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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
GOLDEN GOPHERS (18-5)

VS.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
HOOSIERS (6-16)



2/10/2009



YOUR 2008-2009 GOLDEN GOPHERS:

No.	Name	Pos.	Year	Height	Weight	Notable season statistics
0	Al Nolen	G	So.	6-1	180	7.8 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 4.9 apg, 2.1 spg, 71% FT, 32% 3PFG
1	Paul Carter	F	So.	6-8	195	4.9 ppg, 4 rpg, .7 apg, 15 mpg, 37% FG, 69% FT
3	Kevin Payton	G/F	RJr.	6-5	215	4 mpg, 1 rpg, .4 apg
4	Travis Busch	G/F	Jr.	6-4	220	4.1 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 52% FG, 65% FT, 12 mpg
5	Devoe Joseph	G	Fr.	6-3	170	4.4 ppg, 1.6 apg, 40% FT, 35% 3PFG, 15 mpg
11	Jonathan Williams	C	5Sr.	6-9	250	1.1 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 41% FG, 5.8 mpg
20	Lawrence Westbrook	G	Jr.	6-0	195	13 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 1.7 apg, 44% FG, 85% FT, 39% 3PFG
22	Devron Bostick	G	Jr.	6-5	210	3.8 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 1 apg, 44% FG, 69% FT, 36% 3PFG
24	Blake Hoffarber	G	So.	6-4	200	7.7 ppg, 3 rpg, 44% FG, 67% FT, 38% 3PFG, 23 mpg
33	Jamal Abu-Shamala	G/F	Sr.	6-5	210	4.4 ppg, 2 rpg, 50% FG, 71% FT, 33% 3PFG, 13 mpg
34	Damian Johnson	F	RJr.	6-7	195	9.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 2 apg, 50% FG, 62% FT, 21% 3PFG
45	Colton Iverson	F/C	Fr.	6-10	235	5.8 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 1.4 bpg, 60% FG, 52% FT, 17.9 mpg
50	Ralph Sampson III	F/C	Fr.	6-11	220	6.3 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 1.6 bpg, 50% FG, 82% FT, 20.1 mpg

Head Coach: Tubby Smith. Assistant coaches: Ron Jirsa, Vince Taylor, Saul Smith.

THE BARNYARD POLL

Q: What place will the Gophers finish in the Big Ten?

- A. 1-2
- B. 3-4
- C. 5-6
- D. 7-11

Log on to www.umnbarnyard.com to vote and view the results!

The Golden Dunkers

We would like to thank the **Golden Dunkers** – the booster club for the men's basketball team – for their support of the **Golden Gophers** and **The Barnyard!**



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BIG TEN CONFERENCE The Barnyard's Big Ten Roundup BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Current Standings

	Conf.	Overall
Michigan St.	9-2	19-4
Illinois	7-4	19-5
Ohio State	7-4	17-5
Purdue	6-4	17-6
Minnesota	6-5	18-5
Penn State	6-5	17-7
Michigan	5-6	15-9
Wisconsin	5-6	14-9
Northwestern	4-6	13-8
Iowa	3-8	13-11
Indiana	1-9	6-16

Results & Schedule

Sunday
Illinois 66, Purdue 48
Wisconsin 54, Penn State 44
Today
Michigan State at Michigan, 6 pm
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 pm
Wednesday
Penn State at Purdue, 5:30 pm
Iowa at Wisconsin, 7:30 pm
Thursday
Illinois at Northwestern, 8 pm
Saturday
Minnesota at Penn St., 12:30 pm
Purdue at Iowa, 3 pm
Ohio State at Wisconsin, 8 pm

Who's Up: Ohio State

The Buckeyes are riding a four-game winning streak, highlighted by a 80-72 OT win over Purdue and a 64-58 win over the Gophers.

Who's Down: Purdue

Purdue had season lows in scoring, shooting percentage (32 percent) and 3-point shooting (2-for-15) in dropping a 66-48 road contest to Illinois on Sunday – its second loss in a row.

Game of the Week: Penn State at Purdue

Both teams will try to halt 2-game losing streaks on Wednesday, as Big Ten scoring leader Talor Battle (18.5 ppg) looks to rebound after nine and 10-point performances in his past 2 games.

FAN OF THE GAME

vs. Illinois – Green Man

Barnyard: Who is your favorite Gopher?

GM: Lawrence Westbrook

Barnyard: How do you get so pumped up before every game?

GM: Just knowing my Gophers are in the top 25!

Barnyard: What is a random fact about you?

GM: I have starred in an anti-smoking ad

Barnyard: How did you choose your outfit?

GM: It's always sunny in Philadelphia.



Green Man wishes to remain anonymous...

GOPHER UPDATE

Feb. 7– Ohio State 64, Minnesota 58

The Gophers capped a tough road swing with their second consecutive loss on Saturday, falling in Columbus. Evan Turner made seven free throws in the games final 64 seconds to hold off a late and furious Gopher rally. Blake Hoffarber connected on six three-pointers and finished with 19 points – all in the second half. Damian Johnson was the only other Gopher to finish in double figures, with 12. He also added 10 rebounds. Ohio State held a 29-26 advantage at halftime. As a team, the Gophers shot 41 percent, including 32 percent from behind the arc. Last Wednesday, the Gophers were dismantled at Michigan State in falling 76-47. In that game, Devoe Joseph was the only Gopher to top double digits in scoring, with 11. Minnesota shot 29 percent for the game, while the Spartans finished at a blistering 51 percent.

