

Minnesota Gophers

Big Ten Champions

1968-1969-1970



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Led by head coach Dick Siebert, the 1968, 1969, and 1970 Minnesota Gophers won the Big Ten title, the second group of teams in school history to win three in a row.

Although none made it to the College World Series, all three were outstanding teams – achieving rankings of being number-one in the nation at some time during their seasons – and the collection of star players on each was impressive in terms of how many were named to an All-Big Ten team.

In 1968 5 Gophers made an All-Big Ten team; 9 Gophers made it in 1969 (including All-Americans Mike Walseth and Noel Jenke), and 10 Gophers in 1970.

Two Gophers won the Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor: Noel Jenke in 1969 and Dave Cosgrove in 1970. The Medal of Honor recognized one athlete in the conference who demonstrated the best combination of athletic and academic success.

In addition, Cosgrove was an Academic All-American in 1970 (and two other players on the 1970 team, John Peterson and Jim Wallace, were Academic All-Americans in later years).

The teams had a 25-year reunion March 5, 1994:



Front row: Jay Youngquist, Phil Flodin, Bruce Ericson, Stew Thornley (bat boy), John Peterson, Tom Epperly, Pete Hepokoski (student manager), Russ Rolandson, Mike House, Brian Love, Bill Kendall

Back row: Scott Stein, Gary Morgan, Dave Cosgrove, Mike Walseth, Lightnin' Gary James (student manager), Roger Zahn, Jack Palmer, Don Shellum, Al Kaminski, Scott Frantzen, Bob Schnietz, Greg Wasick, Chris Farni, Bob Micheletti, Bob Nielsen, Steve Chapman, Lu Gronseth, Larry Carlson

In preparation for a 50-year reunion in 2018, this book was created and will be updated. It has rosters, statistics, and results for each season along with memories of the players.

May 12, 2018 Reunion at Siebert Field



Front: Jim Wallace, Greg Wasick, Bob Micheletti, John Peterson, George Hoepner, Bruce Ericson, Gregg Wong (public-address announcer, official scorer, *Minnesota Daily* reporter), Mike House, Brian Love, Pete Hepokoski, Jim Renneke

Back: Bob Schnietz, Dave Cosgrove, Chris Farni, Mike Walseth, Phil Flodin, Stew Thornley (bat boy), Jack Palmer, Jim Chapman, Al Kaminski, Gary Morgan, Marv Menken, Noel Jenke, Larry Carlson, Gary Hohman, Steve Chapman, Larry Zavadil, Roger Zahn, Lu Gronseth, Bob Nielsen, Lightnin' Gary James, Gary Petrich, Scott Frantzen, Don Shellum, Bob Warhol

1968



Front row: Jay Youngquist, Ken Dagele, Rusty Rolandson, Bill Kendall, Bob Micheletti, Mike House, Gary Petrich, Brian Love, Roger Zahn

Middle row: Scott Norstad, Bob Schnietz, George Hoepner, Don "D. J." Morehead, Greg Wasick, Dave Carey, Bob Wennerstrom, Chris Farni, Frank Stanek, Bob Nielsen, Phil Flodin

Top row: Dick Siebert, Bob Fisher, Jack Palmer, Al Hoffman, Lightnin' Gary James, Lu Gronseth, Dave Cosgrove, Mike Walseth, Marv Menken, Larry Carlson, Jerry Kindall

24-Dick Siebert, Head Coach

28-Jerry Kindall, Assistant Coach

Lightnin' Gary James, Student Manager

Captain: Bob Micheletti

30-Dave Baldrige, P, senior, Minneapolis (West)

3-Dave Carey, P, sophomore, Hastings

27-Larry Carlson, 1B-OF, senior, Williston, North Dakota

Jim Chapman, OF, sophomore, Mound

25-Dave Cosgrove, P, sophomore, Richfield

2-Ken Dagele, OF, sophomore, Brainerd (Washington)

19-Chris Farni, OF, junior, Robbinsdale

9-Bob Fisher, P, sophomore, St. Paul (Highland Park)

17-Phil Flodin, C, sophomore, Minneapolis (Washburn)

21-Lu Gronseth, C-OF, junior, Minneapolis (Concordia, St. Paul)

15-George Hoepner, P-OF, sophomore, Eau Claire, Wisconsin (Memorial)
16-Al Hoffman, P, sophomore, Bloomington (Kennedy)
29-Mike House, 2B, senior, Austin
22-Bill Kendall, 3B, junior, Richfield
1-Brian Love, SS-3B, junior, Minneapolis (Washburn)
32-Mark Menken, C-OF, junior, Litchfield
12-Bob Micheletti, senior, Springfield, Illinois (Griffin)
10-Don "D. J." Morehead, 3B-OF, senior, Forest Lake
Bob Nielsen, 3B-2B, sophomore, St. Peter (Windom)
8-Scott Norsted, P, senior, Osseo
31-Jack Palmer, P, junior, St. Paul (Cretin)
6-Gary Petrich, P, sophomore, Minneapolis (South)
Steve Robb, 2B, junior, St. Paul (Central)
23-Russ Rolandson, SS-2B, senior, Alexandria
7-Bob Schnietz, 2B-SS, sophomore, St. Louis (Christian Brothers)
18-Frank Stanek, OF, junior, Omaha (Archbishop Ryan)
Jim Stierna, P, junior, Sebeka
26-Mike Walseth, 1B, sophomore, St. Paul Park
14-Greg Wasick, OF, junior, Richfield
20-Bob Wennerstrom, P, junior, Minneapolis (Southwest)
11-Dennis Whitcomb, OF, sophomore, St. Paul (Johnson)
5-Jay Youngquist, P, junior, Minneapolis (Washburn)
4-Roger Zahn, P, sophomore, New Ulm

From the media guide:

1968 Gopher Baseball Outlook

Another election year is here and, if the past is any guide, Dick Siebert's Gopher baseball nine should win the NCAA championship. His teams captured national titles in 1956, 1960 and 1964. Siebert, however, dampens the enthusiasm of those who expect a repeat this season: "I'm afraid the string will be broken. We just don't shape up as a national contender this time."

If it were not for the loss of three players who signed professional contracts, Siebert might have other ideas. The trip in question is comprised by catcher Bob Sadek, shortstop Bob Fenwick and pitcher Neil Weber. "These men would have made a tremendous difference," he points out. "Fenwick hit .409 and Sadek .343. Then, too, Fenwick had blazing speed and was a constant threat on the bases, and Sadek was an exceptionally fine receiver. Weber would have been a cinch starter for us. If we had these three, I wouldn't be reluctant to predict that we would have a good shot at another national title."

In addition to the loss of this group, Siebert also will be without two other top hitters – Dennis Zacho, second-team All-American first baseman last spring, and leftfielder Gary Reiersen. Zacho hit .395 and Reiersen .330. Thus, the top four hitters from last year's third-place squad have departed.

Other lettermen who will not be back are three of last season's four starting pitchers – lefthanders Mike McNair and Jerry Wickman and righthander Jerry Sevlie. Wickman fashioned a 1.45 ERA, Sevlie 2.01 and McNair 3.04.

All is not gloom, however. Siebert does return nine lettermen – Capt. Bob Micheletti behind the plate, infielders Russ Rolandson, Mike House and Bill Kendall, outfielders Chris Farni, Greg Wasick and Frank Stanek and pitchers Jack Palmer and Jay Youngquist. Rolandson, who divided the second base chores with House a year ago, has been switched to Fenwick's old spot at short. House will play second if he can shake off a recurring back ailment and Kendall will be at third. Micheletti, backup man to Sadek last season, is a fine receiver with a great arm but needs to improve his hitting. The three outfielders all played more or less regularly and hit well as a unit in 1967. Palmer, a southpaw, was a starter with a 2.19 ERA and a 5-1 won-loss record. Youngquist compiled a 1.93 ERA and is a cinch starter this year.

There are some good returnees who did not letter last year. These include pitchers Bob Wennerstrom, a lefty, and righthander Dave Baldrige. Also back is Larry Carlson who is an excellent defensive first baseman and outfielder but needs more punch at the plate.

