNESOTA 3, BALL STATE 0**  
(15-6, 15-11, 15-9)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Sharon Knecht (BS) 8  
Heidi Olhausen (M) 12  
Digs - Sharon Knecht (BS) 8  
Gretchen Dahl (M) 13  
Blocks - Herode/Hoeltke (BS) 3  
Jean Schintz (M) 11

Dec. 5, 1993 at Santa Barbara (A-567)

**MINNESOTA 3, UC SANTA BARBARA 2**  
(13-15, 15-7, 5-15, 16-14, 15-10)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Katrien DeDecker (M) 21  
Ana Elisa Franca (SB) 19  
Digs - Heidi Foesch (M) 17  
Collins/C. Boehle (SB) 14  
Blocks - Olhausen/Schintz (M) 7  
Three players with 5 (SB)

Dec. 9, 1993 at Minneapolis (A-6,002)

**NOTRE DAME 3, MINNESOTA 2**  
(15-9, 11-15, 15-13, 11-15, 15-13)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Christy Peters (ND) 26  
Jean Schintz (M) 21  
Digs - Nicole Coates (ND) 26  
Heidi Foesch (M) 26  
Blocks - Karlan/Stark (ND) 5  
Gretchen Dahl (M) 10

Dec. 4, 1996 at Minneapolis (A-2,012)

**MINNESOTA 3, CENTRAL FLORIDA 2**  
(8-15, 12-15, 15-12, 15-9, 17-15)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Renata Menchikova (CF) 29  
DeDecker/Passer (M) 17  
Digs - Renata Menchikova (CF) 24  
Becky Bauer (M) 22  
Blocks - Tyra Harper (CF) 7  
Tara Baynes (M) 7

Dec. 7, 1996 at Long Beach, Calif. (A-969)

**LONG BEACH STATE 3, MINNESOTA 0**  
(15-10, 15-13, 15-6)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Katrien DeDecker (M) 20  
Jenn Snyder (LB) 18  
Digs - Jane Passer (M) 11  
Jessica Alverado (LB) 12  
Blocks - Jane Passer (M) 4  
Nique Crump (LB) 5

Dec. 5, 1997 at Provo, Utah (A-253)

**MINNESOTA 3, MIAMI (OHIO) 0**  
(16-14, 15-5, 15-12)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Julie Sterk (MIA) 15  
Linda Shudlick (M) 18  
Digs - Maggie Clark (MIA) 14  
Sarah Pearman (M) 16  
Blocks - Alissia Thompson (MIA) 4  
Linda Shudlick (M) 3

Dec. 6, 1997 at Provo, Utah (A-1,487)

**BRIGHTMAN YOUNG 3, MINNESOTA 0**  
(15-8, 15-9, 15-11)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Nicole Branagh (M) 15  
Amy Steele Gant (BYU) 20  
Digs - Bauer/Branagh (M) 12  
Korie Rogers (BYU) 14  
Blocks - Linda Shudlick (M) 9  
Rachel Greene (BYU) 9

Dec. 3, 1999 at Los Angeles (A-422)

**MINNESOTA 3, SACRAMENTO STATE 0**  
(15-9, 15-10, 15-10, 15-12)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Tasman Dwyer (SS) 15  
Nicole Branagh (M) 23  
Digs - Esther Rogers (SS) 17  
Branagh/Wichert (M) 12  
Blocks - Tasman Dwyer (SS) 4  
Three players with 2 (M)

Dec. 4, 1999 at Los Angeles

**MINNESOTA 3, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 2**  
(3-15, 4-15, 16-14, 15-10, 15-10)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Nicole Branagh (M) 31  
Antoinette Polk (SC) 18  
Digs - 3 players with 14 (M)  
Janae Henry (SC) 15  
Blocks - Charnette Fair (M) 3  
Amber Oliver (SC) 6

Dec. 9, 1999 at University Park, Pa. (A-2,211)