Today's opponent – Indiana University Hoosiers

The Hoosiers are a program that is a long ways away from what is was just a year ago. Star players Eric Gordon and D.J. White have moved on to the NBA, and former coach Kelvin Sampson left behind a mess for new head coach Tom Crean – who left his post at Marquette. Sampson was found guilty of breaking five 'major' NCAA rules in making impermissible contact with recruits. Because of the stiff penalties that ensued, the Hoosiers are a team comprised of almost entirely new faces. The roster is comprised of five walkons, five scholarship freshman, two junior college transfers, and Kyle Taber and Brett Finkelmeier. Taber is the top returning scorer from last year's squad with 28 points. Finkelmeier is second with two points. Indiana has struggled to a 6-16 record and 1-9 mark in the Big Ten. The Hoosiers lone conference win came at home against Iowa on Feb. 4 in a 68-60 win.

Roster: 1 Evan White (Fr, G, 6-0), 2 Matt Roth (Fr, G, 6-3), 3 Daniel Moore (Fr, G, 5-11), 4 Brett Finkelmeier (So, G, 6-1), 5 Jeremiah Rivers (Jr, G, 6-5), 12 Verdell Jones III (Fr, G, 6-5), 20 Nick Williams (Fr, G, 6-4), 23 Kipp Schutz (So, G, 6-4), 24 Steven Gambles (Jr, F, 6-4), 25 Tom Pritchard (Fr, F, 6-9), 30 Kory Barnett (Fr, F, 6-6), 32 Lewis Broderick (Fr, F, 6-6), 33 Devan Dumes (Jr, G, 6-2), 34 Malik Story (Fr, G, 6-5), 40 Tijan Jobe (Jr, C, 7-0), 44 Kyle Taber (Sr, F, 6-8). **Head coach:** Tom Crean.

Next Up – The Gophers travel to Penn State Saturday (12:30 pm) and Michigan next Thursday (6 pm).

BARNYARD SPOTLIGHT: DEVRON BOSTICK

From Diapers to Dunks:

Devron Bostick graduated from St. Catherine's (Racine, Wis.) in 2006 with an impressive resume of individual and team success. Bostick led the Angels to two Wisconsin state championships. His junior season, Bostick averaged 13.7 ppg as St. Catherine's rolled to a 25-1 record and the Division 2 State Championship. What did Bostick do for an encore his senior season? He averaged 17.2 points and over six rebounds per game as the Angels went 27-0 and captured the Division 3 State Championship. He was named Division 3 Player of the Year and signed with Youngstown State, but failed to qualify. Bostick moved on to Southwestern Illinois Community College upon graduation, where he averaged 19 points per game as a freshman, leading SWIC to a 23-8 mark while being named second-team All-American. Then he led SWIC to a 28-5 record while averaging 18 ppg his sophomore season. For his efforts, Bostick was named the 2008 Division I National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Player of the Year.

The Barnyard Quiz:

1) Why did you choose the Gophers?

Because of Tubby Smith, the campus, the Twin Cities and I have family living here

2) What are you most looking forward to as a Gopher?

Looking forward to beating Wisconsin

3) How do you get ready before a game?

Listen to music

4) What's a little known fact about you?

I like slow music

5) Who is your favorite former Gopher? Why?

Lawrence McKenzie

6) The Gophers are down 1 with :05 left & Coach Smith is locked in the bathroom – what play do you run?

The exact same play we ran against Indiana last year in the Big Ten Tournament

7) After winning the 2009 NCAA's, what song do you dance to at the welcome home celebration?

My Dougie (remix)

8) When your career as a Gopher is over, what would you like to be remembered for?

I would like to be remembered as a champion

ON THIS DAY IN GOPHERS HISTORY

Feb. 10, 2007 – Michigan 82, Minnesota 80

The Gophers missed out on a chance to secure their fourth Big Ten win of the season when they let a nine-point halftime lead slip away at Ann Arbor. A lack of defensive intensity in the second half spelled doom for Minnesota. The Wolverines connected on 14 of their first 17 field goal attempts after halftime. Michigan shot 73.7 percent from the floor in the second half, made all three of its three-pointers and scored 49 points. "We're not getting anything defensively from the guys we should get defensive things from, the guys who come in off the bench," interim Gophers coach Jim Molinari said. Minnesota was led by Lawrence McKenzie and Dan Coleman with 18 points each, as five Gophers finished in double figures for the first time that season. Minnesota finished the game shooting 52.5 percent from the floor – allowing the Gophers to keep the game close while Michigan was having its way offensively. Minnesota followed this game with six consecutive loses, finishing the season 9-22, 3-13 in the Big Ten and finishing ninth in the conference. Less than six weeks later, Tubby Smith was named head coach on March 23.

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