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A New Era of Panther Pride



**Northern Iowa Panthers
1988 Baseball**



PANTHER PRIDE

It is the goal of the University of Northern Iowa baseball program to help young men become not only quality athletes, but also quality students and, most importantly, quality human beings. Lessons of discipline and teamwork that are learned on the ballfield help to create responsible American citizens. Being humble in victory and gracious in defeat are commendable traits that the Northern Iowa baseball program attempts to instill in our athletes.

For this reason, we feel that the Northern Iowa baseball player must be a very special person. He must strive for victory, but be able to accept defeat on the playing field. He must work as hard as any college athlete in the country, without hope of ever being granted an athletic scholarship. He must strive to reach our goals, while being measured against other people's expectations.

It is a privilege to play baseball at Northern Iowa, a privilege that is earned every day in the classroom, on the ballfield, and in the community. In return, the student-athlete can expect much in return. He is given the opportunity to play the game he loves at the highest level of amateur competition in the world, NCAA Division I. He is given the opportunity to obtain one of the finest college educations in the United States. He benefits from the knowledge and experience of a coaching staff that is willing to work just as hard for the athlete as the athlete will work for himself. He receives the satisfaction of knowing that his hard work and sacrifice will pay off in his achieving his greatest potential as a student, athlete, and citizen. He acquires the knowledge and training that will enable him to succeed in the postgraduate endeavor of his choice. When his college career is over, he leaves with the pride of knowing that he was truly given absolutely nothing, that everything he takes with him is the result of his own hard work as an individual and as an important part of his baseball team.

The Northern Iowa baseball program provides the perfect setting for the over-achiever. The high school All-American is more than welcome here, but he also is the opposing athlete that Panther baseball players take most pride in defeating. Like the farming communities that comprise the majority of the region, University of Northern Iowa Baseball is built on a foundation of hard work, discipline, and dedication. Our players would have it no other way.

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Northern Iowa Quick Facts

Founded: 1876

Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614

City Population: 35,000

Enrollment: 11,500

Nickname: Panthers

Colors: Purple and Old Gold

National Affiliation: NCAA Division I

Conference: AMCU — Gray Division

President: Constantine "Deno" Curris

Athletic Director: Bob Bowsby

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Alma Mater: Austin Peay State University, 1981

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Hal Hennenfent

Head Trainer: Terry Noonan

Assistant Trainer: Kurtis Kidd

Student Assistant: Jeff Marcks

1987 Team Record: 26-21

Conference: 3-9/Fourth

Lettermen Lost/Returning: 9/4

Starters Lost/Returning: 8/3

Starting Pitchers Lost/Returning: 5/0

Relievers Lost/Returning: 2/1

Season Outlook

The new baseball season has arrived. With the hiring of Gene Baker as Northern Iowa head coach a new era of Panther baseball has begun.

"I'm excited about this team and this season," Baker said. "Statistics aren't too important to me. I really don't care how we get it done, as long as we win. Winning is the bottom line."

If the last two seasons are any indication of the upcoming one, there should be little problem with achieving that goal. The last two Panther teams have won 26 and 23 games, respectively.

"I want to continue the 20-win tradition here at UNI and I believe we can do it. It will be a challenge for the players, however, as the schedule we have put together is the toughest in the history of Panther baseball," Baker said.

True indeed. A look at the Panthers' early-season spring road trip provides a glimpse at the upper echelon of college baseball. Northern Iowa plays #9 Arkansas twice, and, as if that's not enough, UNI plays #1 Oklahoma State three times. Although Baker said he feels the Panthers will be hard pressed to beat the top ranked Cowboys, he does think UNI can play with them. Other teams on the schedule include Big 8 contenders Missouri and Nebraska, a tough Creighton squad and intrastate rivals Iowa and Iowa State. With competition like that, it's easy to see why Baker feels the Panthers will be prepared for conference play.

"We should be ready," Baker said. "Those spring games should be an advantage to our guys. Everything we do is aimed at improvement in the conference. It will help us having eight of our 12 conference games at home this season, but like I said, that's our number one priority — those eight games are must wins."

Southwest Missouri State is the favorite to win the Gray Division of the AMCU. An NCAA tournament qualifier last year, the Bears should once again be strong. The conference coaches see Southwest to be followed by last year's champion, Eastern Illinois, then Western Illinois and Northern Iowa. Baker, however, feels his team will do better than that, seeing the Panthers contending for a division title.

As with all levels of baseball, pitching will be the key to this year's team. A vast majority of the pitching staff was lost to graduation and transfers, and Baker will look for help from sophomores Mike Brandmeyer and Bill Rhea to solidify a very young staff.

Brandmeyer, a 6-2, 190-pounder from Boone, IA, has the best ERA of any returning pitcher at 3.00 and showed much promise toward the end of the fall season. Rhea, at 6-2 and 225 pounds, can throw the fastball with the best on the Panther staff, and, according to Baker, can get the big strikeout when the team needs it.