**PENN STATE 3, MINNESOTA 0**  
(15-9, 15-9, 17-15)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Stephanie Hagen (M) 16  
Amanda Rome (PS) 14  
Digs - Lisa Aschenbrenner (M) 16  
Leilani Schlottfeldt (PS) 13  
Blocks - Charnette Fair (M) 7  
Lauren Cacciamani (PS) 5

Dec. 1, 2000 at Minneapolis (A-2,375)

**MINNESOTA 3, ROBERT MORRIS 0**  
(15-1, 15-6, 15-2)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Maryann Liska (RM) 4  
Charnette Fair (M) 9  
Digs - Tracy Zureick (RM) 5  
Berg/VanOort (M) 7  
Blocks - (RM) none  
Charnette Fair (M) 8

Dec. 2, 2000 at Minneapolis (A-2,552)

**MINNESOTA 3, ARIZONA STATE 1**  
(15-12, 10-15, 15-7, 15-6)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Amanda Burbridge (AS) 19  
Nicole Branagh (M) 31  
Digs - Jami Coughlin (AS) 12  
VanOort/Wicks (M) 11  
Blocks - Amanda Burbridge (AS) 5  
Charnette Fair (M) 10

Dec. 7, 2000 at Honolulu (A-9,384)

**UC SANTA BARBARA 3, MINNESOTA 1**  
(15-12, 7-15, 15-7, 15-10)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Danielle Bauer (SB) 19  
Charnette Fair (M) 23  
Digs - Danielle Bauer (SB) 23  
Berg/Branagh (M) 23  
Blocks - Danielle Bauer (SB) 4  
Charnette Fair (M) 10

Nov. 30, 2001 at Cedar Falls, Iowa (A-1,933)

**MINNESOTA 3, DEPAUL 0**  
(30-25, 30-27, 30-25)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Stephanie Bishop (D) 9  
Stephanie Hagen (M) 20  
Digs - Katie Engel (D) 9  
Trisha Bratford (M) 12  
Blocks - Four players with 2 (D)  
Stephanie Hagen (M) 4

Dec. 1, 2001 at Cedar Falls, Iowa (A-1,764)

**NORTHERN IOWA 3, MINNESOTA 2**  
(30-26, 30-21, 21-30, 18-30, 15-17)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Stephanie Hagen (M) 22  
Kim Kester (NI) 21  
Digs - Lindsey Berg (M) 13  
Miranda Weber (NI) 13  
Blocks - Bethany Brafford (M) 7  
O'Brien/Burvee (NI) 8

Dec. 5, 2002 at Minneapolis (A-1,398)

**MINNESOTA 3, NEW HAMPSHIRE 1**  
(30-18, 28-30, 30-17, 30-21)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Alyson Coler (UNH) 15  
Cassie Busse (M) 18  
Digs - Sasha Scott (UNH) 16  
Lindsey Vander Well 15  
Blocks - Ludwig/Otte (UNH) 4  
Cassie Busse (M) 7

Dec. 6, 2002 at Minneapolis (A-1,960)

**MINNESOTA 3, GEORGIA TECH 1**  
(30-28, 29-31, 30-26, 30-28)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Lynnette Moster (GT) 24  
Trisha Bratford (M) 26  
Digs - Marisa Aston (GT) 18  
Paula Gentil (M) 23  
Blocks - Jayme Gergen (GT) 6  
Bethany Bratford (M) 5

Dec. 12, 2002 at Stanford, Calif. (A-1,819)

**ARIZONA 3, MINNESOTA 1**  
(30-32, 32-34, 30-28, 19-30)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Kim Glass (UA) 29  
Cassie Busse (M) 18  
Digs - Kim Glass (UA) 13  
Paula Gentil (M) 22  
Blocks - Angie Ayers (UA) 8  
Bethany Bratford (M) 3

Dec. 6, 2003 at Minneapolis (A-2,084)

**MINNESOTA 3, WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY 0**  
(30-22, 30-12, 30-16)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - three with 6 (UW)  
Erin Martin (M) 20  
Digs - Jackie Rosen (UW) 13  
Paula Gentil (M) & Cassie Busse 12  
Blocks - Jessie Theys (UW) 3  
Erin Martin (M) 5

