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UNI



Women's Tennis

NORTHERN IOWA AT A GLANCE

FOUNDED:	1876
ENROLLMENT:	11,500
LOCATION:	Cedar Falls, IA 50614
NICKNAME:	Panthers
COLORS:	Purple and Old Gold
PRESIDENT:	Dr. Constantine Curris
CONFERENCE:	Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference
AFFILIATION:	NCAA I
HOME FACILITIES:	Varsity Courts, West Gymnasium, PEC
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HEAD TENNIS COACH:	Carol Phillips
YEARS AT UNI:	2nd (as head coach)
TENNIS OFFICE PHONE:	(319) 273-6157
1985 FALL DUAL RECORD:	9-7

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Northern Iowa, located in Cedar Falls, was founded in 1876 as the Iowa State Normal School. From a single building on a 40-acre campus, the University has grown to include more than 40 major buildings, a 723-acre campus, 675 faculty members and 11,500 students.

Northern Iowa emphasizes outstanding undergraduate education, with complementary graduate programs at the master's, specialist's and doctoral levels. Building on its traditional strength in teacher education, Northern Iowa has developed other excellent programs in its School of Business, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, College of Natural Sciences and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Campus landmarks include the Campanile, the Education Center, Strayer-Wood Theatre, Maucker University Union and the UNI-Dome. Special academic resources include the 500,000-volume University Library, the Industrial Technology Center and the Communications Arts Center. The campus, classrooms and residence halls are highly handicapped-accessible.

Northern Iowa is the home of the North American Review, a quarterly journal of literature that has received two National Magazine Awards in the fiction category. The University also operates KUNI-FM and KHKE-FM, whose 4,000-member "Friends" organization makes them two of the most popular public radio stations in the United States.

Northern Iowa competes in men's and women's athletics at the NCAA Division I level. In addition to a traditionally strong wrestling program, the University is competitive in football (Gateway Conference, Division IAA) and men's basketball (Association of Mid-Continent Universities). In women's athletics the softball team has been especially successful, winning the AIAW Division II national title twice.

Northern Iowa is a state-assisted university, part of the Iowa Regents system and also includes the University of Iowa and Iowa State University. The University's more than 40,000 alumni in the United States and other countries lend additional support through the UNI Foundation and other alumni programs.

CAROL PHILLIPS

HEAD COACH

Carol Phillips is in the midst of her second season as head coach of the UNI women's tennis team. After replacing Pete Mazula prior to the 1984 fall season, Phillips has posted a 39-13 record.

Phillips is a graduate of Ohio State University where she was a four-year standout in tennis. She won the state doubles title her junior and senior years and was twice runnerup in singles in the Big Ten Tournament those same years.

She was an assistant tennis coach at Washington State two years before coming to UNI in 1975. She has been an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation since joining the UNI faculty and she recently earned her doctorate in physical education from the University of Northern Colorado.

1986 SPRING TENNIS SCHEDULE

Feb. 7	at Iowa State	12 noon
Mar. 8	at Blackhawk Tennis Club at Waterloo, IA	3 p.m.
Mar. 25	LUTHER	3 p.m.
Apr. 4-5	MANKATO STATE, WISCONSIN-LACROSSE, ST. AMBROSE	3 p.m., 9 a.m.
Apr. 7	at Drake	3 p.m.
Apr. 11-12	Eastern Illinois, Southwest Missouri State, Indiana State at Charleston, IL	
Apr. 15	IOWA STATE	3 p.m.
Apr. 18-19	Western Illinois, Illinois-Chicago, Kalamazoo College at Macomb, IL	3 p.m., 9 a.m.
Apr. 23-26	Gateway Conference Tournament at Terre Haute, IN	

SPRING OUTLOOK

Northern Iowa women's tennis coach Carol Phillips is optimistic about the upcoming spring tennis season even though the Panthers are coming off a mediocre 9-7 fall campaign.