"Brandmeyer and Rhea have got to have good years for us. But in addition to those guys, we're going to have to get key contributions from several of our new players to be effective. Freshmen like Steve Bair, Steve Dreyer, and Adam Huehnergath, and transfers like Donnie Allen and Scott Childers must make the big pitch when we need it. We have enough good arms on the staff, it's just a matter of finding the right combination in a given situation."

The term "Bullpen by Committee," used to describe the 1985 and 1987 St. Louis Cardinals, may be a good way to look at this year's pitching staff. There are no definite starters or relievers, at least not at the start of the season, and this "interchangeable parts" structure of the Panther staff should be a sizeable advantage against the competition Northern Iowa will face this year. After all, both those Cardinal teams won National League pennants.

A wildcard for the Panthers this season could be fifth-year senior Kevin Willard. Known best for his exploits as a quarterback, his saavy, leadership qualities and unlimited potential could make this left handed hurler a key figure in Northern Iowa's plans.

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Head Coach Gene Baker

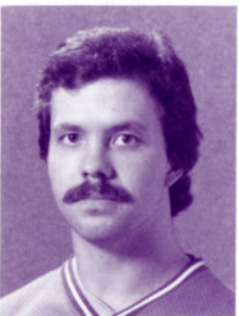


Gene Baker was hired this past summer as head baseball coach, replacing Gary Swanson who moved on to St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC. Gene came to UNI from Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN) where he was assistant baseball coach since 1986. From 1984 to 1986, he was head baseball coach and athletic director at Bristol College, TN. He was assistant baseball coach at Cumberland College (Lebanon, TN) from 1982 to 1984. From 1981 to 1982, he was assistant baseball coach at Austin Peay.

The Wappingers Falls, NY, Native attended Austin Peay where he received his bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1981 and a master's degree in health and physical education in 1987.

A catcher and designated hitter in college, Gene was voted to the NCAA Division I Academic All-American Baseball Team in 1981 and to the Ohio Valley Conference Baseball Team in 1980. He was a four-year baseball letterwinner at Austin Peay. His head coaching record is 35-58, all at Bristol College.

Assistant Coach Hal Hennenfent



Hal Hennenfent is in his first year as an assistant coach at UNI, after pitching last year for the Panthers.

Hennenfent is a native of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. He transferred to UNI from Nevada-Reno, as a senior, and started nine games for the Panthers last year. Prior to coming to UNI, he participated in the Junior College World Series in 1985 while playing for Indian Hills Junior College and also played for Team Canada in 1985. He also attended Centralia Junior College for a time.

He is completing his undergraduate work in physical education at UNI this term and is student teaching in Marshalltown.

Head Baseball Trainer Kurtis Kidd



Kurtis Kidd is in his third season as head baseball trainer. He joined the UNI athletic training staff in the late fall of 1985 and has worked with the Panther football and wrestling teams, in addition to his duties with the baseball team.

Among his duties, he assists the coaches in developing and maintaining strength, conditioning and nutrition programs for the players. He attends to all injuries, from point of occurrence through rehabilitation. He is the liaison between the athlete and the physician in charge of injury.

He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in athletic training and sports medicine from BYU. While at BYU, the Layton, Utah, native worked as a graduate assistant in the training room. After leaving BYU, he worked one season with the Atlanta Braves as a trainer for their Class A club in Anderson, SC.

Season Outlook

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If pitching ranks first in importance, offense can't be far behind. And for UNI this season, the optimum word is speed.

"We don't have a whole lot of guys who are going to hit for power," Baker explained. "We're going to have to get on base any way we can and then bunt, steal and hit-and-run to get in scoring position. Guys like Tovey Goynes, Brian Scheidegger, Dan Wirtz and freshman John Pratt are going to have to make things happen.

"But it's not enough to get in scoring position. We've got to get clutch hitting from everyone on the team, and I mean everyone. We can't rely on Shawn Andrews and our other big guys like Norm Bogunia and Mark Lumpa to drive in all our runs. We've got to have contributions from everyone."

The Panthers do indeed have speed. Last year, they set a team record with 151 stolen bases and Baker feels this team should finish up around that mark, especially if it expects to be successful. The majority of Northern Iowa's team is made up of singles hitters, so don't expect three-run homers and eight-run innings during the 1988 season too often. Baker feels that if his team can score four runs in a given inning they will be doing well. Expect the Panthers to try and pick opponents apart with one- and two-run innings.

Last year, the Panthers' box scores looked more like a football score than a baseball score. UNI would win games for the most part simply by outscoring opponents. This season will be different however. Six regulars are gone from last year's potent attack, leaving a big load on the returning veterans.

In the infield, the Panthers lost two key players in Dave Smith and Eric Snider. Smith, the Panthers' second baseman for the past two years, hit .373 his senior season, and anchored the infield with a .942 fielding percentage. He slammed four home runs and knocked in 27 runs. Snider, the Panthers' leading hitter last season at .421, also stole 33 bases and set or tied five Northern Iowa individual records his senior season. The Panthers will need to replace him at shortstop and Smith at second, to find that key strength up the middle that Baker feels is essential.

