1981 Northern Iowa Golf

University of Northern Iowa

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Coach Ken Green and UNI's '81 Spring Season

Since coming to UNI 10 years ago, Coach Ken Green has built an impressive list of credentials for himself and his teams. Coach Green's teams have notched two second place finishes and three conference championships, as well as having four teams qualify for the national tournaments. Green was District Five Coach of the Year in 1973 and coached UNI to an eighth place finish in the national tournament in 1976. Other honors include having four All-Americans from UNI and having served on the All-American Selection Committee for Division II schools.

UNI makes a big jump to the ranks of NCAA Division I this year after competing in Division II. Coach Green sees little change in his schedule due to the move but admits that with the loss of Division II status comes the loss of a chance at a national tournament birth. "I think we are in the same regional district as Oklahoma State, last year's national Division I champion," noted Green. And the competition doesn't end there. UNI always has boasted of a schedule that includes going against the best in Division I from around the area. This year's schedule includes meets at Iowa State, Drake and Iowa which Green terms as "very challenging." UNI also will co-host the annual UNI-Wartburg Meet which draws many schools from Northeast Iowa and Wisconsin.

Western Illinois seems to be the early favorite in the Mid-Continent race, according to Green, with UNI, Eastern Illinois and Youngstown all close behind. "It should be of some advantage to us being able to host the meet," said the UNI mentor.

UNI brings back a strong, experienced team for the spring season with the only loss being All-American Dennis Rommann. Four juniors, a senior and freshman look to be the prime starters for Green. They are juniors Rick Erickson, Tom McCann, Jeff Textor, Jeff Curran and senior Larry Gladson and freshman Randy Wexter. Junior college transfer Lynn Toenges and senior Mike Cardin should give the early leaders some competition, according to Green. "It's nice having five or six players all able to handle the load and not having a dominant player we have to rely on," said Green, noting that all his golfers are capable of shooting par golf.

Green said swing improvement and consistency will be the two things he will work on with his players in preparation for the spring campaign.

Coach Jeanette Marsh and UNI's '81 Spring Season

Since coming to UNI in 1975 Coach Marsh has helped the UNI women's golf team grow to be one of the best in its division. She was elected to the National Division II Golf Committee for the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) and is helping to develop guidelines for the first Division II National Golf Tournament to be held in 1981.

After finishing a strong second place in the Division II Regional AIAW Golf Tournament last fall, the team has a good chance of gaining a birth in the national meet this spring in Hershey, PA. Coach Marsh has all six of her top golfers back.

Sophomore Captain Kim Mann leads the list of returnees. Mann broke three UNI records for the Panthers in the fall — lowest handicap (8), lowest 18-hole score (76) and lowest 36-hole score (158), while taking or sharing individual honors for UNI in all of its fall meets.

Two team records also fell in the fall — lowest team score for 18 holes (328) and lowest 36-hole total (658).

Mary Ann Greteman will be the lone senior on the spring squad and Marsh is expecting an impressive final outing for her. "She has been a leader on the team since she was a freshman and she is looking to go out with her best effort," noted Marsh of her four-year starter.

Other returnees for Marsh include junior Ann Koppen, a consistent low scorer who is still improving; Jeanne Sutherland, a sophomore who can shoot with the best of them when she is on her game; Jo Kelloway, a junior with an attitude that is needed for a winner and who is steadily improving; and freshman Jill Ditsworth, who has great potential and who is expected to help the team in the upcoming years.

Though UNI competes with a schedule that includes going against a majority of Division I schools, the Panthers have proven to be competitive in any league. "Our placement in some of the meets was not that impressive but when you consider that we went against all Division I schools, you can realize the caliber of golf we play," said Marsh, noting that UNI's second place finish in the regional meet and the fact it won the meet in 1979 proves that it is one of the top schools around for its size.
Women’s Spring Schedule

Date               Event                  Site
March 27-28        Southwest Missouri Inv. Springfield, MO
April 10-11        Stephen’s College Inv. Columbia, MO
May 1-2            Southern Illinois Inv. Edwardsville, IL
June 10-13         AIAW National Tournament Hershey, PA

Men’s Spring Schedule

Date               Event                  Site
March 21-29        Spring Break Atlanta, GA
April 7            Big Four Meet Des Moines, IA
April 10-12        Iowa State Inv. Ames, IA
April 14           Iowa Inv. Iowa City, IA
April 17-18        UNI-Wartburg Inv. Cedar Falls-Waverly, IA
April 22-24        Drake Relays Inv. Des Moines, IA
May 1-2            Mid-Continent Conference Cedar Falls, IA
May 6              Iowa State Cedar Falls, IA
May 9              Alumni Meet Cedar Falls, IA

Women’s Fall 1980 Results

Meet               Team           Place       UNI High
Wisconsin Inv.      11 of 16        Kim Mann 162
Illinois State Inv. 10 of 14        Kim Mann 168
AIAW Regional Meet  2 of 8          Kim Mann 170
Minnesota Dual      1 of 2          Kim Mann 123
Iowa Inv.           6 of 9          Kim Mann 163
Iowa State Inv.     11 of 13        Mary Ann Greteman 175
Missouri Inv.       8 of 11         Kim Mann 182

Men’s Fall 1980 Results

Event               Team           Place       UNI High
Wisconsin-Eau-Claire Inv. 2nd of 15 teams Jeff Textor 152
Northern Iowa Golf Classic 9th of 18 teams Larry Gladson 309
Gopher Inv. 12th of 18 teams Tom McCann 313
Badger Inv. 7th of 8 teams Larry Gladson 228
                      9th of 10 teams Tom McCann 151

UNI All-Americans

Dennis Rommann
Craig Cool
Chris Vandell
Rich Lyons

UNI Quick Facts

Founded: 1976
Nickname: Panthers
Location: Cedar Falls, IA
Colors: Purple and Gold
Enrollment: 11,020

Men’s Athletic Conference: Mid-Continent
President: Dr. John J. Kamerick
Athletic Director: Stan Sheriff

Men’s Affiliation: NCA Division I
Associate Athletic Directors:
John ‘Jersey’ Jermer
Sandra Williamson

Women’s Affiliation: AIAW Division II
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