The top sophomore prospect is first baseman Mike Walseth from St. Paul Park. A strong hitter with good power, he will plug the gap left by Zacho's departure. There are some fine sophomore pitchers, too. Dave Carey, Hastings; Dave Cosgrove, Richfield; Al Hoffman, Bloomington (Kennedy); and Gary Petrich, Minneapolis (South); all are righthanders and in the running for starting assignments. Hoffman will not be eligible until spring quarter, however.

Still other newcomers are infielder Brian Love, Minneapolis (Washburn); and outfielder Dennis Whitcomb, St. Paul (Johnson). Love can play third and short and conceivably could be a regular at either spot. Whitcomb has not found his hitting eye as yet, but Siebert feels he has the potential to be a good ball player. He may be platooned with Wasick in centerfield against lefthanded pitching.

Siebert expects that pitching could be the team's strength, despite the loss of the three starters. "We have good quantity and some quality, but it will take the sophs a while to develop," he declares. "Our catching will be strong defensively, questionable offensively. The outfield will be big and slow but should be able to hit with authority. I hope our infield can hold up defensively and Walseth should give us some punch. We'll be slower overall than last year, especially with the loss of Fenwick. Our hitting, with the exception of the outfielders and Walseth is uncertain."

What then is Siebert's prediction for the Big Ten campaign? "I feel we have a chance to finish in the first division," he admits. "And, if you have a chance to finish there, you have a chance to win the title."

And the NCAA? Well, that's another matter.

1968 Schedule and Results (all doubleheaders, until District IV playoffs, were seven innings)

Texas Trip

Monday, March 18, Split-squad (13 players each)

Minnesota vs. Texas at Austin

Minnesota 8, Texas 5

Pitchers: Palmer, **Norsted**, Wennerstrom (Bold denotes the decision)

Farni double, triple, 3 RBIs

Minnesota vs. Texas Lutheran at Seguin

Minnesota 6, Texas Lutheran 2

Cosgrove complete game, 6-hitter

Menken 3 hits, 4 RBIs

Tuesday, March 19, Split-squad

Minnesota vs. Texas at Austin

Minnesota 8, Austin 1

Youngquist takes shutout into ninth

Minnesota vs. Texas Lutheran at Seguin

Minnesota 3, Texas Lutheran 0

Carey 4-hitter, walks 4, strikes out 9

Morehead 3 hits

Wednesday, March 20, Split-squad

Minnesota at Texas A & M, College Station

Minnesota 7, Texas A & M 5

Gophers fall behind 5-0 and come back on homers by Wasick, Micheletti (inside-the-park), and Farni
Fisher 7-hitter

Minnesota vs. Blinn College in Brenham, Texas

Minnesota 5, Blinn Junior College 3

Petrich 1-hitter (took no-hitter into eighth inning)

Thursday, March 21, Split-squad

Minnesota at Texas A & M, College Station

Rained out

Minnesota vs. Blinn College in Brenham, Texas

Played 2½ innings before being rained out

Friday, March 22, doubleheader at Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville, Texas

Rain-sleet storm made the Huntsville field unplayable.

The 13-member A squad went back to Texas A & M

Texas A & M 3, Minnesota 0

LP-Palmer

Texas A & M 1, Minnesota 0

LP-Wennerstrom

Games played in 40-degree weather with winds whipping across the field at 30 miles per hour.

Saturday, March 23, at Sam Houston State in Huntsville, Texas (tripleheader originally scheduled as doubleheader)

Sam Houston State 2, Minnesota 1
Minnesota 8, Sam Houston State 3
Sam Houston State 6, Minnesota 1

Nonconference

Friday, March 29, doubleheader against Iowa State in Ames

Minnesota 6, Iowa State 2
Palmer (4), Hoffman (3); HR-Farni. Walseth 2 triples.
Iowa State 5, Minnesota 4, 8 innings (scheduled for 7)
Cosgrove (3), **Petrich (4-2/3)**

Saturday, March 30, doubleheader vs. Iowa State in Ames

Minnesota 4, Iowa State 3
Youngquist (3), Wennerstrom (2), **Hoffman (2)**
Minnesota 21, Iowa State 4
Carey (4), Norsted (3)
Wasick starts 15-run second inning with a home run. Stanek has bases-loaded triple in inning.

Friday, April 5, doubleheader vs. Superior State at Bierman Field

Games were postponed on Thursday, April 4 and rescheduled for Tuesday, April 9.

Saturday, April 6, doubleheader vs. Luther

Minnesota 9, Luther 0
Palmer (4), Cosgrove
Minnesota 4, Luther 0
Carey (4), Hoffman (3)
Alex Rowell of Luther broke up no-hitter with two out in seventh (and last) inning

Tuesday, April 9, make-up of April 5 doubleheader vs. Superior State

Minnesota 12, Superior State 3
Petrich (4), Fisher 3; HR-Walseth.
Minnesota 4, Superior State 0
Wennerstrom (4), Norsted (3)

Friday, April 12, doubleheader vs. Mankato State

Minnesota 2, Mankato State 1
Palmer (4), Cosgrove (2), **Hoffman (1)**
Farni leads off last of seventh with home run off Gene Rasmussen to win game
Minnesota 3, Mankato State 2, 10 innings
Carey (4), Hoffman (5), **Cosgrove (1)**
Mankato State scores two in top of ninth; Minnesota ties score with two in last of ninth.
Walseth leads off 10th with double and scores on Carlson's two-out single.

Saturday, April 13, Augsburg

Minnesota 1, Augsburg 0, 8 innings
Petrich (4), **Fisher (4)**

Saturday, April 13, St. Thomas
Postponed until Tuesday because of cold.

Tuesday, April 16, St. Thomas
Minnesota 4, St. Thomas 0
Youngquist (3), **Wennerstrom (3)**, Norsted (3)

Friday, April 19, doubleheader vs. South Dakota
Minnesota 8, South Dakota 0
Palmer (4), Fisher (3)
Minnesota 4, South Dakota 1
Petrich (4), Norsted (3)

Saturday, April 20, doubleheader vs. South Dakota
Canceled – wet conditions at Bierman Field

Tuesday, April 23, doubleheader vs. Wartburg
Postponed, rescheduled for Wednesday, April 24

Wednesday, April 24, make-up of April 23 doubleheader
Postponed, cold

Big Ten

Friday, April 26, doubleheader at Indiana in Bloomington
Minnesota 5, Indiana 0
Carey 2-hitter, walks 8, strikes out 10 (in 7-inning game)
Minnesota 4, Indiana 2, 8 innings
Hoffman (3), **Fisher (5)**
Fisher singles to start eighth-inning rally, Carey pinch-hits and drives in two runs

Saturday, April 27, doubleheader at Ohio State in Columbus
Minnesota 5, Ohio State 3
Youngquist 7-hitter, adds two-run double in second inning; Wasick homers in 7th
Ohio State 5, Minnesota 0
Wennerstrom (3), Petrich (3)

Friday, May 3, doubleheader vs. Northwestern
Minnesota 3, Northwestern 0
Carey 3-hitter
Minnesota 9, Northwestern 2
Hoffman 8-hitter, 13 strikeouts. HR-Kendall, Walseth.

Saturday, May 4, doubleheader vs. Wisconsin
Minnesota 11, Wisconsin 9
Palmer (1-1/3), Fisher (2/3), Norsted (1), **Cosgrove (4)**
Down 8-0 after 2½ innings, Gophers score 9 (all unearned) in bottom of third.
HR-Farni.
Wisconsin 4, Minnesota 2
Youngquist (5-1/3), Wennerstrom (0), Petrich (1-2/3)

Friday, May 10, doubleheader at Purdue in Lafayette, Indiana

Minnesota 15, Purdue 0

Fisher 2-hitter

Walseth grand slam in second inning. Farni also homers.

Minnesota 8, Purdue 2

Youngquist 5-hitter

Saturday, May 11, doubleheader at Illinois in Champaign

Minnesota 1, Illinois 0

Carey 1-hitter to raise record to 6-0. Stanek singles home Micheletti in the fifth.