Phillips feels if improvement is made in certain areas, her squad can be competitive in the Gateway Conference race. "We need to improve our serve returns and our aggressiveness," Phillips says. "Also, we need to start controlling the play of the matches against the tougher teams."

Wichita State and Drake are the frontrunners this spring in the conference race but Phillips thinks UNI can grab a third or fourth place finish. "With our tough spring schedule, I think we will be ready for the conference tournament," Phillips says.

Among the Panthers' tougher opponents this spring will be intrastate rivals Drake and Iowa State. UNI lost to Drake twice last fall (2-7, 1-8), but Phillips feels it is good experience to play a top-notch team like the Bulldogs. The Panthers, however, have defeated Iowa State three out of the last four meetings. "They will be out for us," Phillips says. The Panthers opened their spring season at Iowa State February 7.

This year's team bolsters only one senior, Dubuque, IA, native Maria McDonald. McDonald ended the fall season with the best records in both singles (13-5) and doubles (15-3). Also returning is UNI's number one player, Suzy Dupont.

Dupont didn't record a winning record in singles (9-11) or doubles (4-14) during the fall but Phillips feels Dupont is worthy of her position. "Suzy does a real good job against tough opponents," Phillips says. "She is in a very unenviable position."

1985 SPRING ROSTER

1985 Spring Results (8-4)

Luther	5-4	Drake	5-4
Hawaii	0-9	Iowa State	5-4
Wisconsin-Stout	9-0	Illinois State	6-3
Hawaii	1-8	Bradley	5-4
Western Illinois	3-6	Iowa State	2-7
Luther	7-2	Gateway Conference Tournament	5th
Eastern Illinois	7-2		

1985 Fall Results (9-7)

Central	9-0	Western Illinois	2-7
Drake	2-7	Grinnell	8-1
Marquette	5-4	Northern Illinois	2-7
Bradley	2-7	Wheaton	6-3
Illinois State	6-3	Toledo	3-6
Luther	5-4	Bradley	2-5
Drake	1-8	Coe	9-0
Wisconsin-LaCrosse	6-3		

1986 SPRING ROSTER

Susan Cory	FR	Mason City, IA
Suzy Dupont	SO	Dubuque, IA
Joni Eaton	JR	Des Moines, IA
Jenny Feye	SO	Dubuque, IA
Renee Kern	JR	Cedar Rapids, IA
Maria McDonald	SR	Dubuque, IA
Tami Williams	JR	Cedar Rapids, IA

PLAYER PROFILES

SUSAN CORY...A freshman from Mason City, IA, where she attended Mason City Newman High School. Participated in the state tournament last June and played a reserve role on the tennis team last fall. Goals for the 1986 spring season: "I would like to become a regular member of the team. I also want to improve my play at the net." Why UNI? "I have a good chance to play and it is a nice distance from home." Biggest athletic thrill to date: "Playing in the state tournament last June." Coach Phillips says: "Susan needs to work on good solid strokes and to keep the ball in play more. She also needs to become more patient." 1985 fall record: Singles 1-1; doubles 1-0.

SUZY DUPONT...A sophomore physical therapy major from Dubuque, IA. Placed second in the state tournament in doubles play both the 1983 and 84 seasons. Was a member of the Dubuque Wahlert team that won the state title in 1983. Advanced to the semi-finals of the Gateway Conference Tournament last fall. Goals for the 1986 spring season: "As a team, I want us to do well at the conference tournament. For myself, I want to do well against conference opponents." Why UNI? "Received a scholarship." Biggest athletic thrill to date: "When I won the Seventeen Magazine tennis tournament, and when we won the 1983 state tournament." Enjoys all sports, loves outdoors (canoeing), cross-stitching and volleyball. Coach Phillips says: "Suzy does a good job against really tough opponents. She is our most consistent player." 1985 fall record: Singles 9-11; doubles 4-14.

