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## 1969 Baseball Guide

University of Northern Iowa

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THE HONOR WINNERS -- Left to right, all-conference second baseman Ron Foell, all-conference centerfielder Rick Kriz, all-conference and all-5th District catcher Tom Mayer, all-conference and all-5th District pitcher Doug Darnell, and head coach J. D. Anderson, twice honored as 5th District Coach of the Year.

UNIV. OF NORTHERN IOWA

1969 BASEBALL GUIDE

# COACHING STAFF

## **J. D. ANDERSON, Head Coach**

National honors came to head coach J. D. Anderson following UNI's 17-5 season in 1968. J. D. was named coach of the year in the Fifth District by the Baseball Coaches Association of the NCAA and earned a similar award from the Topps Company, the first year that award has been presented. J. D. heads into his fourth season with an overall 37-30 record. A native of Collinsville, Ill., Anderson attended Eastern Illinois University, graduating in 1952 with a B.S. degree and receiving his M.A. there in 1961. He coached baseball at Key West High School in Florida from 1956-1960, winning state titles in 1958 and 1959. In 1961 he moved to Northern Illinois University, coaching in gymnastics, tennis and cross-country before coming to UNI in 1966. He's married and has one daughter and one son.

## **KEN GREEN, Assistant Coach**

Ken Green, a graduate of Iowa State, pulls triple duty at UNI. He heads up the intramural program, and assists in both basketball and baseball. A native of Rembrandt, Ia., high school, he attended Graceland College for two years and Iowa State for two, receiving his B.S. degree in 1960, his M.A. from UNI in 1965. He was voted most valuable on the Iowa State baseball team in 1960 after posting the best won-lost record in the Big Eight that year. He played one season of professional baseball with the Des Moines Demons, then property of the Philadelphia Phillies. He's married and has one son.

# UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location . . . . .	Cedar Falls, Iowa
Enrollment . . . . .	9,076
School Colors . . . . .	Purple and Old Gold
Nickname . . . . .	Panthers
Conference . . . . .	North Central
Athletic Director . . . . .	Dr. Jim Witham
Sports Publicity . . . . .	Dick Dietl
1968 Record . . . . .	Won-17, Lost-5
Conference Record . . . . .	13-1, First

# 1969 UNI SCHEDULE

## April

4	Fri	Wartburg	3:00
7	Mon	at Wartburg	3:00
8	Tue	at Coe (2)	2:00
11	Fri	North Dakota	3:00
12	Sat	North Dakota (2)	Noon
15	Tue	at Iowa State	3:00
18	Fri	South Dakota	3:00
19	Sat	South Dakota (2)	Noon
25	Fri	at Morningside	3:00
26	Sat	at Morningside (2)	Noon
28	Mon	at No. Dakota St. (2)	Noon

## May

2	Fri	So. Dakota St.	3:00
3	Sat	So. Dakota St. (2)	Noon
7	Wed	Wartburg	3:00
16	Fri	at Augustana	3:00
17	Sat	at Augustana (2)	Noon

# 1968 RESULTS (17-5)

11	Wartburg	1	6	So. Dakota	1
0	Wartburg	2	23	Drake	10
1	Wartburg	3	22	Morningside	6
15	Coe	5	7	Morningside	6
5	No. Dakota St.	1	7	Morningside	8
2	No. Dakota St.	0	5	No. Dakota	4
4	No. Dakota St.	3	18	Augustana	1
9	Iowa State	3	2	Augustana	1
5	So. Dakota St.	1	6	Augustana	5
7	So. Dakota	0	3	Arkansas St.*	11
9	So. Dakota	3	2	So. Colorado*	6