Dec. 7, 2003 at Minneapolis (A-2,014)

**MINNESOTA 3, NORTHERN IOWA 1**  
(30-25, 28-30, 30-25, 30-23)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Rachael Tink (NI) 18  
Cassie Busse (M) 18  
Digs - Molly O'Brien (NI) 20  
Paula Gentil (M) 18  
Blocks - Molly O'Brien (NI) 4  
Meredith Nelson (M) 6

Dec. 12, 2003 at Long Beach, Calif. (A-1,846)

**MINNESOTA 3, PEPPERDINE 2**  
(28-30, 30-28, 30-27, 26-30, 15-8)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Katie Wilkins (PEP) 24  
Erin Martin (M) 28  
Digs - Katy Daly (PEP) 18  
Paula Gentil (M) 30  
Blocks - Lindsey Hache' (PEP) 8  
Meredith Nelson (M) 8

Dec. 13, 2003 at Long Beach, Calif. (A-1,605)

**MINNESOTA 3, WASHINGTON 2**  
(19-30, 32-30, 33-31, 25-30, 15-9)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Sonja Tomasevic (UW) 22  
Cassie Busse (M) 25  
Digs - Candace Lee (UW) 29  
Paula Gentil (M) 27  
Blocks - Tomasevic (UW) 10  
Busse & Meredith Nelson (M) 10

Dec. 18, 2003 at Dallas, Tex. (A-6,805)

**USC 3, MINNESOTA 0**  
(27-30, 28-30, 20-30)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Keao Burdine (SC) 13  
Cassie Busse (M) 23  
Digs - Nicole Davis (SC) 18  
Busse (M) 12  
Blocks - Katie Olsovsky (SC) 5  
Erin Martin & Meredith Nelson (M) 3

Dec. 2, 2004 at New Haven, Conn. (A-380)

**MINNESOTA 3, LONG ISLAND 0**  
(30-19, 30-12, 30-27)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Lizelle Jackson (LI) 9  
Erin Martin (M) 12  
Digs - Lizelle Jackson (LI) 12  
Paula Gentil (M) 25  
Blocks - Cristina Pintilie (LI) 2  
Jessica Byrnes (M) 4

Dec. 3, 2004 at New Haven, Conn. (A-1,159)

**MINNESOTA 3, YALE 0**  
(30-17, 30-18, 30-19)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Shannon Ferrell (Y) 8  
Erin Martin (M) 15  
Digs - Becker/Perlebach (Y) 7  
Paula Gentil (M) 21  
Blocks - Long Island 0  
Jessica Byrnes (M) 6

Dec. 10, 2004 at Minneapolis (A-3,414)

**MINNESOTA 3, GEORGIA TECH 2**  
(25-30, 30-22, 30-24, 46-48, 15-9)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Lauren Sauer (GT) 25  
Erin Martin (M) 31  
Digs - Marisa Aston (GT) 36  
Paula Gentil (M) 41  
Blocks - Jayme Gergen (GT) 7  
Erin Martin (M) 8

Dec. 11, 2004 at Minneapolis (A-3,414)

**MINNESOTA 3, OHIO STATE 2**  
(30-32, 34-32, 27-30, 30-28, 15-8)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Stacey Gordon (OS) 44  
Erin Martin (M) 20  
Digs - Rebecca Kastein (OS) 29  
Paula Gentil (M) 38  
Blocks - Danielle Meyer (OS) 6  
Taatjes/Nelson (M) 4

Dec. 16, 2004 at Long Beach, Calif. (A-8,339)

**MINNESOTA 3, USC 1**  
(30-25, 29-31, 30-26, 30-20)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Keao Burdine (USC) 18  
Erin Martin (M) 18  
Digs - Debora Seilhamer (USC) 28  
Paula Gentil (M) 33  
Blocks - Sarah Florian (USC) 3  
Taatjes/Jones (M) 7

Dec. 18, 2004 at Long Beach, Calif. (A-8,826)