JONI EATON...A junior majoring in management from Hoover High School in Des Moines, IA. Competed in the state tennis tournament three years. Won the Gateway Conference consolation doubles in 1984. Goals for the 1986 spring season: "To win the conference in doubles with Maria and to have a winning record in singles." Why UNI? "Received a scholarship." Biggest athletic thrill to date: "Winning the state high school co-ed tournament." Enjoys listening to music, watching television, swimming and playing tennis. Coach Phillips says: "Joni needs to work on her consistency. She has the shots but she needs to learn when to use them at the right time." 1985 fall record: Singles 9-9; doubles 14-3.

JENNY FEYE...A sophomore speech pathology major from Wahlert High School in Dubuque, IA. Has been hampered by a knee injury throughout college. Finished second in the 1984 state high school tennis tournament. Advanced to the semi-finals of the Gateway Conference Tournament last fall at no. 6 singles. Goals for the 1986 spring season: "I want to get to where I was before I suffered my injury. I also want to become more consistent in singles." Why UNI? "I wanted to stay in Iowa and I like the size of UNI." Biggest athletic thrill: "Runner-up with Suzy in doubles at the state tournament in 1984." Enjoys reading, movies and spending time with her boyfriend. Coach Phillips says: "Jenny needs to work on her mobility because of her knee injury. She is a tough no. 6 player but needs to work on her confidence." 1985 fall record: Singles 8-8; doubles 4-13.

RENEE KERN...A sophomore majoring in therapeutic recreation from Cedar Rapids, IA, Jefferson High School. Placed third in state doubles while at Jefferson and tied a school record for most wins. Goals for the 1986 season: "To do well at the conference meet, hopefully in the top five." Why UNI? "Offered a scholarship." Biggest athletic thrill to date: "Placing third in the state in doubles." Enjoys aerobics and reading. Coach Phillips says: "Renee needs to play more aggressive and get to the net. If she improves her serve she will do well." 1985 fall record: Singles 8-10; doubles 12-7.

MARIA MCDONALD...A senior elementary education major from Dubuque, IA, Hempstead High School. Was consolation runner-up in doubles for both the 1983 and 1984 conference tournaments. Also, finished runner-up in conference singles in 1984 and placed second in no. 3 doubles at the conference tourney in the fall of 1985. Goals for the 1986 spring season: "To do my best during my last year and to win the conference in doubles with Joni." Why UNI? "Tennis scholarship and the teaching program." Biggest athletic thrill: "Won a mixed doubles tournament last summer." Enjoys running, biking, listening to music and playing badminton. Coach Phillips says: "Maria hits the ball real hard and is a strong no. 5 player. She also is tough in doubles." 1985 fall record: Singles 13-5, doubles 15-3.

TAMI WILLIAMS...A junior majoring in public relations from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, IA. Voted Best Female Athlete by her peers her senior year at Washington. Lost doubles final at the conference tournament in the spring of 1985 and won the consolation round in doubles in the fall. Goals for the 1986 spring season: "To have a winning season and to only lose four matches in singles." Why UNI? "Close to home and a scholarship was available." Biggest athletic thrill to date: "Inducted into Washington High School's Athletic Hall of Fame." Enjoys working, horseback riding, playing and watching sports and being with her boyfriend. Coach Phillips says: "Tami hits the ball real hard and has good ground strokes but needs to become more consistent. She and Renee will be strong in doubles." 1985 fall record: Singles 9-9; doubles 12-7.

GATEWAY COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois,
Southwest Missouri State, Western
Illinois, Wichita State

SPORTS: 9 (Basketball, Cross Country,
Golf, Indoor Track and Field,
Outdoor Track and Field, Softball,
Swimming and Diving, Tennis,
Volleyball)

The Gateway Conference was officially recognized by the NCAA in August, 1982. In September of the same year, Patty Viverito was named as its first commissioner. The conference headquarters was first set up at Eastern Illinois University before moving to its present site of St. Louis.

Today, the Gateway covers five states and is recognized as one of the nation's strongest conferences. "The conference has made great strides since its inception, and I feel we will grow even stronger," Commissioner Viverito says. "The 10 members are committed to women's athletics that their programs will get stronger. As the individual programs get stronger, the conference can't help but get better."