Minnesota 6, Illinois 2

Hoffman (5-2/3), Palmer (1-1/3). Hoffman raises record to 4-0.

Gophers move into first place.

Friday, May 17, vs. Iowa

Minnesota 9, Iowa 6

Carey (5-1/3), Cosgrove (3-2/3)

HR-Walseth. Micheletti has 3 hits and 4 RBIs.

Gophers raise record to 11-2, ½ game ahead of Michigan State, 10-2. Michigan and Wisconsin (8-4) tied for third.

Saturday, May 18, doubleheader vs. Iowa (with only the first game counting in the Big Ten standings)

Minnesota 5, Iowa 1

Hoffman 6-hitter. HR-Micheletti.

Second game of doubleheader (which would not have counted in conference standings) canceled because of cold weather.

Gophers and Michigan State tied for first at 12-2. (Michigan State lost its first two Big Ten games, vs. Michigan, and then won 12 in a row). Michigan and Wisconsin are tied for third at 9-5.

Michigan State coach Danny Litwhiler asked his athletic director, Biggie Munn, to investigate the possibility of a playoff on Sunday, May 26, if the teams tie for the title. The rules call for a coin flip to determine who advances to the NCAA tournament.

Friday, May 24, doubleheader vs. Michigan

Rained out

At Iowa, Michigan State won the first game 5-2 in 9 innings. The second game was called by darkness tied 4-4.

If the Saturday doubleheader between Minnesota and Michigan State is rained out, it will be played Sunday.

Saturday, May 25, doubleheader vs. Michigan State

Minnesota 3, Michigan State 2 – 8 innings

Carey (1-1/3), Cosgrove (4-2/3), **Palmer (2)**

Kendall singles in winning run in eighth.

Minnesota 10, Michigan State 4

Hoffman (6), Fisher (0), Palmer (1)

Walseth has three-run homer in 8-run sixth that increases lead to 10-1

Palmer relieves in the last of the seventh and gets Steve Garvey to ground into game-ending double play.

Attendance – 1,900 (estimated).



Gophers celebrate after sweeping Michigan State for the Big Ten title

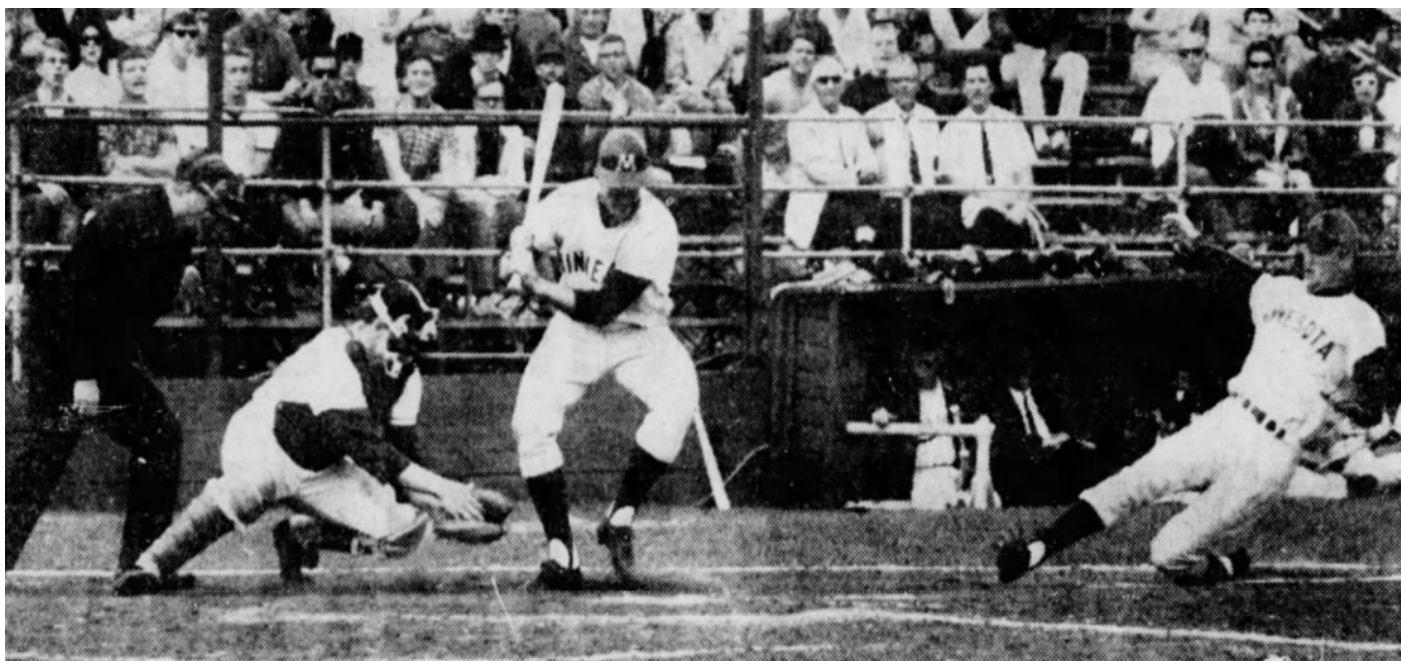
<i>Big Ten</i>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Minnesota	14	2
Michigan State	13	4
Wisconsin	11	5
Michigan	9	5
Ohio State	6	8
Illinois	7	10
Indiana	5	8
Northwestern	6	12
Iowa	4	9
Purdue	0	12

NCAA District IV Playoffs (games scheduled for 9 innings)

Thursday, May 30

Minnesota 6, Valparaiso 4, 11 innings

Carey (2-1/3), Cosgrove (5-2/3), **Fisher (3)**



Friday, May 31

The game between Southern Illinois and Minnesota (the first round winners), scheduled to be played at Midway Stadium in St. Paul, was rained out. The Ohio-Valparaiso game scheduled for Bierman Field was rained out. Three games, starting at 11:00, were scheduled for Bierman Field on Saturday.

Saturday, June 1

Gophers rated No. 1 in the country by *College Baseball Digest*. Southern California was rated second and Florida State third.

Southern Illinois 10, Minnesota 9

Southern Illinois 420 100 021 – 10

Minnesota 300 130 110 – 9

Hoffman (2), Petrich (2), Wennerstrom (1), **Fisher (4)**

HR-Walseth

Ohio 5, Minnesota 4

Ohio scores 3 in last of the ninth

Palmer (5-2/3), Petrich (2-1/3), **Cosgrove (0)**, Wennerstrom (2/3)

HR-Walseth, Micheletti.

Gophers eliminated.

1968 Statistics	<u>G</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SB</u>
*Greg Wasick CF	40	.339	3	24	31	26	5
*Don Morehead 3B-RF	29	.333	0	12	18	11	1
Bob Nielsen OF	3	.333	0	0	0	2	0
*Mike Walseth 1B	41	.331	8	39	14	17	1
Rusty Rolandson SS	39	.323	0	19	9	7	14
Bill Kendall 3B	40	.319	1	22	48	24	20
*Larry Carlson 1B-LF	25	.310	0	5	4	5	0
*Mike House 2B	35	.271	0	6	15	17	5
Bob Schnietz 2B	14	.261	0	3	2	4	1
Chris Farni LF	40	.258	6	23	27	23	0
Marv Menken C	18	.256	0	10	4	8	2
Bob Micheletti C	35	.253	3	12	18	27	3
Frank Stanek RF	26	.250	0	11	9	14	1
Brian Love 2B	23	.215	0	5	4	11	0
Ken Dagel OF	11	.200	1	4	1	8	0
Dennis Whitcomb OF	4	.154	0	0	0	8	2
Lu Gronseth C-RF	5	.143	0	1	1	3	0
Pitchers:							
Bob Fisher	11	.400	0	1	2	2	2
Jack Palmer	11	.250	0	0	0	4	0
Dave Carey	13	.250	0	6	1	7	0
Jay Youngquist	7	.200	0	3	1	4	0
Bob Wennerstrom	9	.167	0	0	1	3	0
Gary Petrich	9	.111	0	0	0	3	0
Al Hoffman	11	.067	0	1	1	8	0
Dave Cosgrove	11	.000	0	0	2	7	0
Scott Norsted	<u>6</u>	<u>.000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Minnesota	44	.280	22	207	213	255	58
Opponents	44	.195	10	94	142	268	12
*Left-handed							