**STANFORD 3, MINNESOTA 0**  
(23-30, 27-30, 21-30)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Ogonna Nnamani (S) 29  
Bratford/Martin (M) 13  
Digs - Courtney Schultz (S) 14  
Paula Gentil (M) 15  
Blocks - Liz Suiter (S) 5  
Lindsey Taatjes (M) 5

Dec. 2, 2005 at Knoxville, Tenn. (A-664)

**MINNESOTA 3, WINTHROP 0**  
(30-13, 30-13, 30-24)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Mary Hock (W) 10  
Meghan Cumpston (M) 13  
Hock (W) 6  
Digs - Rachel Hartmann (M) 8  
Chandra Gines (W) 2  
Blocks - Jessy Jones & Kyla Roehrig (M) 5

Dec. 3, 2005 at Knoxville, Tenn. (A-502)

**TENNESSEE 3, MINNESOTA 2**  
(19-30, 30-24, 30-20, 27-30, 11-15)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Meredith Nelson (M) 23  
Yuliya Stoyanova (T) 16  
Digs - Paula Gentil (M) 15  
Julie Knytch (T) 18  
Blocks - Nelson (M) 7  
Sarah Blum (T) 7

Nov. 30, 2006 at Albany, N.Y. (A- 820)

**MINNESOTA 3, SIENA 0**  
(30-16, 30-23, 30-15)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Jessy Jones (M) 12  
Burgundy McCurdy (S) 10  
Digs - Malama Peniata (M) 14  
Kathi Kobayashi (S) 10  
Blocks - Nelson, Hartmann, Jones (M) 3  
Christie Gustafson (S) 1

Dec. 1, 2006 at Albany, N.Y. (A- 312)

**MINNESOTA 3, ST. JOHN'S 2**  
(30-26, 30-17, 26-30, 24-30, 15-12)

**Team Leaders**

Kills - Meredith Nelson (M) 17  
Patt Hardimon (SJ) 17  
Digs - Christine Tan (M) 13  
Kathleen Yee (SJ) 20  
Blocks - Jessy Jones (M) 9  
Rimgaila, Ping Huang (SJ) 5

# MINNESOTA'S NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORDS

## KILLS

31 Nicole Branagh .....vs. Southern California .....12/4/99  
 31 Nicole Branagh .....vs. Arizona State .....12/2/00  
 31\* Erin Martin .....vs. Georgia Tech .....12/10/04

## ERRORS

14 Nicole Branagh .....vs. Penn State .....12/9/99  
 12\* Erin Martin .....vs. Georgia Tech .....12/10/04

## TOTAL ATTEMPTS

88\* Erin Martin .....vs. Georgia Tech .....12/10/04

## ATTACK PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 ATTEMPTS)

.800 Charnette Fair .....vs. Robert Morris .....12/1/00  
 .652\* Jessica Byrnes .....vs. Northern Iowa .....12/6/03

## ASSISTS

77 Sue Jackson .....vs. Notre Dame .....12/9/93  
 67\* Lindsey Taatjes .....vs. Washington .....12/13/03

## SERVICE ACES

5\* Paula Gentil .....vs. Winthrop .....12/2/05

## SERVICE ERRORS

6 Jean Schintz .....vs. Notre Dame .....12/9/93  
 5\* Cassie Busse .....vs. New Hampshire .....12/5/02

## DIGS

41\* Paula Gentil .....vs. Georgia Tech .....12/10/04

## SOLO BLOCKS

7\* Erin Martin .....vs. Georgia Tech .....12/10/04

## BLOCK ASSISTS

10 Jean Schintz .....vs. Ball State .....12/1/93  
 10\* Cassie Busse .....vs. Washington .....12/13/03  
 10\* Meredith Nelson .....vs. Washington .....12/13/03

## TOTAL BLOCKS

11 Jean Schintz .....vs. Ball State .....12/1/93  
 10\* Cassie Busse .....vs. Washington .....12/13/03  
 10\* Meredith Nelson .....vs. Washington .....12/13/03