UNI also will miss all-conference selection Jeff Frese at catcher/designated hitter. He hit .351 with 25 RBI's last season and was among conference leaders all year for hitting.

Elsewhere, the Panthers will need to find replacements for outfielder Javier Bravo and first baseman Pat "Rico" Vaske. Bravo hit .365 with four home runs and 11 stolen bases last year. With his fielding percentage of .977, he was a key member of the Panthers' defense. Vaske, a second team all-conference selection along with Smith, stepped into the starting lineup his senior year and delivered by hitting .359 and leading the Panthers with six home runs. He committed two errors all season for a fielding percentage of .983, second best on Northern Iowa's squad last season.

On the pitchers' mound, the Panthers lose two key contributors in Mike Gerlach and Tim Wilson. Gerlach was the Panthers' relief ace, finishing with five saves and a 2-0 record. He also struck out 34 batters in 22 innings. Wilson was used both as a starter and reliever, but primarily was a starter. He finished with a 3-2 record and had 32 strikeouts in 31 innings. He also had two complete games, one behind the club lead.

In spite of all these losses, the Panthers do have some key players returning. Shawn Andrews, Northern Iowa captain, is a fifth-year senior with the leadership qualities to aid the freshmen and transfers in their adjustment to NCAA Division I baseball. Last season, he hit .319 and was 11 of 12 in the stolen base department. His outstanding glove work will provide defensive strength at first base.

Tovey Goynes will be the anchor in the outfield. He is the leading returning hitter at .321 and he stole 27 bases. He played in more games than any other Panther last season and UNI will need him in the lineup just as often this year.

Bogunia returns, straight from a freshman record-setting season of five home runs. Northern Iowa will depend on his clutch bat with which he hit 25 RBI's in 29 games last season. Bogunia carried a slugging percentage of .882 this fall without a strikeout.

Newcomers will be the key to UNI's season. John Pratt, a freshman from Nashua, IA, led the team in hitting at .571 in the fall. He was all-state as an outfielder his senior season in high school and with his 34 stolen bases he will be expected to add quite a bit to the Panthers' speed attack.

Another new face in the locker room this season is Mark Lumpa, a sophomore transfer from Iowa. His fall campaign with UNI included a .545 batting average and an astounding 1.182 slugging percentage. His bat will be in the lineup regularly, according to Baker, so look for him to play many different positions.

Pitching looks bright with the addition of two Steves, Dreyer and Bair. Dreyer, a standout at Ames (IA) High School, went 6-0 his senior season and earned all-conference honors with a .344 batting average as a shortstop. However, Baker said he feels his early contribution will be as a pitcher. Bair, a Cedar Rapids (IA) Kennedy graduate, also was 6-0 his senior season earning him honorable mention all-state honors. Bair also showed that he can pitch on the college level, witnessed by his 2.57 ERA during the fall season.

Very few positions are sewn up for Northern Iowa this season. At first base Andrews has a lock, but from there it gets a little more complicated. At second, there is a three-way fight for the starting nod between juniors John King and Wirtz and sophomore Brian Dixon.

"I like all three of these guys," Baker explained. "King and Wirtz are probably the better defensive players and they've got an extra year, but I like Dixon's bat from the left side. He gives our team another dimension. Those three have got to fight it out among themselves and show me what they've got."

Shortstop appears to be pretty solid with redshirt junior Scheidegger. A hard worker, Baker said he likes his hustle and defensive abilities. In the fall, Scheidegger played errorless ball and showed promise at the plate by hitting .375. Freshman Mike Morony, a redshirt as well, can step in admirably if needed according to Baker.

At third, the Panthers have a problem that most coaches would like to have — three good hitters vying for the same spot. Bogunia, Lumpa and sophomore Kurt Wedewer all are excellent hitters, but must improve their defensive skills to take over as frontrunner for the job at third, Baker said.

"Those are three outstanding guys at the plate, no doubt about it," he said. "My only concern is defensively. If one or more of them can show definite improvement in that area, that may give them the inside track for the everyday job at third. But regardless of who gets the position, we've got to get their bats in the lineup. One of them will DH for us, but all three should make large contributions by season's end."

Catching is a two-man race at this point between junior Bret Postgate and sophomore Tim Volz. This is a pretty even battle as neither has much experience and both are adequate defensively. Volz has the stronger arm, while Postgate has the quicker release.

The outfield, despite many losses, has a number of quality athletes to fill the three positions. Goynes has centerfield locked up, but at least six others are battling for the other two positions.

"We've got several guys in our outfield that can help our ballclub. I intend to see that they all get that opportunity. Guys like Steve Schmelzer, John Pratt, Geff Gescheidler, Mark Chambers, Mike Mendyk and Matt TeStrake all will get some playing time," Baker assured.