Runs: Minnesota 251 (5.7 per game); Opponents 110 (2.5 per game)
Minnesota: On-base percentage .381; Slugging average .381

	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>
Gary Petrich	9	1	3	1	34.2	14	22	1.30
*Jack Palmer	11	0	4	1	38.0	21	24	1.42
Bob Fisher	11	2	5	2	39.0	14	37	1.61
Dave Carey	11	4	7	0	55.0	35	61	1.96
*Bob Wennerstrom	9	1	2	3	20.1	9	16	1.77
Dave Cosgrove	11	2	4	0	42.0	11	28	2.26
Jay Youngquist	7	4	3	2	40.1	6	26	2.46
Scott Norsted	6	0	1	0	16.2	7	10	2.70
Al Hoffman	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>46.2</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>2.89</u>
Minnesota	44	16	35	9	332.2	142	268	2.05
Opponents	44	19	9	35	320.1	213	255	4.61
*Left-handed								

First Team Big Ten

1B-Mike Walseth

SS-Rusty Rolandson

P-Dave Carey

Second Team Big Ten

3B-Bill Kendall

RF-Greg Wasick

1969



Front row: Jay Youngquist, Brian Love, John Peterson, Don Shellum, Bill Kendall, Bob Schnietz, Greg Wasick, Pete Hepokoski, Steve Chapman

Middle row: Tom Epperly, Ken Hannemann, Bruce Ericson, Gary Petrich, George Hoepner, Bob Nielsen, Noel Jenke, Phil Flodin, Roger Zahn, Chris Farni

Top row: Lloyd "Snapper" Stein (trainer), Scott Stein, Al Kaminski, Bob Fisher, Mike Walseth, Dave Cosgrove, Marv Menken, Lu Gronseth, Jack Palmer, Jerry Kindall, Dick Siebert

24-Dick Siebert, Head Coach

28-Jerry Kindall, Assistant Coach

Pete Hepokoski, Student Manager

Captains: Jack Palmer, Greg Wasick

Bill Bulmer, P, sophomore, Stillwater (Hill)

Jim Chapman, OF, junior, Mound

12-Steve Chapman, P, sophomore, Mound

4-John Cohlmeier, P, sophomore, Evanston, Illinois

25-Dave Cosgrove, P, junior, Richfield

2-Ken Dagel, OF, junior, Brainerd (Washington)

Tom Epperly, OF, sophomore, Grand Rapids (St. Viator, Chicago)

6-Bruce Ericson, P, sophomore, Duluth (East)

19-Chris Farni, OF, senior, Robbinsdale

32-Bob Fisher, P, junior, St. Paul (Highland Park)
21-Phil Flodin, C, junior, Minneapolis (Washburn)
20-Lu Gronseth, C-OF, senior, Minneapolis (Concordia, St. Paul)
3-Ken Hannemann, OF, sophomore, Chicago (Luther North)
11-George Hoepner, P, junior, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Ed Hoffman, OF, junior, Bloomington (Kennedy)
30-Pete Hurtgen, P, sophomore, Pewaukee, Wisconsin (Catholic Memorial)
17-Noel Jenke, OF, senior, Owatonna
9-Al Kaminski, SS, junior, Minneapolis (St. Laurence, Chicago)
22-Bill Kendall, 3B, senior, Richfield
1-Brian Love, 2B, senior, Minneapolis (Washburn)
18-Mark Menken, C, senior, Litchfield
5-Bob Nielsen, OF, junior, St. Peter (Windom)
31-Jack Palmer P, senior, St. Paul (Cretin)
23-John Peterson, 3B, sophomore, Brooklyn Center
10-Gary Petrich, P, junior, Minneapolis (South)
7-Bob Schnietz, SS-2B, junior, St. Louis (Christian Brothers)
8-Don Shellum, 2B, sophomore, Richfield
27-Scott Stein, C, sophomore, Richfield
29-Don Thompson, P, sophomore, Minnetonka
26-Mike Walseth, 1B, junior, St. Paul Park
14-Greg Wasick, OF, senior, Richfield
Tom Williams, P, sophomore, Edina
16-Jay Youngquist, P, senior, Minneapolis (Washburn)
15-Roger Zahn, P, junior, New Ulm
Larry Zavidil, 1B, sophomore, Glenwood (Central)

From the media guide:

1969 Gopher Baseball Outlook

After winning last year's Big Ten baseball title and just missing a trip to the N.C.A.A. final playoffs, Minnesota Coach Dick Siebert thinks his squad has a good chance to repeat, and hopefully surpass, its 1968 performance.

"This year's team shapes up quite close to last year's team in personnel," the veteran Gopher coach says. "Pitching will once again be our strength, even though we lost two of our top pitchers." Not returning this spring are a pair of right-handers, Dave Carey (an All-Big Ten first-team choice) and Al Hoffman, both of who would have been juniors this year. Carey dropped out of school and is now in the service and Hoffman is scholastically ineligible. "With these two boys and the others we've got returning," Siebert says, "I felt we would have a great pitching staff. We'll still be strong but it's hard to make up for the loss of two proven college pitchers."

Siebert does have four returning letter winners – southpaw Co-Captain Jack Palmer, senior Jay Youngquist and juniors Dave Cosgrove and Bob Fisher – to build his mound corps around. Non-letter winner and junior Gary Petrich is a strong candidate to gain a starting spot and four sophomores – lefty Steve Chapman and right-handers Jon Cohlmeier, Bruce Ericson and Pete Hurtgen – should get a good shot at seeing some action in the non-conference games.

The Gophers return 10 lettermen with only two positions – shortstop and right field – where there is no "M" winner back. Gone are nine lettermen, seven of whom were key performers on last year's Big Ten champs. Pitchers Hoffman and Carey, catcher Bob Micheletti, second-baseman Mike House, shortstop Russ Rolandson and outfielders Larry Carlson and Don Morehead are the players who will have to be replaced.

Senior letterman Marv Menken is expected to be the top catcher. He led the Metropolitan Collegiate League (MCL) last summer with 10 home runs and 38 runs-batted-in and was sixth in hitting with a .328 average. "We've got four big, strong catchers," Siebert says. "Along with pitching, this is our strongest position." The other three are all non-letter winners – senior Lu Gronseth, who may also play right field, junior Phil Flodin and sophomore Scott Stein.

Three lettermen – Mike Walseth, Brian Love, and Bill Kendall – return to bolster the infield. First-baseman Walseth is last year's All-Big Ten and All-N.C.A.A. District Four first-team performer. He hit .368 in the conference and tied for the most home runs with four. He led the MCL in hitting last summer with a .367 average. Walseth is Minnesota's top choice to gain All-American honors this season. At second, Love, who alternated with House last year, is the number one candidate. Third base is well set with Kendall beginning his third year as a starter. Kendall was a second-team All-Big Ten choice in 1968 and hit at a .319 clip for the season.

Siebert thinks the key to the team's success may be at shortstop where Al Kaminski, a transfer from Wilson Jr. College in Chicago, is the top prospect. Kaminski hit .340 in the MCL last summer and if he holds up defensively, the infield could be very strong. Junior Bob Schnietz is the number one candidate should either Kaminski or Love falter at shortstop or second.

In the outfield, lettermen Chris Farni and Co-Captain Greg Wasick return. Left-fielder Farni is expected to have a better year as he tailed-off sharply at the end of last season. Center-fielder Wasick was the Gophers' leading hitter in 1968 with a .339 average in all games. Right field is still open with the leading candidates being juniors Ken Dagel and Bob Nielsen, senior newcomer Noel Jenke (the 1968 Minnesota football captain and a hockey letterman) and Gronseth.