*\*indicates rally scored match*

## Minnesota's NCAA Win-Loss Records

Overall Record .....24-11  
 Home Matches .....11-1  
 Sports Pavilion Matches .....9-0  
 Road Matches .....3-6  
 Neutral Site Matches .....10-4  
 3-Game Matches .....11-5  
 4-Game Matches .....5-3  
 5-Game Matches .....8-3  
 Record with 1-0 Lead .....17-1  
 Record with 2-0 Lead .....13-1  
 Record with 0-1 Deficit .....7-10  
 Record with 0-2 Deficit .....2-5

## KILLS

97\* .....vs. Georgia Tech.....12/10/04

## ERRORS

35\* .....vs. Washington .....12/13/03

## TOTAL ATTEMPTS

264.....vs. Notre Dame .....12/9/93  
 261\* .....vs. Georgia Tech.....12/10/04

## TEAM ATTACK PERCENTAGE

\*.426 .....vs. Siena .....11/30/06

## ASSISTS

90.....vs. Georgia Tech.....12/10/04  
 90\* .....vs. Georgia Tech.....12/10/04

## SERVICE ACES

11\* .....vs. Winthrop.....12/2/05

## SERVICE ERRORS

19.....vs. Notre Dame .....12/9/93  
 16\* .....vs. Georgia Tech.....12/10/04

## DIGS

113\* .....vs. Georgia Tech.....12/10/04

## SOLO BLOCKS

9\* .....twice, last vs. Georgia Tech.....12/10/04

## BLOCK ASSISTS

32\* .....vs. Washington .....12/13/03

## TOTAL BLOCKS

21.0\* .....vs. Washington .....12/13/03

*\*indicates rally scored match*

# Minnesota Volleyball 2006 — Season and Career Highs

## # 1 • Kelly Bowman • Senior • Opposite Hitter/Setter • Maple Grove, Minn.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	14 at Ohio State (10/8/06)	17, (2) last at Wisconsin (10/31/04)
Attempts	30 vs. Penn State (10/28/06)	35 at Wisconsin (9/23/05)
Attack %	.542 (14-1-24) at Ohio State (10/8/06)	.786 (11-0-14) vs. Maine (9/17/05)
Assists	8 vs. Penn State (10/28/06)	64 at Purdue (9/27/03)
Aces	2 (8) last vs. Siena (11/30/06)	3 (2) last vs. Maine (9/17/05)
Digs	20 vs. Northern Iowa (9/13/06)	22, vs. Rice (9/17/04)
Blocks	7 (2) last at Illinois (9/23/06)	7 vs. UConn (9/13/06)
10+ Kills	14	32
10+ Digs	19	53
20+Digs	1	5
50+ Assists		1
Double-doubles	10	48
Triple-doubles		12
10+ Dig Streak		
10+ Kill Streak	1	

## # 2 • Kelly Fallon • Sophomore • Defensive Specialist • Burlington, Wis.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills		
Attempts		
Attack %		
Assists	1 (2) last vs. Texas A&M (9/2/06)	1 (3) last vs. Texas A&M (9/2/06)
Aces	2 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)	3 vs. Nebraska (9/5/05)
Digs	5 vs. LSU (9/2/06)	9 vs. Nebraska (9/5/05)
10+ Digs		

## # 4 • Meghan Cumpston • Senior • Outside Hitter • Red Bluff, Calif.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	22 vs. Purdue (10/14/06)	24 at UCLA (10/30/04)
Attempts	46 vs. Purdue (10/14/06)	61 at Hawai'i (9/5/04)
Attack %	.529 (9-0-17) vs. Northwestern (11/11/06)	.900 (9-0-10) vs. Northern Arizona (11/24/03)
Assists	2 (3) last vs. Purdue (10/14/06)	3 (2) last vs. San Diego (9/4/04)
Aces	5 vs. Northern Iowa (9/13/06)	5 vs. Northern Iowa (9/13/06)
Digs	17 vs. Indiana (10/13/06)	23 at Hawai'i (9/5/04)
Blocks	4 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)	6 at USC (10/29/04)
20+ Kills	1	3
10+ Kills	17	45
10+Digs	9	14
10+Kill Streak	6	