"I just want all our guys to remember that to win, we've got to do three things. First, our pitchers, especially the young guys, have got to throw strikes. It's as simple as that. With walks, our defense doesn't have a chance. Second, we've got to maximize

our speed game, and I mean all the time. Whether we're up by five or down by five, we've got to get the guys moving on the basepaths to get our offense started. And finally, when we have to get something done, we must do it. Execution is the key to this team and this season. We won't steal home very often, so we've got to get RBI's from everyone. When we need the big defensive play, we've got to get it. I look to our upperclassman to show the younger guys how to step up and do it."

A winning attitude is what it is all about. He intends, in his first season, as head coach, to make the term "Rebuilding Year" a baseball anachronism. Yes, there's a winning attitude about Baker, and that attitude will rub off on his players. A new era of baseball has arrived at Northern Iowa and that era is . . . winning.

Student Asst. Trainer Jeff Marcks



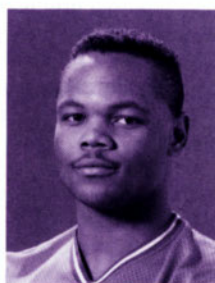
Jeff Marcks is a student assistant trainer with the baseball team, now in his second year with the program. He is a member of the UNI wrestling team and is majoring in therapeutic recreation. Jeff is a Council Bluffs, IA, native and a junior at Northern Iowa.

Player Profiles



Donnie Allen
Hometown:
 Eagle Grove,
 IA
High School:
 Eagle Grove
 Junior College
 transfer from
 Waldorf . . .
 Earned two
 letters in two
 seasons there

. . . Expected to provide immediate help to previously beleaguered mound corps . . . Hard throwing right hander must overcome early-inning inconsistency to be effective . . . Lists hobbies as hunting and fishing . . . Son of Rick and Wyn Ann Allen . . . Born 1/1/67.



Shawn Andrews
Hometown:
 Marshalltown,
 IA
High School:
 Marshalltown
 Strong bat
 and good
 speed make
 Shawn an
 offensive force

. . . Outstanding defensive first baseman . . . Hit .319 as junior with 11 stolen bases . . . Greatest assets to team are leadership abilities and experience . . . Must maintain leadership abilities for Panthers to be successful . . . Majoring in Computer Science . . . Son of Willie and Barbara Andrews . . . Born 8/14/64



Steve Bair
Hometown:
 Cedar Rapids,
 IA

High School:
 Kennedy
 Was 6-0 as a
 hurler his
 senior year at
 Cedar Rapids
 Kennedy High
 School . . .

Earned honorable mention all-state as a result . . . Showed good promise in fall with moving fastball and good control . . . Will steadily improve with strength and maturity . . . Lists chief ambition to be a hospital administrator . . . Son of Gerald and Janet Bair . . . Born 9/17/68



Kevin Berns
Hometown:
 Garnavillo, IA
High School:
 Garnavillo

New UNI
 player this
 year,
 transferring
 in from Air
 Force
 Academy . . .

Very intelligent pitcher . . . 3.00 ERA this fall was third on the squad . . . May start or relieve . . . Success will depend on ability to hit spots in the strike zone . . . Majoring in Computer Information Systems . . . Son of Glenn and Linda Berns . . . Born 7/8/68



Norm Bogunia
Hometown:
 South Bend,
 IN

High School:
 Washington
 Most
 productive of
 third basemen
 last year . . .
 Set freshman

record with 5 home runs in 1987 . . . Slugging percentage of .882 with 0 strikeouts attests to offensive ability . . . Must continue to improve fielding . . . Enjoys watching Notre Dame football and basketball . . . Son of Dave and Sharon Bogunia . . . Born 1/6/67



Mike Brandmeyer
Hometown:
 Boone, IA
High School:
 United
 Community

Best ERA of
 all returning
 hurlers at
 3.00 . . .
 Came on

strong near end of fall workouts . . . When mentally ready to pitch, can be as tough as anyone in conference . . . Should see action in big games . . . Majoring in Accounting . . . Son of Stan and Vivian Brandmeyer . . . Born 9/21/67



Mark Chambers
Hometown:
 East
 St. Louis, IL

High School:
 Lincoln
 All-area his
 senior year
 with .420
 batting
 average at

East St. Louis Lincoln . . . One of Northern Iowa's "Rabbits" in the outfield . . . Saw plenty of playing time in fall . . . Should see much action during spring as well . . . Enjoys rap music . . . Son of Della Chambers . . . Born 9/13/69



Scott Childers
Hometown:
 Humboldt, IA
High School:
 Humboldt

Transfer from
 Iowa Western
 Community
 College . . .
 Displayed
 uncanny
 ability to win

in fall . . . Hopefully is over injuries that plagued sophomore season . . . Must improve conditioning to become consistently effective . . . Collects baseball cards . . . Majoring in English . . . Son of Paul and Jean Childers . . . Born 12/22/66



Brian Dixon
Hometown:
 Cedar Rapids,
 IA
High School:
 Kennedy
 Transfer from
 AMCU rival
 Southwest
 Missouri State
 . . . Hard
 working

utility man that can catch as well as play infield . . . Must quicken release at second . . . Lefthanded bat and should see action in key situations . . . Aspires to be an accountant . . . Son of Denver and Connie Dixon . . . Born 2/14/68



