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ABOUT THE COVER

Buckingham U. Badger, more commonly known around the world as Bucky, has had a very busy year 2000 so far. Let's see, the UW-Madison football team won the Rose Bowl (the third Rose Bowl victory in less than a decade) and the Badger women's basketball team won the WNIT. The men's hockey team had a hugely successful season, missing the Frozen Four by only one game. And there was the UW-Madison men's basketball team, defying all odds by ending up in the Final Four Championship.

Bucky was under a lot of pressure this spring and found early morning rounds of golf on Madison area golf courses a great way to relieve that tension.

UW-Madison alumnus J.L. Samerdyke caught Bucky hitting balls from Badger Creeping Red Fescue plots at the O.J. Noer Facility and captured him for our cover.

As Governor Tommy Thompson says: "Isn't Wisconsin GREAT!"

*Then sing, ye Birds, sing, sing a joyous song!
And let the young Lamb's bound
As to the tabor's sound!
We in thought will join your throng,
Ye that pipe and ye that play
Ye that through your hearts today
Feel the gladness of the May!
— William Wordsworth (1770-1850)
English poet*

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