\*NCAA Midwest Regional

# 1969 ROSTER

Players	Pos.	Bat	Throw	Age	Wt.	Hts.	Yr.	Hometown
Don Anderson	P	R	R	20	175	6-4	J4.	Clear Lake, Ia.
Dave Chase	P	R	R	21	200	6-3	Jr.	Cedar Falls, Ia.
Doug Darnell *	P	R	R	22	215	6-1	Sr.	LaPorte City, Ia.
Gary Daters	P	R	R	19	160	5-10	So.	State Center, Ia.
Ron Foell *	2B	R	L	23	170	5-9	Sr.	Sheffield, Ia.
Rod Fuller	P	L	L	21	200	6-0	Jr.	Ackley, Ia.
Gary Gibson *	LF	R	R	22	175	5-9	Sr.	Collinsville, Ill.
Mark Guenther	3B	R	R	21	155	5-8	Jr.	Denver, Ia.
Roger Jones	LF-C	R	L	19	190	6-0	So.	Aurelia, Ia.
Ron Joyce	1B	L	L	19	175	5-8	Fr.	Waterloo, Ia.
Rick Kriz*	CF	R	L	21	180	5-8	Sr.	Grundy Center, Ia.
Kent Kvidera	C	R	R	18	190	6-0	Fr.	Traer, Ia.
Jack McGrath *	P	R	R	21	170	6-2	Sr.	Thompson, Ia.
Don McInerney	P	R	R	19	175	5-9	Fr.	Ottumwa, Ia.
Tom Mayer *	C	R	R	22	200	5-11	Sr.	Stacyville, Ia.
Dennis Meyer	OF	R	R	19	205	6-0	So.	Iowa Falls, Ia.
Doug Minear	1B	L	L	20	185	6-2	So.	Des Moines, Ia.
Gary Reiners *	SS	R	R	21	185	6-0	Sr.	Dumont, Ia.
Ron Ricketts	P	L	L	19	155	5-9	So.	Sioux Rapids, Ia.
John Svoboda	LF	R	R	20	170	6-0	Jr.	Protivin, Ia.
Bob Timmons *	RF	R	R	22	185	6-1	Sr.	Olin, Ia.
Dennis Warren *	LF	R	L	22	165	5-10	Sr.	Clear Lake, Ia.
Warren Woepking	1B	R	R	22	210	6-2	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant, Ia.
Jim Young *	P	R	R	22	175	5-10	Sr.	Manchester, Ia.

\* Denotes lettermen

## 1969 OUTLOOK

**OFFENSE** -- Two .400 hitters return in Rick Kriz (.429) and Ron Foell (.418) to top the offense. Both left handed hitters, Kriz set school record for hits (36), RBI (29) while Foell led College Division in homers with 9 and had a .925 slugging average. They get help from Gary Reiners (.275) and Tom Mayer (.276), both capable of hitting the long ball. Speed is there to augment Anderson's running game and team may be one of best in country at bunting.

**DEFENSE** -- UNI is strong up the middle with Mayer behind the plate, Darnell on the mound, Foell and Reiners at second and short, and Kriz in center. Key may be Anderson's ability to find men at third and first. Should be solid again.

**PITCHING** -- Doug Darnell is the topper, with an 8-1 mark in 1968, including a record 7-0 conference mark and 66 strike outs, 86 over the year. Jim Young is likely number two man with Jack McGrath a tested reliever and southpaw Rod Fuller, a JC transfer, potentially the best of the newcomers.

**OVERALL** -- The Panthers should be as good or better than a year ago. An exciting team to watch, they use all aspects of the game. Pro scouts, a year ago, felt they used the bunt and sacrifice as well as any college team in the midwest.

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## PLAYER SKETCHES

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**RON FOELL** -- Mr. Hit and Mr. Field. Foell does it all defensively and offensively. Led College Division home run derby (9) and had fantastic .925 slugging average. Outstanding second sacker who helped UNI to 19 double plays and one triple play. Hits from left side with power to all fields. Hit .418 on the year, led league in hitting. All-Conference.

**RICK KRIZ** -- Another do-everything star. Great hitter, outstanding speed and good center fielder. Kriz hit in every game but one in 22 outings to show consistency. Number two hitter in league and .429 on the year to rank nationally. Set UNI record for RBI at 29 and hits at 36. All-Conference.

**DOUG DARNELL** -- Top pitcher in the conference with record-setting 7-0 mark and 66 strike outs. Led team with 8-1 and 86 fans. Only in second year of pitching after switch from catcher. Good hitter for a pitcher, Darnell appears slow but fields position well. Has great future with added experience. All-Conference and All-5th District NCAA.

**TOM MAYER** -- A great defensive catcher, Mayer also hits with power and consistency. He became complete team player and led Panthers on defense, handling variety of pitchers with class. Hit .276. All-Conference and All-5th District.

**GARY REINERS** -- May be most underrated infielder in league. Plays shortstop well and makes outstanding DP combination with Foell. Goes into deep hole as well as anyone. Adds to value with important bat. Hit .275 with 18 RBI and four key homers. Won two games with long ball.

**BOB TIMMONS** -- UNI's most versatile performer. Scheduled to start in right, he may end up at third or first and can fill in there anytime. Coach hopes he can raise .189 batting average with defensive duty at just one spot. Hit two homers, one a game winning blow.

**JIM YOUNG** -- Should move up to number two man on pitching staff. Small, but a game battler. Young was 3-1 as a junior. Came through with respectable 3.46 ERA.

**JACK MC GRATH** -- Turned into the number one reliever in 1968, appearing in 12 games. Had 1-0 record and 5.29 ERA that should improve.

**DENNIS WARREN** -- Could be menace on the bases if he gets on more. Good defensively, Warren must hit more than .105 to earn left field job.

**GARY GIBSON** -- Also battling for left field job, Gibson is in same boat as Warren. Must hit to play, but can do the job with the glove.

**MARK GUENTHER** -- UNI's hope at third base, Guenther has the tools to be a good one. Good speed on bases and expected to be a hitter, must do the job defensively to earn spot.

**WARREN WOEPKING** -- An all-conference center in football, Woepking is taking a shot at baseball and may win first base job. Hitting will win it for him if he gets it.

**ROGER JONES** -- Another footballer, Jones is vying for left field job and will back up Mayer behind the plate. Has good speed. If he can hit he may push Warren and Gibson aside. Most promising sophomore on squad.

**ROD FULLER** -- Anderson looks for great things from this southpaw hurler. Has had arm troubles, but if right he could be number two man on staff. Can zing the ball.

**DON ANDERSON** -- Gangly-looking righthander should improve on mound. Can fool batters and become an effective reliever. Pitched only briefly in 1968.

**DAVE CHASE** -- Has the size to become outstanding pitcher. Didn't throw a pitch, however, in 1968 varsity campaign. Will likely be used early in relief.

**GARY DATERS** -- Little man of the pitching staff, Daters saw action as freshman and should improve. Had 2-0 record and good 3.00 ERA in brief appearances. Not a bad hitter.

**JOHN SVOBODA** -- Also in the left field picture, Svoboda has as good a chance as any or may end up at first if Woepking or Minear can't cut it.

# 1968 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Player	G	AB	R	H	BB	SO	Ave.
Gary Daters	3	2	1	1	1	0	.500
Rick Kriz	22	84	23	36	6	10	.429
Ron Foell	22	67	32	28	26	10	.418
Bob McElwain	2	5	1	2	1	0	.400
Mark Guenther	8	3	2	1	2	0	.333
Dennis Cryer	22	79	16	24	14	13	.304
Phil Winther	19	63	12	18	4	14	.286
Tom Mayer	21	76	13	21	5	14	.276
Bob Schroeder	14	29	5	8	3	7	.276
Gary Reiners	22	69	12	19	15	10	.275
Lonny Hinderks	17	56	15	15	10	9	.268
Doug Darnell	12	26	8	6	3	9	.231
Jack McGrath	12	5	1	1	2	2	.200
Bob Timmons	19	53	17	10	12	19	.189
Jim Young	5	8	1	1	2	1	.125
Dennis Warren	11	19	7	2	9	7	.105
Gary Gibson	10	10	2	0	4	0	.000
Laverne Koeperich	8	13	1	0	0	6	.000
Bob Livingston	3	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Don Anderson	3	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Barry Beekmann	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
UNI Totals	22	668	169	193	119	132	.289
Opponents	22	627	81	144	104	176	.230

DOUBLES: Foell 7, Kriz 5, Cryer 4, Reiners 3, Mayer 2, Hinderks 3.

TRIPLES: Kriz 5, Timmons 1.

HOME RUNS: Foell 9, Kriz 5, Cryer 4, Reiners 4, Hinderks 3, Mayer 2, Timmons 2.

RUNS BATTED IN: Kriz 29, Foell 23, Cryer 18, Reiners 18, Hinderks 13, Mayer 10, Winther 9.

STOLEN BASES: Kriz 6, Foell 6, Hinderks 6, Warren 5, Reiners 2, Cryer 2.

SACRIFICES: Kriz 6, Cryer 4, Mayer 4, Winther 3.

Pitcher	G	W	L	IP	H	R	ER	ERA
Laverne Koeperich	8	3	2	39.2	27	15	9	2.02
Doug Darnell	12	8	1	71.2	45	22	19	2.37
Gary Daters	3	2	0	8.2	7	3	3	3.00
Jim Young	5	3	1	26.1	24	14	10	3.46
Jack McGrath	12	1	0	17.0	22	11	10	5.29
Gary Reiners	2	0	0	3.0	3	2	2	6.00
Don Anderson	3	0	0	4.2	7	6	5	9.00
Bob Livingston	3	0	1	3.0	5	5	5	15.00
Barry Beekmann	3	0	0	1.1	3	3	3	27.00
UNI Totals	22	17	5	175.0	144	81	66	3.39

STRIKE OUTS: Darnell 86, Koeperich 43, Young 22.

WALKS: Darnell 49, Koeperich 22, Young 8.

COMPLETE GAMES: Darnell 6, Koeperich 1, Young 1.