Steve Dreyer
Hometown:
 Ames, IA
High School:
 Ames
 All-conference
 his senior
 season at
 Ames High
 School . . .
 Can play
 infield as well

as pitch . . . First contributions will be as a pitcher . . . Enjoys playing pool and fishing . . . Majoring in Radio/TV . . . Son of William and Suzan Dreyer . . . Born 11/19/69



Geff Gescheidler
Hometown:
 Webster City,
 IA
High School:
 Webster City
 Hit .467 in
 fall, leading
 team with 2
 triples . . .
 Should see

more action than last season . . . Good speed from left side increases offensive value . . . Defense will improve with playing time and experience . . . Chief ambition is to never lose . . . Son of Harold and Majorie Gescheidler . . . Born 1/14/68



Tovey Goynes
Hometown:
 Omaha, NE
High School:
 Northwest
 Will anchor
 outfield this
 season . . .
 Leading
 returning
 Panther hitter
 at .321 . . .

Stole 27 bases as a junior . . . Speed will allow Tovey to cover the outfield very well . . . Must reach base to put Panther offense in motion . . . Enjoys fishing, painting, gymnastics and martial arts . . . Son of Lonnie and Lorine Goynes . . . Born 8/20/66



Dennis Hanken
Hometown:
 Ossian, IA
High School:
 South
 Winneshiek
 Earned
 Oelwein
 Register
 Player of the
 Year honors

by going 8-3 with a 1.46 ERA and .426 batting average his senior season at South Winneshiek . . . Success in fall will be rewarded by mound time in spring . . . Majoring in Mathematics . . . Son of Gervase and Margaret Hanken . . . Born 9/23/68



Adam Huehnergath
Hometown:
 Bellevue, IA
High School:
 Bellevue
 Community
 Enormous
 amount of
 raw ability
 . . . Earned
 spot on

IHBCA All-Star Squad as a senior . . . Has shot in 1988 rotation . . . Will continue to improve with experience . . . Is a Business major . . . Son of Susan Huehnergath . . . Born 5/18/69



Rod Hulme
Hometown:
Traer, IA
High School:
North Tama
Most

experienced of
 returning
 pitchers . . .
 Struck out 30
 batters in 28
 1/3 innings as

a sophomore . . . Gets many ground
 balls when effective . . . Will be looked
 to for leadership by young pitchers staff
 . . . Majoring in Physical Education
 . . . Son of Ron and Pat Hulme . . .
 Born 3/7/66



Curt Johnson
Hometown:
Marion, IA
High School:
Linn-Mar
Only

returning
 lefty on staff
 . . . Was
 plagued by
 inconsistent
 control in fall

. . . Should see much more mound
 time in 1988 than in 1987 . . . Would
 like to pursue career in Public
 Relations . . . Son of James Johnson
 . . . Born 9/15/68



John King
Hometown:
Clear Lake, IA
High School:
Clear Lake

One of three
 vying for
 second base
 starting job
 . . . Best
 range to left
 of the three

. . . Good hitting mechanics . . . Hard
 worker . . . Will be hurt by lack of
 experience . . . Played errorless defense
 in fall . . . Interested in all sports . . .
 Son of Bud and Kay King . . . Born
 8/26/66



**Jeremiah
 Longnecker**
Hometown:
**Cedar Falls,
 IA**
High School:
Cedar Falls

One of two
 local products
 on Panther
 roster . . . 3rd
 team all-state

as a senior at Cedar Falls High School
 . . . Impressed staff with curve ball in
 fall . . . Hard work will make Jeremiah
 an asset in 1988 . . . Majoring in
 Secondary Education . . . Son of John
 and Sharon Longnecker . . . Born
 5/9/69



Mark Lumpa
Hometown:
Iowa City, IA
High School:
City High

Transfer from
 University of
 Iowa . . . Had
 .545 batting
 average and
 1.182
 slugging

percentage in fall . . . Will play many
 defensive positions to keep strong bat
 in lineup . . . Enjoys vocal music and
 hunting . . . Son of Gary Lumpa and
 Beth Sass . . . Born 9/25/66



Mike Mendyk
Hometown:
Oskaloosa, IA
High School:
Oskaloosa

Led entire
 state in
 hitting with
 .587 average
 as senior,
 earning all-
 state honors

. . . Made squad as walkon this fall . . .
 Excellent natural athlete . . . Could
 push for playing time in 1988 . . .
 Majoring in Accounting . . . Son of
 Eloise Furnas . . . Born 6/30/69



**Matthew
"Chip"
Metzger**
Hometown:
Bettendorf,
IA
High School:
Bettendorf
Lefty joins
Panther staff
after
successful
campaign at Bettendorf High School
... Control is the key with Chip
necessitated by the lack of
overpowering velocity ... Hard worker
... Should see action against left
handed hitters ... Enjoys golf,
hunting and fishing ... Son of Donald
and Sharon Metzger ... Born 10/1/67