"If we can fill the shortstop and right field positions," Siebert says, "we'll have a very representative team. It's conceivable that we could have a better year than 1968 but it's hard to tell what might happen. The injuries that hit our pitching staff last year were totally unexpected and may have cost us a shot at the N.C.A.A. title. I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

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1969 Schedule and Results (all doubleheaders, until District IV playoffs, were seven innings)

Texas Trip

Monday, March 17, Split-squad

Minnesota vs. Texas at Austin

Postponed, wet grounds, to be made up as doubleheader Tuesday

Minnesota vs. Texas Lutheran at Seguin

Minnesota 6, Texas Lutheran 1

Cosgrove 5-hitter; HR-Stein 2, Jenke, Dage

Tuesday, March 18, Split-squad

Minnesota vs. Texas at Austin

Texas 4, Minnesota 2

LP-Palmer; HR-Walseth

James Street gets win, pitches 4 innings; Burt Hooton pitches final 3 innings

Minnesota 7, Texas 6, 6 innings

Petrich (5-1/3), Fisher (2/3)

Minnesota vs. Texas Lutheran at Seguin

Minnesota 12, Texas Lutheran 10

Youngquist pitches complete game; HR-Nielsen, Jenke (grand slam), Dage

Wednesday, March 19

Sam Houston State at Huntsville

Sam Houston State 3, Minnesota 1

HR-Wasick

Houston Baptist at Houston

Minnesota 13, Houston Baptist 3

Thursday, March 20

Sam Houston State at Huntsville

Sam Houston State 3, Minnesota 2

LP-Fisher; HR-Love, Kendall

Houston Baptist at Houston

Houston Baptist 4, Minnesota 3, 10 innings

S. Chapman, **Youngquist (9)** and Stein

Friday, March 21

Lamar Tech at Beaumont

Lamar Tech 2, Minnesota 1

LP-Palmer; HR-Kaminski

University of St. Thomas at Houston

St. Thomas 3, Minnesota 1

LP-Cosgrove

Saturday, March 22

Lamar Tech at Beaumont

Minnesota 8, Lamar Tech 0

Petrich 4-hitter

University of St. Thomas at Houston
Minnesota 3, St. Thomas 2
Youngquist, Ericson (8) and Stein

Nonconference

Friday, March 28, doubleheader vs. Iowa State in Ames

Saturday, March 29, doubleheader vs. Iowa State in Ames

All four games at Iowa State were canceled because of unplayable field conditions

Friday, April 4, doubleheader vs. Winona State at Bierman Field

Minnesota 8, Winona State 1

Youngquist (3), Palmer (4); HR-Menken, Jenke

Minnesota 10, Winona State 1

S. Chapman (3), **Fisher (4)**; HR-Nielsen

Saturday, April 5, doubleheader vs. Stevens Point

Minnesota 9, Stevens Point 0, 6 innings

Hoepner and Petrich combine for no-hitter

Petrich retires all 9 batters he faces, 8 by strike outs

HR-Jenke

Minnesota 6, Stevens Point 0

Ericson (3) and Cosgrove (4) pitch 1-hitter, the only hit with one out in the seventh (final) inning

HR-Kaminski

Friday, April 11, doubleheader vs. Mankato State

Minnesota 4, Mankato State 1

Palmer (3), Youngquist (3), Fisher (2/3), Zahn (1/3); Gophers outhit 10-2

Minnesota 7, Mankato State 2

S. Chapman (6-2/3), Hoepner (1/3); HR-Jenke. S. Chapman hits 3-run double.

Saturday, April 12, doubleheader at Mankato State in Mankato

Minnesota 3, Mankato State 0

Minnesota 4, Mankato State 3

Tuesday, April 15, doubleheader vs. Augsburg

Rained out; rescheduled for next day

Wednesday, April 16, doubleheader vs. Augsburg

Minnesota 5, Augsburg 2

S. Chapman (3), Fisher (2), Hoepner (2); HR-Farni

Minnesota 18, Augsburg 2

Ericson (3), Zahn (2), Youngquist (2); HR-Jenke, Walseth, Wasick (grand slam)

Friday, April 18, doubleheader vs. North Dakota

Minnesota 11, North Dakota 0

Petrich 5-hitter, strikes out 12, extends scoreless streak to 26 innings

HR-Nielsen (grand slam), Kendall, Kaminski

Minnesota 17, North Dakota 3

Cosgrove 3-hitter; Wasick hits grand slam and 3-run homer. Gronseth homers.

Saturday, April 19, doubleheader vs. North Dakota

Minnesota 14, North Dakota 1

Palmer 1-hitter, 11 strikeouts – pitches 6 perfect innings before bunt single in 7th

Minnesota 13, North Dakota 1

S. Chapman (3), Ericson (4); HR-Kaminski

Big Ten

Friday, April 25, doubleheader vs. Indiana

Minnesota 9, Indiana 0

Cosgrove 4-hitter

Minnesota 8, Indiana 7

Ericson (2), Hoepner (3), Fisher (0), Cosgrove (1), **Zahn (1)**; HR-Walseth

Gophers score 2 in last of the seventh. Peterson draws two-out walk to force in winning run

Saturday, April 26, doubleheader vs. Ohio State

Minnesota 6, Ohio State 1

Petrich 5-hitter; HR-Walseth. Kendall hits bases-loaded triple.

Minnesota 8, Ohio State 6

Youngquist (1), Hoepner (2), Ericson (1), **Fisher (2)**, Cosgrove (1)

Kendall's grand slam in sixth puts Gophers ahead 7-4. Kaminski also homers.

Friday, May 2, doubleheader at Northwestern in Evanston

Minnesota 10, Northwestern 2

Palmer 3-hitter; HR-Jenke

Minnesota 12, Northwestern 6

Ericson (5-2/3), Fisher (1-1/3)

Stein hits a pair of 3-run homers; Jenke and Love also homer.

Saturday, May 3, doubleheader at Wisconsin in Madison

Minnesota 16, Wisconsin 1

Petrich 5-hitter; HR-Walseth 2, Schnietz

23rd straight win for the Gophers

Wisconsin 3, Minnesota 2

Cosgrove (4), Youngquist (1), Hoepner (1)

Friday, May 9, doubleheader vs. Purdue

Minnesota 14, Purdue 0

Cosgrove 4-hitter, lowers ERA to 1.71.

Despite stomach cramps and dizziness, Jenke hits two home runs. Walseth: 5 hits and 5 RBIs.

Minnesota 9, Purdue 3

Hoepner 4-hitter; HR-Kaminski

Jenke leaves game with twisted ankle.

Saturday, May 10, doubleheader vs. Illinois

Minnesota 4, Illinois 3, 9 innings

Petrich (5), Ericson (1), Fisher (2), **Zahn (1)**

Jenke, playing with sprained ankle, singles home Flodin with one out in last of the ninth

Minnesota 12, Illinois 5

Palmer (4), **Ericson (3)**; Schnietz's two-run triple in fourth puts Gophers ahead 6-5

Friday, May 16, at Iowa in Iowa City

Minnesota 8, Iowa 0

Cosgrove (8), Hoepner (1)

Saturday, May 17, at Iowa in Iowa City

Iowa 6, Minnesota 5, 10 innings

Petrich (5-2/3), Hoepner (2-1/3), **Ericson (2)**; HR-Nielsen (grand slam), Jenke

Friday, May 23, doubleheader at Michigan in Ann Arbor

Minnesota 6, Michigan 1

Cosgrove 6-hitter, beats Jim Burton (later pitched for the Red Sox and was the losing pitcher in the seventh game of the 1975 World Series)

HR-Stein, Kaminski

Gophers clinch Big Ten title

Minnesota 4, Michigan 1

Petrich 3-hitter; HR-Walseth

Saturday, May 24, doubleheader at Michigan State in East Lansing

Michigan State 5, Minnesota 2

LP-Palmer

Minnesota 9, Michigan State 0

S. Chapman 6-hitter; HR-Walseth (grand slam)

Big Ten	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Minnesota	15	3
Illinois	11	7
Ohio State	9	7
Indiana	10	8
Michigan	8	8
Michigan State	8	8
Wisconsin	7	7
Iowa	7	11
Purdue	7	11
Northwestern	2	14

NCAA District IV Playoffs (games scheduled for 9 innings)

Thursday, May 29 – Bierman Field

Minnesota 11, Ohio 8

Cosgrove (6-1/3), Palmer (1), Hoepner (1-2/3)

HR-Minnesota: Schnietz, Wasick, Kaminski; Ohio: Terry Raszka 2, Mike Schmidt



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MINNESOTA'S GREG WASICK (SECOND FROM RIGHT) RECEIVED CONGRATULATIONS FOR THREE-RUN HOMER IN FIFTH INNING
Bill Kendall scored, too; (left-right) Phil Flodin, Chris Farni, Bob Fisher, coach Jerry Kindall greeted

Friday, May 30 – Midway Stadium, St. Paul

Southern Illinois 4, Minnesota 3, 11 innings

Petrich pitches entire game

Ball State 4, Minnesota 1

Ericson (4), Fisher (3), Hoepner (1)

Gophers eliminated

1969 Statistics	<u>G</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SB</u>
*Mike Walseth 1B	41	.418	8	48	10	17	6
*Noel Jenke RF	40	.400	12	34	24	10	6
*Ken Hannemann OF	8	.375	0	3	1	2	1
Bob Schnietz 2B	38	.345	3	23	18	21	17
Chris Farni LF	31	.329	2	17	10	15	1
Bob Nielsen OF	40	.322	9	40	15	18	0
Bill Kendall 3B	40	.298	3	25	34	12	7
Al Kaminski SS	41	.297	9	31	28	22	1
*Greg Wasick OF	34	.253	6	28	19	14	2
Tom Epperly OF	4	.250	0	1	0	1	0
Scott Stein C	28	.244	7	45	18	12	1
Ken Dagele OF	7	.200	2	4	5	11	1
Phil Flodin C	13	.182	0	0	5	3	0
Brian Love 2B	25	.173	2	8	11	8	0
Don Shellum 2B	11	.154	0	1	2	8	0
Marv Menken C	24	.143	1	12	9	10	0
John Peterson 3B	13	.129	1	4	2	3	1
Lu Gronseth C-1B	19	.114	1	3	8	9	0

Pitchers

Don Thompson	1	1.000	0	0	1	0	0
Steve Chapman	6	.364	0	3	3	4	0
Jack Palmer	9	.167	0	2	0	2	0
Dave Cosgrove	13	.148	0	4	2	12	0
*Bruce Ericson	12	.083	0	1	0	2	0
Gary Petrich	11	.077	0	0	4	8	0
*George Hoepner	12	.000	0	0	1	3	0
Jay Youngquist	8	.000	0	1	1	4	0
Bob Fisher	13	.000	0	0	3	4	1
*Roger Zahn	4	<u>.000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Minnesota	48	.283	66	314	244	235	45
Opponents	48	.219	14	116	123	256	18

*Left-handed

Runs: Minnesota 349 (7.3 per game); Opponents 110 (2.5 per game)

Minnesota: On-base percentage .388; Slugging average .488

	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>
*Roger Zahn	4	0	2	0	4.1	1	5	0.00
Dave Cosgrove	13	6	7	2	70.1	6	56	1.54
George Hoepner	13	2	2	1	34.2	13	31	1.82
Gary Petrich	11	7	7	1	73.1	20	56	1.85
*Steve Chapman	6	1	4	0	31.0	21	31	2.03
Bob Fisher	10	1	2	1	23.2	8	18	3.04
*Jack Palmer	9	5	3	3	46.0	18	40	3.31
Bruce Ericson	13	1	6	2	40.2	15	48	3.54
Jay Youngquist	8	1	3	1	27.1	15	30	3.95
Don Thompson	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4.05</u>
Minnesota	48	25	36	12	358.0	123	317	2.44
Opponents	48	14	12	36	348.0	243	236	7.47

*Left-handed

All-America

1B-Mike Walseth

OF-Noel Jenke

First Team Big Ten

1B-Mike Walseth

RF-Noel Jenke

P-Dave Cosgrove

Second Team Big Ten

2B-Bob Schnietz

SS-Al Kaminski

CF-Bob Nielsen

P-Gary Petrich

Third Team Big Ten

3B-Bill Kendall

C-Scott Stein

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Front row: Roger Zahn, Bruce Ericson, Bob Schnietz, Gary Petrich, George Hoepner, Steve Chapman, Karl Johnson

Second row: Ken Hannemann, Don Shellum, George "Rick" Schoener, Scott Frantzen, Scott Stein, John Peterson, Tom Epperly

Third row: Dick Siebert, Jim Wallace, Gary Hohman, Phil Flodin, Bob Nielsen, Jim Chapman, Larry Zavadil, Bill Sutherland, Jerry Kindall

Top row: Bob Warhol, Bob Fisher, Al Kaminski, Dave Cosgrove, Pete Hurtgen, Jim Renneke, Gary Morgan, Lu Gronseth

24-Dick Siebert, Head Coach

28-Jerry Kindall, Assistant Coach

Larry Zavadil, Student Manager

Captain: Dave Cosgrove

Norm Allen, P, sophomore, St. Paul (Cretin)

Paul Cairns, OF, sophomore, Hopkins

Jim Chapman, OF, junior, Mound

Steve Chapman, P, junior, Mound

John Cohlmeier, P, sophomore, Evanston, Illinois

Dave Cosgrove, P, senior, Richfield

Tom Epperly, OF, junior, Grand Rapids (St. Viator, Chicago)

Bruce Ericson, P, junior, Duluth (East)

Bob Fisher, P, senior, St. Paul (Highland Park)

Phil Flodin, C, senior, Minneapolis (Washburn)
Scott Frantzen, C, sophomore, St. Paul (Johnson)
Tom Green, 2B, sophomore, Minneapolis
Ken Hannemann, OF, junior, Chicago (Luther North)
George Hoepner, P, senior, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Gary Hohman, C-3B-OF, sophomore, Trenton, New Jersey (Bordertown Institute)
Pete Hurtgen, P, junior, Pewaukee, Wisconsin (Catholic Memorial)
Karl Johnson, P, sophomore, Siren, Wisconsin (Grantsburg)
Al Kaminski, SS, senior, Minneapolis (St. Laurence, Chicago)
Gary Morgan, 1B, sophomore, Austin
Bob Nielsen, OF, senior, St. Peter (Windom)
John Peterson, 3B, junior, Brooklyn Center
Gary Petrich, P, senior, Minneapolis (South)
Jim Renneke, SS, sophomore, Richfield
Dave Schilling, OF, sophomore, White Bear Lake
Bob Schnietz (SS-2B), senior, St. Louis (Christian Brothers)
George "Rick" Schoener, OF, sophomore, Marinette, Wisconsin
Don Shellum, 2B, junior, Richfield
Steve Skallerud, OF, sophomore, St. Paul Park
Scott Stein, C, junior, Richfield
Bill Sutherland, C, sophomore, Thunder Bay, Ontario (Westgage)
Don Thompson, P, junior, Minnetonka
Jim Wallace, 3B-OF, sophomore, South St. Paul
Jeff Ward, P, sophomore, St. Paul (Highland Park)
Bob Warhol, 3B-OF, sophomore, Richfield
Roger Zahn, P, senior, New Ulm

From the media guide:

1970 Gopher Outlook

After winning a second straight Big Ten title in 1969, the biggest factor facing coach Dick Siebert in '70 is what to do for an encore. Partial rebuilding is also a vital problem facing Minnesota. Gone is the power hitting All-American duo of Mike Walseth (1B) and Noel Jenke (RF), plus other hitting stars like Bill Kendall (3B), Greg Wasick (CF) and Chris Farni (LF). Also lost are pitchers Jack Palmer (L) and Jay Youngquist (R).

"We will be a different type of team this year," Siebert says. "It will not be a power club like last season. However, I believe we have the necessary ingredients to become a good ball club. We should be very strong up the middle defensively and have a good pitching staff. The team hitting potential is also high, but we must solve the problem of who will be at 1B, 3B, LF and RF. We have a promising group of sophomores on hand, but all are lacking in experience."

Below is Siebert's position-by-position breakdown.

PITCHING – "Both captain Dave Cosgrove (R) and Gary Petrich (R) had fine junior seasons posting 7-2 and 7-1 records, respectively. 'Cos' has a 1.54 ERA and Petrich 1.85. We need outstanding seasons from this pair again to be a contender. Bruce Ericson (R), George Hoepner (R) and Roger Zahn (L) are men with some experience expected to step in and do the job. Another is Bob Fisher (R), although he has been troubled by a sore arm. We could also receive some aid from sophomores Karl Johnson (R) and Jeff Ward (L). We could be strong on the hill again this year."

CATCHING – "Scott Stein (R-R) won the starting job midway through last season and did a fine job both ways. He can also hit with power. But his main value to us should come on defense. He handles pitchers very well. Backing Scott are two inexperienced men, senior Phil Flodin (R-R) and sophomore Scott Frantzen (L-R). Frantzen did not complete last year as a freshman, but was with the Gopher hockey team. He may be behind in development, but has an exceptionally strong arm and could be a threat at the plate."

INFIELD – "We have a potentially great DP combination in shortstop Al Kaminski (R-R) and second baseman Bob Schnietz (R-R). Both enjoyed fine junior years, and could be better this season. Kaminski drove in 31 runs, Schnietz 23. Each scored 43 runs. They offer equal value offensively and defensively. Right now Gary Morgan (L-R) has an inside lane on the first base job. Good defensively. Gary hit .308 in the Metropolitan Collegiate League last summer. He also led the league in total bases and RBI's. He has the size (6-3, 185) to hit for power. Third base is more of a problem. Three sophomores – Gary Hohman (R-R), Jim Wallace (R-R) and Bob Warhol (L-R) are leading the pack. All three possess the necessary talents to become Big Ten third basemen. And the two who do not win the job could see outfield duty."

OUTFIELD – "The only returnee here is senior Bob Nielsen (R-R). He hit a steady .322, stroked 9 HR's and drove in 40 runs in 1969. He should be our center fielder. Other leading candidates include junior Ken Hannemann (R-L), who saw limited duty a year ago, and sophomores Paul Cairns (R-R), Rich Schoener (R-L) and Dave Schelling (R-R). Schoener hit .313 in the summer with good total bases and RBI's. In addition, I expect to see our third base candidates who lose out there make a strong run towards gaining a berth in the outfield. So all in all I have to believe our potential looks good here for 1970."

1970 Schedule and Results (all doubleheaders, until District IV playoffs, were seven innings)

Texas Trip

Monday, March 23, Split-squad

Minnesota vs. Texas at Austin, doubleheader

Texas 6, Minnesota 0

LP-Cosgrove

Minnesota 4, Texas 0

Petrich shuts out the Longhorns, first time in 91 games Texas was shut out.

Minnesota vs. Texas Lutheran at Seguin

Texas Lutheran 4, Minnesota 3

LP-S. Chapman; HR-Wallace, Shellum

Tuesday, March 24, Split-squad

Minnesota vs. Texas at Austin, doubleheader

Texas 4, Minnesota 2

LP-Hoepner.

James Street pitches three-hitter for Texas and strikes out 12 (in 7 innings)

Texas 22, Minnesota 5

Ericson, Morgan

Minnesota vs. Texas Lutheran at Seguin

Texas Lutheran 6, Minnesota 5

Kingsriter started and pitched 5-hitless innings.

J. Chapman hits two homers and drives in all five Minnesota runs.

Wednesday, March 25

Texas A & M at College Station

Game postponed because of the death of Texas A & M president Major General Earl Rudder

Game will be made up as part of doubleheader March 26

Blinn Junior College at Brenham

Minnesota 5, Blinn Junior College 2

Karl Johnson 6-hitter

Dick Siebert's 500th career victory (even though he wasn't with the team)

Thursday, March 26

Texas A & M at College Station (doubleheader including make-up game)

Minnesota 3, Texas A & M 1, 8 innings

Fisher 6-hitter; game was scoreless through 7

Texas A & M 7, Minnesota 3

LP-Zahn

Blinn College at Brenham

Blinn Junior College 3, Minnesota 2

Friday, March 27 (both games 9 innings)

Arkansas at San Antonio

Minnesota 10, Arkansas 1

S. Chapman 7-hitter

Pan American at San Antonio
Minnesota 2, Pan American 0
Cosgrove no-hitter; only runner was on an error

Saturday, March 28 (first game 9 innings; second game 9 innings)

Arkansas at San Antonio
Arkansas 8, Minnesota 7
Kingsriter (4), Hoepner (2)
St. Mary's University at San Antonio
Minnesota 14, St. Mary's 1
Petrich 7-hitter; Kaminski hits 2 home runs

Nonconference

Friday, April 3, doubleheader vs. Iowa State in Ames

Iowa State 2, Minnesota 1
LP-Cosgrove
Minnesota 5, Iowa State 2
Petrich 6-hitter; HR-Schoener

Saturday, April 4, doubleheader vs. Iowa State in Ames

Minnesota 9, Iowa State 0
Hoepner 4-hitter; HR-Kaminski
Minnesota 5, Iowa State 0
Fisher 5-hitter; HR-Schoener

Tuesday, April 7, doubleheader vs. St. Cloud State at Bierman Field

St. Cloud State 5, Minnesota 1
S. Chapman (5), Kingsriter (2)
Minnesota 3, St. Cloud State 1
Ericson (6), Cosgrove (1)

Friday, April 10, seven-inning games vs. Augsburg and St. Thomas

Minnesota 7, Augsburg 0
Petrich 3-hitter; HR-Hohman, J. Chapman
Minnesota 6, St. Thomas 0
Cosgrove 3-hitter

Saturday, April 11, doubleheader vs. Carleton

Minnesota 13, Carleton 4
Hoepner 8-hitter; HR-Frantzen, Hoepner
Minnesota 7, Carleton 1
Fisher 3-hitter

Tuesday, April 14, seven-inning games vs. Macalester and Mankato State

Minnesota 7, Macalester 0
Zahn and Johnson combine for perfect game
Zahn, the winning pitcher, pitches 4 innings, and Johnson pitches 3 innings
Frantzen hits 3-run homer

Mankato State 1, Minnesota 0
Chapman (4), Hoepner (3)

Friday, April 17, doubleheader vs. Creighton
Minnesota 7, Creighton 4
Petrich 4-hitter
Minnesota 13, Creighton 0
Cosgrove 4-hitter

Saturday, April 18, doubleheader vs. Creighton
Minnesota 3, Creighton 0
Fisher 3-hitter
Minnesota 5, Creighton 0
Ericson 4-hitter, 11 strikeouts

Tuesday, April 21, doubleheader vs. Luther
Postponed, cold

Big Ten

Saturday, April 25, doubleheader vs. Michigan State

Minnesota 3, Michigan State 2
Cosgrove 5-hitter

HR-Schnietz

Fisher scores winning run in last of sixth on attempted steal of home; Fisher is safe when catcher Phil Rashead drops the ball for an error.

Minnesota 13, Michigan State 8

Petrich (6), Ericson (1)

HR-Hohman, Flodin, Schientz (grand slam)

Sunday, April 26, doubleheader vs. Michigan (first time the Gophers have played on Sunday)

Minnesota 5, Michigan 1

Hoepner 4-hitter; HR-Kaminski, Flodin (three-run homer in sixth breaks 1-1 tie)

LP-Jim Burton

Minnesota 5, Michigan 4

Fisher (4-1/3), **Zahn (2-2/3)**

Mark Carrow opens the top of the sixth with an apparent double, but Schnietz notices that he missed first base, and he is called out on appeal.

Friday, May 1, doubleheader at Ohio State in Columbus

Ohio State 11, Minnesota 10 (Buckeyes score 4 in last of the seventh)

Cosgrove (6), **Zahn (1/3)**

HR-Peterson, Flodin, Wallace

Ohio State 7, Minnesota 6

Hoepner (6), **Ericson (0)**, S. Chapman (0)

HR-Kaminski

Ohio State 6-0, Minnesota 4-2

Saturday, May 2, doubleheader at Indiana in Bloomington

Minnesota 4, Indiana 0

Petrich 8-hitter

Minnesota 5, Indiana 4

Fisher 6-hitter

Friday, May 8, doubleheader vs. Wisconsin

Minnesota 3, Wisconsin 0

Cosgrove 7-hitter

Minnesota 4, Wisconsin 3, 8 innings

Petrich (4), **Zahn (4)**

Stein singles home winning run in last of the eighth

Gophers moved past Wisconsin into second place

Ohio State remains at 8-0 with weekend doubleheaders against Michigan State and Michigan canceled because of campus strife in Ohio following the shooting of students at Kent State earlier in the week.

Saturday, May 9, doubleheader vs. Northwestern (scheduled for 11 a.m., delayed by rain until 3:00)

Minnesota 14, Northwestern 4

Hoepner 7-hitter

Minnesota 6, Northwestern 4

Fisher 6-hitter; Peterson's three-run homer breaks 3-3 tie in the fourth

Friday, May 15, doubleheader at Illinois in Champaign

Minnesota 5, Illinois 1

Cosgrove 5-hitter; HR-Cosgrove, J. Chapman

Minnesota 8, Illinois 2

Petrich (8-0) 5-hitter

Saturday, May 16, doubleheader at Purdue in Lafayette, Indiana

Purdue 6, Minnesota 4

Hoepner (5), Ericson (1)

Minnesota 12, Purdue 1

Fisher 3-hitter; HR-Wallace 2, Flodin 2, Hohman, Morgan

Ohio State 10-0, Minnesota 13-3

Siebert contends that games not played by Ohio State because of campus disturbances should be forfeit losses; Big Ten athletic directors vote 8-2 (Minnesota and Michigan voting against) to consider the games as games rained out.

On Friday, May 22, Ohio State swept a doubleheader against Wisconsin

On Saturday, May 23, Ohio State split a doubleheader with Northwestern (losing the second game) for a 13-1 record; Ohio State may make up a doubleheader versus Michigan State next weekend.

If Minnesota sweeps Iowa in a doubleheader on Sunday, Ohio State will attempt to make up its doubleheader with Michigan State, which had been canceled because of campus disturbances; the Buckeyes cannot make up a canceled doubleheader against Michigan, since Michigan concluded its classes this week.

Sunday, May 24, doubleheader vs. Iowa

Minnesota 2, Iowa 1

Cosgrove 6-hitter

Minnesota 4, Iowa 3

Petrich (6-2/3), Fisher (1/3)

The District IV playoffs were postponed a week for Ohio State to make up a doubleheader (both seven-inning games) with Michigan State.

On Saturday, May 30, Ohio State lost both games at Michigan State. In the second game, Ohio State had a 3-0 lead into the last of the seventh. Michigan State scored five runs, capped by a two-out, three-run homer by freshman shortstop Steve Cerez. Minnesota finished 15-3 in the Big Ten, Ohio State 13-3.

Big Ten	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Minnesota	15	3
Ohio State	13	3
Michigan State	9	7
Wisconsin	8	7
Michigan	7	7
Illinois	8	10
Purdue	8	10
Indiana	7	11
Iowa	6	11
Northwestern	2	14

NCAA District IV Playoffs (games scheduled for 9 innings) at Columbus

Wednesday, June 3

Southern Illinois vs. Notre Dame and Minnesota vs. Ohio rained out

Thursday, June 4

Ohio 6, Minnesota 4, 10 innings

Cosgrove (7-1/3), Zahn (2/3), **Ericson (1)**, S. Chapman (1)

Gophers tied game in the last of the ninth on a two-run homer by Peterson. Tom Smith hit a two-run homer in the top of the 10th.

Notre Dame 6, Minnesota 2

Petrich (6), S. Chapman (2)

Gophers eliminated

1970 Statistics	<u>G</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SB</u>
*John Peterson OF	30	.443	3	19	15	8	4
Jim Chapman 1B	26	.364	5	26	11	19	0
*Bob Warhol 3B-OF	34	.359	1	29	22	4	3
*Scott Frantzen C	17	.327	2	16	6	5	1
Gary Hohman 3B-OF	33	.322	2	11	19	22	2
Jim Wallace OF	38	.308	4	19	11	16	12
Rick Schoener OF	32	.304	2	11	7	15	5
Bob Schnietz 2B	45	.296	2	16	14	19	15
Phil Flodin C	35	.279	5	21	21	18	0
Al Kaminski SS	45	.245	5	30	21	22	4
Bob Nielsen OF	32	.243	0	9	17	17	6
*Gary Morgan 1B	34	.215	1	11	15	13	2
Scott Stein C	14	.184	0	6	2	13	1
*Ken Hanneman OF	14	.182	0	1	10	3	0
Jim Renneke SS	10	.174	0	3	0	4	0
Don Shellum 2B	10	.080	1	2	0	9	0
Tom Epperly OF	5	.000	0	0	2	0	3
Larry Zavadil 1B	1	.000	0	0	0	1	0
Pitchers							
Jeff Ward	1	.750	0	0	0	0	0
#Bruce Ericson	6	.667	0	0	2	2	0
*Roger Zahn	5	.500	0	0	2	2	0
Bob Fisher	12	.348	0	2	1	4	4
Steve Chapman	7	.333	0	1	0	2	1
*George Hoepner	9	.273	1	6	4	8	0
Gary Petrich	11	.261	0	5	4	3	0
Dave Cosgrove	12	.192	1	3	4	9	0
Karl Johnson	2	.000	0	0	0	1	0
Doug Kingsriter	<u>3</u>	<u>.000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Minnesota	50	.293	35	239	209	232	63
Opponents	50	.223	19	147	145	287	15

*Left-handed
#Switch-hitter

Runs: Minnesota 277 (5.5 per game); Opponents 161 (3.2 per game)
Minnesota: On-base percentage .383; Slugging average .430

	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>
Karl Johnson	2	1	1	0	12.0	2	9	0.75
Dave Cosgrove	12	9	7	2	77.1	12	61	1.98
*Jeff Ward	1	1	0	1	8.2	2	6	2.08
Bob Fisher	9	7	7	0	54.2	26	43	2.30
Gary Petrich	11	8	9	1	73.2	37	59	2.79
*Steve Chapman	7	2	1	3	29.0	20	27	2.79
George Hoepner	9	5	4	2	52.0	21	35	3.47
*Roger Zahn	6	1	3	2	17.2	5	16	3.50

Gary Morgan	1	0	0	0	1.2	0	2	5.40
Doug Kingsriter	3	1	0	2	13.0	11	7	7.61
Bruce Ericson	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>19.1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>11.84</u>
Minnesota	50	36	34	16	359.1	145	287	3.25
Opponents	50	21	16	34	350.0	209	230	5.52

*Left-handed

First Team Big Ten

2B-Bob Schnietz
OF-John Peterson
C-Phil Flodin
P-Dave Cosgrove

Second Team Big Ten

OF-Jim Wallace
P-Gary Petrich

Third Team Big Ten

1B-Jim Chapman
SS-Al Kaminski
3B-Bob Warhol
OF-Rick Schoener

Links

Gophers baseball history:

<http://www.gophersports.com/sports/m-basebl/archive/minn-m-basebl-archive.html>

From the bat boy

Memories of a Bat Boy: <http://stewthornley.net/batboy.html>

How I Helped the Gophers Win the Big Ten Title . . . : <http://stewthornley.net/bigten.html>

Media Guides:

1968: <http://stewthornley.net/mediaguide68.pdf>

1969: <http://stewthornley.net/mediaguide69.pdf>

1970: <http://stewthornley.net/mediaguide70.pdf>

1971 (contains 1970 statistics): <http://stewthornley.net/mediaguide71.pdf>

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Dick Siebert

Jerry Kindall

Lloyd "Snapper" Stein, trainer

Bob Fisher

D. J. Morehead

Jay Youngquist

Ken Dage

Tom Epperly

Scott Stein

Bill Kendall