## # 5 • Meredith Nelson • Senior • Middle Blocker • St. Croix Falls, Wis.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	24 vs. Michigan State (10/1/06)	24 vs. Michigan State (10/1/06)
Attempts	42 vs. Michigan State (10/1/06)	42 vs. Michigan State (10/1/06)
Attack %	.727 (8-0-11) vs. LSU (9/2/06)	.900 (9-0-10) vs. Campbell (9/16/05)
Assists	4 vs. St. John's (12/1/06)	5, vs. No. Iowa (9/17/03)
Aces	5 vs. Northwestern (11/11/06)	5 vs. Northwestern (11/11/06)
Digs	6 (2) last vs. Iowa (11/18/06)	7, at Colorado State (8/27/04)
Blocks	7 (2) last at Wisconsin (11/15/06)	11, (2) last at Ohio State (10/17/03)
10+ Kills	23	58
20+ Kills	1	3
10+ Blocks		4
Double-doubles		
10+ Kill Streak	6	

# Minnesota Volleyball 2006 — Season and Career Highs

## # 6 • Malama Peniata • Senior • Libero/Def. Specialist • Plymouth, Minn.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	2 vs. Wisconsin (10/18/06)	17 vs. Northwestern (11/11/05)
Attempts	7 (2) last vs. Penn State (10/28/06)	50 vs. Northwestern (11/11/05)
Attack %		.545 (6-0-11) vs. Houston (9/9/05)
Assists	6 vs. Dayton (9/16/06)	8 vs. Penn State (10/22/05)
Aces	3 vs. Tulane (9/16/06)	4 (3) last vs. Illinois (11/25/05)
Digs	41 vs. Northern Iowa (9/13/06)	41 vs. Northern Iowa (9/13/06)
Blocks		2 vs. Kansas State (9/10/05)
10+ Digs	26	69
20+Digs	8	9
30+Digs	3	3
40+Digs	1	1
10+ Kills		4
10+Dig Streak	26	

## # 7 • Kelly Schmidt • Sophomore • Middle Blocker • Champaign, Ill.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	12 vs. Tulane (9/16/06)	12 vs. Tulane (9/16/06)
Attempts	18 vs. Tulane (9/16/06)	18 vs. Tulane (9/16/06)
Attack %		
Assists		
Aces		
Digs		1 vs. Central Florida (9/3/05)
Blocks	2 vs. Tulane (9/16/06)	3 vs. Central Florida (9/3/05)

## # 8 • Rachel Hartmann • Sophomore • Setter • St. Charles, Ill.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	4 (4) last at Michigan (11/4/06)	4 (4) last at Michigan (11/4/06)
Attempts	8 (2) last vs. Purdue (10/14/06)	8 (2) last vs. Purdue (10/14/06)
Attack %		
Assists	72 vs. Michigan State (10/1/06)	72 vs. Michigan State (10/1/06)
Aces	2 (5) last at at Michigan State (11/3/06)	3 vs. Illinois (11/25/05)
Digs	19 vs. Purdue (10/14/06)	19 vs. Purdue (10/14/06)
Blocks	5 at Illinois (9/23/06)	5 at Illinois (9/23/06)
70+ Assists	1	1
60+Assists	3	3
50+ Assists	11	11
10+ Digs	9	13

## # 9 • Doneila Jackson • R-Sophomore • Outside Hitter • Plant City, Fla.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills		2 vs. Campbell (9/16/05)
Attempts		5 vs. Houston (9/9/05)
Attack %		
Assists		
Aces		
Digs		1 at Houston (9/9/05)
Blocks		1 vs. Northwestern (11/11/05)
10+ Kills		

# Minnesota Volleyball 2006 — Season and Career Highs

## # 10 • Rachelle Hagerty • Freshman • Outside Hitter • Defiance, Ohio

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	13 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)	13 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)
Attempts	30 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)	30 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)
Attack %	.300 (13-4-30) vs. Iowa (11/18/06)	.300 (13-4-30) vs. Iowa (11/18/06)
Assists	1 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)	1 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)
Aces		
Digs	1 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)	1 vs. Iowa (11/18/06)
Blocks	1 vs. Illinois (11/10/06)	1 vs. Illinois (11/10/06)
10+ Kills		
10+ Kill Streak		

## # 11 • Jessy Jones • Junior • Middle Blocker • Naperville, Ill.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	22 vs. Michigan State (10/1/06)	22 vs. Michigan State (10/1/06)
Attempts	38 vs. Louisville (9/9/06)	38 vs. Louisville (9/9/06)
Attack %	.652 (17-2-23) at Iowa (10/20/06)	.909 (10-0-11) vs. Houston (9/9/05)
Assists	3 vs. Cal Poly (9/8/06)	3 vs. Cal Poly (9/8/06)
Aces		
Digs	3 (2) last vs. Penn State (10/28/06)	3 last vs. Penn State (10/28/06)
Blocks	9 vs. St. John's (12/1/06)	9 (2) last vs. St. John's (12/1/06)
10+ Kills	15	27
20+ Kills	2	2
10+ Digs		
Double-doubles		

## # 12 • Kyla Roehrig • Sophomore • Outside Hitter • Papillion, Neb.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	22 vs. Cal Poly (9/8/06)	22 vs. Cal Poly (9/8/06)
Attempts	50 at Northwestern (9/23/06)	50 at Northwestern (9/23/06)
Attack %	.542 (15-2-24) vs. UConn (9/15/06)	.636 (8-1-11) at Indiana (10/7/05)
Assists	1 vs. Cal Poly (9/8/06)	1 vs. Cal Poly (9/8/06)
Aces		
Digs	3 (2) last vs. Northwestern (11/11/06)	3 (4) last vs. Northwestern (11/11/06)
Blocks	11 at St. Louis (9/1/06)	11 at St. Louis (9/1/06)
10+ Kills	20	24
10+ Blocks	1	1
10-Kill Streak	1	

## # 13 • Michele Wilber • Sophomore • Def. Specialist • Anoka, Minn.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills		
Attempts		
Attack %		
Assists		
Aces	1 vs. Illinois (11/10/06)	1 vs. Illinois (11/10/06)
Digs	2 vs. LSU (9/2/06)	3 vs. Ohio State (10/21/05)
Blocks		

## # 14 • Krista Chin • Sophomore • Def. Specialist/Libero • Wheeling, Ill.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	1 at St. Louis (9/1/06)	1 at St. Louis (9/1/06)
Attempts		
Attack %		
Assists	1 vs. Texas A&M (9/2/06)	1 (3) vs. Texas A&M (9/2/06)
Aces	1 vs. LSU (9/2/06)	1 vs. LSU (9/2/06)
Digs	11 (2) last vs. Cal Poly (9/8/06)	11 (2) vs. Cal Poly (9/8/06)
Blocks		

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# 15 • Christine Tan • Freshman • Def. Specialist/Libero • Palm Harbor, Fla.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills		
Attempts		
Attack %		
Assists	3 at Wisconsin (11/15/06)	3 at Wisconsin (11/15/06)
Aces	4 (2) last at Iowa (10/20/06)	4 (2) last at Iowa (10/20/06)
Digs	21 at Nebraska (9/10/06)	21 at Nebraska (9/10/06)
Blocks		
10+Digs	13	13
20+Digs	1	1
10+Dig Streak	1	

# 16 • Katie Vatterrodt • Sophomore • Outside Hitter • Bloomington, Ill.

	Season Bests	Career Bests
Kills	17 at Nebraska (9/10/06)	17 at Nebraska (9/10/06)
Attempts	35 vs. Texas A&M (9/2/06)	35 vs. Texas A&M (9/2/06)
Attack %	.500 (13-2-22) vs. Dayton (9/6/06)	.500 (13-2-22) vs. Dayton (9/6/06)
Assists	1 vs. Texas A&M (9/2/06)	1 vs. Texas A&M (9/2/06)
Aces		
Digs	2 at St. Louis (9/1/06)	10 vs. Central Florida (9/3/05)
Blocks	3 vs. Louisville (9/9/06)	3 vs. Louisville (9/9/06)
10+ Kills	6	6