Mike Morony
Hometown:
Spencer, IA
High School:
Spencer
Community
Honorable
mention all-
state his
senior season
... Redshirt
season
allowed physical improvement and a
move from second base to shortstop
... Hard-nosed ballplayer with a
winning attitude ... Desires to teach
on the secondary level and also coach
... Son of James and Darlene Morony
... Born 3/24/68



Bret Posegate
Hometown:
Ames, IA
High School,
Ames
Quickest
release of two
returning
catchers ...
Working hard
to improve
defense in off
season after fall season ... Contact
hitter that strikes out very little ...
Good man to have in middle of a rally
... Enjoys music and all sports ...
Son of Dave and Sal Posegate ... Born
1/8/67



John Pratt
Hometown:
Nashua, IA
High School:
Nashua
Multi-sport
all-stater at
Nashua High
School hitting
.470 as senior
... Great
speed and
strong arm make it hard to keep John
out of lineup ... May have won
starting job with outstanding fall ...
Enjoys skiing and swimming ... Son
of Delbert and Janet Pratt ... Born
10/4/68



**Brad
Reifsteck**
Hometown:
Cedar Falls,
IA
High School:
Cedar Falls
Fifth-year
senior, but
first-year
player ...
Impressed
coaching staff with high strikeout ratio
early in fall ... Conditioning should
improve consistency ... May start or
relieve ... Majoring in Mechanical
Design and Drafting ... Son of Mike
and Jan Reifsteck ... Born 6/5/65



Bill Rhea
Hometown:
Quimby, IA
High School:
Willow
Community
Hard
throwing
righthander
will be key
figure in
Panther
pitching plans this year ... Seems to
have conquered weight problem that
caused bad back ... Can get big
strikeout when needed ... Enjoys
fishing and hunting ... Son of Virginia
Rhea ... Born 1/27/67



Brian Scheidegger
Hometown:
Chadwick, IL
High School:
Chadwick

Best defensively of infield corps . . . Red-shirted last year behind

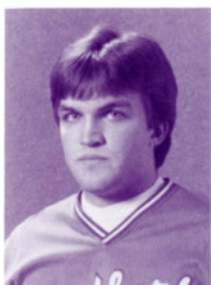
experienced keystoners . . . Key to Panther defense . . . Hit .375 in fall while playing errorless shortstop . . . Good speed . . . Hard worker . . . Majoring in physical education with a minor in health . . . Son of Charles and Audrey Scheidegger . . . Born 9/5/66



Steve Schmelzer
Hometown:
Garnavillo, IA
High School:
Garnavillo

Strong lefthanded hitter . . . Hit .300 in fall with .400 slugging

percentage . . . Strong, accurate arm from outfield . . . Working to improve speed to fit in with fleet-footed Panther outfield . . . Majoring in Biotechnology . . . Son of Jim and Shirley Schmelzer . . . Born 11/23/67



Matt TeStake
Hometown:
Muscatine, IA
High School:
Muscatine

Academic all-conference as a senior at Muscatine High School . . . Strong arm and quick

bat . . . Will see playing time in outfield in 1988, but versatility may allow move in future . . . Enjoys running and other sports . . . Son of Myron and Shirley TeStake . . . Born 10/23/68



Mark Vetter
Hometown:
Huxley, IA
High School:
Ballard

Newcomer this spring after sitting out fall season . . . Transfer from Waldorf . . . Excellent

overhand curveball . . . Late arrival prohibits true evaluation, but Mark should provide depth and maturity to young staff . . . A criminology major . . . Son of Mel Vetter . . . Born 5/1/67



Tim Volz
Hometown:
Chatfield, MN
High School:
Chosen Valley

Strongest arm of returning catchers . . . Redshirted in 1987 to gain maturity . . . Refinement of

motor skills will make Tim an important part of the Panther season . . . Majoring in Journalism . . . Hopes to write for major newspaper . . . Son of John and Jeanne Volz . . . Born 2/10/68



Kurt Wedewer
Hometown:
Dyersville, IA
High School:
Beckman

Hit .290 in 1987 . . . Good speed for third baseman may facilitate keeping him

moved around . . . Excellent worker at the plate who must continue improving his defense . . . Enjoys weight lifting and jogging . . . Son of David and Joan Wedewer . . . Born 8/22/66



Kevin Willard
Hometown:
 Chula Vista,
 CA
High School:
 Chula Vista
 Best known
 for exploits as
 Panther
 quarterback
 . . . Fifth-year
 senior with

size to warrant serious consideration as a key moundsman . . . Unlimited potential and winning attitude will help inexperienced pitching staff . . . Would like to play professional football . . . Son of Charles and Wanda Willard . . .
 Born 4/10/65



Dan Wirtz
Hometown:
 Iowa City, IA
High School:
 Regina
 Good hands
 around the
 bag make Dan
 the preseason
 front runner
 for second
 base job . . .

Stole 10 bases in limited action in 1987 . . . Showed promise with bat, hitting .455 versus JUCOs this fall . . . Enjoys golf, skiing and hunting . . . Son of Pete and Marilyn Wirtz . . . Born 12/18/65

Redshirt Players



Tim Cross
Hometown:
 Davenport, IA
High School:
 West
 Size makes
 Tim a
 potentially
 effective
 pitcher . . .
 With
 improvement

in overall body quickness and control in the strike zone, he could be an asset to the Panthers in the future . . . Hobbies include investing in coins . . . Son of Edward and Charlotte Cross . . .
 Born 12/20/67



Jim Duthie
Hometown:
 Iowa City, IA
High School:
 City High
 Transfer from
 Ellsworth
 where he was
 2-0 on a sub
 .500 team . . .
 Lanky lefty
 with good off

speed pitches . . . Needs to increase strength to be effective in 1989 . . . Golfs as a pastime . . . Son of Becky and Freeman Duthie . . . Born 2/25/67



Brad Hansen
Hometown:
 Missouri
 Valley, IA
High School:
 Missouri
 Valley
 Third team
 all-state at
 Missouri
 Valley High
 School where

he hit .459 as a senior . . . Can catch and is learning first base . . . Needs one year to fill out 6-3 frame . . . Enjoys hunting and swimming . . . Son of Dennis and Susan Hansen . . . Born 10/30/68



Dan Reisner
Hometown:
 Sumner, IA
High School:
 Sumner
 Had a 3-1
 senior season
 at Sumner
 High School
 . . . Lean lefty
 with excellent
 work habits

. . . Has gained strength and should improve with continued conditioning . . . Son of Bonnie and Robert Reisner . . . Born 12/3/68

1987 Final Statistics

RECORD: 26-21 HOME: 12-7 AWAY: 10-12 NEUTRAL 4-2 AMCU (GRAY DIVISION): 3-9

	G	AB	R	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAC	SO	BB	HBP	SB	AVG.	CH	PO	A	E	AVG.
Tovey Goynes	43	84	34	23	2	2		19	6	16	31		27/29	.321	61	57	3	1	1.984
Eric Snider	41	145	43	39	14	4	4	43	2	12	17	1	33/38	.421	162	38	95	29	821
Dave Smith	41	142	34	53	10	1	4	27	1	11	22	2	19/25	.373	172	88	74	10	942
Brett Talkington	40	126	27	30	6		6	31	1	14	16	1	11/15	.333	50	45	3	2	960
Jeff Frese	40	111	18	23	11		5	25	3	11	22	1	1/2	.351	103	96	4	3	971
Rico Vaske	35	92	24	17	10		6	32	1	24	17	2	4/6	.359	119	111	6	2	983
Norm Bogunia	29	77	13	11	7		5	25	2	24	9	0	3/4	.299	56	18	32	6	893
Shawn Andrews	28	72	20	16	5		2	10	2	17	12	1	11/12	.319	147	131	13	3	980
John Beckfield	27	87	10	27	4		3	14	2	19	6	1	2/2	.391	188	169	14	5	973
Mark Burns	27	57	14	14	6	2	2	15	2	14	16		8/11	.421	26	25	0	1	962
Dan Wirtz	26	11	14	3				2		2	6		10/13	.273	11	4	6	1	910
Javier Bravo	22	63	16	15	4		4	21		9	11		11/12	.365	43	40	2	1	977
Paul Sikorski	21	33	8	7	1			3	3	13	11	1	2/2	.242	38	9	22	7	816
Kurt Wedewer	19	31	8	7			2	3	1	7	4		3/3	.290	19	12	5	2	895
Steve Schmelzer	10	15	2	2		1		2		3	3		2/2	.200	3	3	0	0	1.000
Bob Kelsey	9	22	4	2			3	10		6	2		1/1	.228	0	0	0	0	0.000
Pat Hansen	2	6	3	2	1			1		1			2/2	.500	8	1	7	0	1.000
Ceff Gescheidler	2	1	1	0									1/1	.000	0	0	0	0	0.000
Mike Brandmeyer	1	1	0	0							1			.000	0	0	0	0	0.000
Hal Hennenfent															21	1	19	1	953
Paul Boffeli															28	2	25	1	964
Rod Hulme															3	1	1	1	666
Bill Halliburton															3	2	1	0	1.000
Curt Johnson															3	1	2	0	1.000
Tim Wilson															7	3	4	0	1.000
Mike Gerlach															2	0	2	0	1.000
Aaron Cherry															1	0	1	0	1.000
UNI Totals	43	1166	293	276	81	10	46	283	26	203	206	12	151/180	.354	1302	855	371	76	942
OPP Totals	43	1182	280	211	83	7	45	252	22	250	211	8	51/64	.293	1320	862	357	101	923

PITCHING	GS	GC	REL	IP	BF	1B	2B	3B	HR	R	ER	ERA	BB	SO	HBP	WP	SV	WON	LOST	PCT.
Boffeli	12	3	1	681/3	303	56	17		10	55	36	4.72	33	43	2	2		3	5	.375
Hennenfent	9	2	2	44	219	33	18	2	7	51	33	6.75	23	25	3	4		4	5	.444
Hansen	8	2	5	402/3	211	31	13	1	4	50	36	7.97	39	25	4	4		4	4	.500
Tim Wilson	6	2	3	311/3	154	26	8	1	7	38	29	8.33	30	32	4	3		3	2	.600
Halliburton	5		6	27	137	19	7		3	22	25	8.33	32	36	2	2		3	3	.500
Rod Hulme			11	281/3	149	17	6	2	6	26	19	6.04	20	30	4	1		1	1	.500
Gerlach			18	222/3	109	10	7		6	21	18	7.15	17	34	5	2	5	2	0	1.000
Brandmeyer	2	1	1	9	47	6	2	1		7	3	3.00	9	10		1		1	1	.500
Cherry	1	1	1	9	39	6	2		1	10	8	8.00	1	11	1		1	1	0	1.000
C. Johnson			4	41/3	28	7	3		1	10	8	16.6	7	4						.000
UNI Totals	43	11	50	285	1396	211	83	7	45	280	215	6.79	211	250	8	15	6	22	21	.512
OPP Totals	43	14	40	2871/3	1371	291	81	10	46	293	279	8.74	206	203	12	23	4	21	22	.488

1987 Entries in the UNI Record Book

Team Records:

- Most Wins in a Season 26 (Tied with 1981 Season)
- Most Games Played in a Season 47 (Old Record 45 in 1985)
- Most Doubles in a Season 81 (Old Record 73 in 1986)
- Most Stolen Bases in a Season 151 of 180 (Old Record 137 in 1986)
- Most Assists in a Season 371 (Old Record 347 in 1985)
- Most Walks in a Season (Pitched) 211 (Old Record 191 in 1986)
- Most Strikeouts in a Season (Pitched) 250 (Old Record 213 in 1986)

Record Book

continued

Individual Records:

- Most Hits in a Season 61 by Eric Snider (Tied with Todd Barkalow 1986)
- Most Doubles in a Season 14 by Eric Snider (Old Record 13 by Jim Blythe in 1977)
- Most Stolen Bases in a Season 33 of 38 by Eric Snider (Old Record 32 by Snider in 1986)
- Most Stolen Bases in a Career 65 by Eric Snider in 1986 & 87
- Most Pitching Appearances in a Season 18 by Mike Gerlach (Tied with Tom Jansen in 1973)
- Most At Bats in a Season 145 by Eric Snider in 1986 & 87
- Most Home Runs by a Freshman 5 by Norm Bogunia (Tied with Todd Barkalow (1983)
- Most Walks in a Season 31 by Tovey Goynes (Tied with Tod Barkalow 1986)
- Most Pickoffs in a Season 14 by Paul Boffeli (Newly Established Record)
- Most Pickoffs in a Career 23 by Paul Boffeli (Newly Established Record)

Northern Iowa Records

Team Records

- Most Wins, Season — 26, 1981 and 1987
- Most Losses, Season — 32, 1985
- Most Games Played, Season — 47, 1987
- Most At-Bats, Season — 1193, 1985
- Most Runs, Season — 366, 1986
- Most Runs, Game — 27 vs. Western Normal and Monmouth, 1928
- Most Runs, Game, Both Teams — 44 vs. Mt. Mercy, 1985
- Most Runs, Doubleheader — 45 vs. Mt. Mercy, 1985
- Most Runs, Doubleheader, Both Teams — 67 vs. Mt. Mercy, 1985
- Most Runs Allowed, Game — 27 vs. Northern Illinois, 1967
27 vs. Southwest Missouri, 1985
- Most Runs Allowed, Doubleheader — 40 vs. Southwest Missouri, 1985
- Largest Winning Margin, Game — 24 runs (27-3) vs. Monmouth, 1928
- Largest Losing Margin, Game — 23 runs (27-4) vs. Southwest Missouri, 1985
- Longest Winning Streak — 13 games (10 games in 1947, 3 in 1948)
- Longest Losing Streak — 12 games (1979 and 1983)
- Most Hits, Season — 414, 1986
- Highest Batting Average — .363, 1986
- Highest Slugging Percentage — .625, 1986
- Most Doubles, Season — 81, 1987
- Most Triples, Season — 14, 1962
- Most Home Runs, Season — 68, 1986
- Most Runs Batted In, Season — 323, 1986
- Most Extra Base Hits, Season — 152, 1986
- Most Total Bases, Season — 713, 1986
- Most Stolen Bases, Season — 151, 1987
- Most Walks, Season — 212, 1986
- Most Strikeouts, Season — 208, 1985
- Most Putouts, Season — 862, 1985
- Most Assists, Season — 371, 1987
- Most Errors, Season, 1985 and 1986
- Most Double Plays, Season — 30, 1985

Pitching

Most Complete Games, Season — 18, 1976
Most Innings Pitched, Season — 287.1, 1985
Most Runs Allowed, Season — 30, 1985
Most Walks, