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**WRESTLING UPDATE**

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**GOLDEN GOPHER WRESTLING SIGNS COREY HODOWANIC & BRANDON BIGELBACH**

Minneapolis - University of Minnesota head wrestling coach J Robinson and the Golden Gopher Wrestling Program are pleased to announce the recent signing of high school seniors Brandon Bigelbach and Corey Hodowanic.

A native of Cornell, Wis., Hodowanic signed his national letter of intent at a press conference at Cornell High School yesterday (May 20). He capped his four years with the Cornell/Gilman wrestling program with a 2010 state championship at 119 pounds.

He also placed third at the state tournament as a junior in 2009. Just last month he finished second at 119 at the 2010 Asics Folkstyle Nationals. He is expected to wrestle at 125 for the Golden Gophers, and will redshirt in his first season.

Hodowanic is the first scholarship athlete to come out of Cornell High School, as well as the first to be a Big Ten athlete. He has been accepted into the College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences.

Bigelbach is a native of nearby Vadnais Heights, Minn., and has signed an Acceptance of Admission. He will graduate this spring from Mounds View High School and will compete at 125 or 133 for the Golden Gophers.

He is a two-time state meet qualifier, and placed third at the regional championships this past winter. Also an impressive student, Bigelbach has been accepted to the Carlson School of Management.

Bigelbach and Hodowanic are the 11th and 12th Gopher Wrestling signees this season, joining an already stellar class of recruits for 2010-2011. Recently, the 2010 Gopher wrestling recruiting class was honored as the No. 4 ranked class in the nation by InterMat.

The 2009-10 group of Minnesota wrestlers finished their season with a seventh place finished at the NCAA Championships and will return three All-Americans next season.

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