1980 Northern Iowa Women's Cross Country

University of Northern Iowa

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First Row (L-R): Kris Skov, Deb Schmeling, Virginia Edson, J’ne Day
Second Row (L-R): Nancy Sickman, Rosanne Uthe, Stacy Roberts, Ann Novak, Kathy Broderick
Third Row (L-R): Shirley Walker, Kim Kaiser, Donna Groesbeck, Michelle Stasi
Sharon Huddleston
Head Coach

Sharon Huddleston is head coach of the newly formed women's cross country team at UNI. She will also coach the women's track and field team. Huddleston returns to UNI after a two-year leave of absence, during which she worked toward her doctorate in sports psychology. She came to UNI in 1973, following three years of coaching in her native Texas. This will be her seventh year as women’s track coach.

Huddleston received B.S. and M.A.E. degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. Her athletic experience in cross country and track and field includes four years at the collegiate level and five years of AAU competition at the national and international levels.

1980 Roster

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1980 Outlook

The UNI women’s cross country team opens its inaugural season on the intercollegiate level this fall. Coach Sharon Huddleston returns to campus after a two-year leave of absence for doctoral studies. She will also coach the UNI women’s track and field squad.

Nine members of the 1979 cross country club are back this year, along with five new faces. Seven of the women are seniors, which should give Huddleston added experience and strengthen the program considerably.

Huddleston feels Stacy Roberts, Shirley Walker and Kris Skov should be her top performers this fall. At the same time, she expects everyone on the team to make a contribution.

“We have a lot of talent,” commented Huddleston.

“Most of our runners have three to four years experience at the high school level in either cross country or track. Also, each individual loves to run.”

In 1979, the first year as a club, the Panther women completed a very successful season by finishing sixth in a 19-team field at the AAUW Division II Regionals. The team’s 40-16 record included a first-place finish at the Cornell Invitational and fourth-place finishes at the Les Duke (Grinnell) and Central Invitational meet. The club also won a triangular with Grinnell and William Penn.

This year the team has dual meets with Northern Illinois, Western Illinois, Iowa and Park College. The Panther women will also travel to Luther for the Norseman Meet and to Ames for the Region VI Meet November 1. UNI’s only home meet this year is an October 4 quadrangular with Loras, Wartburg and Rochester Community College.

With the team’s vast amount of experience and returning talent, Huddleston is very optimistic. “Due to the experience of our runners, I expect them to place high in the Regionals,” said Huddleston. “Our team goal is to do well enough to qualify for the Nationals.”

Scholarship Information

Athletic scholarships for women are available in both cross country and track. For information, contact Coach Sharon Huddleston, East Gym 103, (319) 273-2730.
1979 Results (40-16)

All-American Invitational (Luther) 5th of 11
Les Duke Invitational (Grinnell) 4th of 11
Luther 17, UNI 44
UNI 20, Grinnell 42, William Penn 77
Cornell Invitational 1st of 7
Central Invitational 4th of 10
Region VI Meet 6th of 19

1980 Schedule

Sept. 6 Northern Illinois DeKalb, IL 11 a.m.
Sept. 13 Iowa Invitational Iowa City, IA 10 a.m.
Sept. 20 Norseman Meet (Luther — 2 miles) Decorah, IA 11 a.m.
Sept. 27 Western Illinois Macomb, IL 11 a.m.
Oct. 4 Loras, Wartburg, Rochester CC (2 miles) UNI Golf Course 11 a.m.
Oct. 11 Iowa (5000 meters) Iowa City, IA 11 a.m.
Oct. 18 Park College (5000 meters) Kansas City, MO 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 1 Region VI Meet (Iowa State) Ames, IA

UNI Quick Facts

Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614
Enrollment: 10,500
Founded: 1876
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
President: Dr. John J. Kamerick
Athletic Director: Stan Sheriff
Assoc. Athletic Director: John "Jersey" Jermier
Assoc. Athletic Director: Sandra Williamson
Head Coach: Sharon Huddleston (319) 273-2730
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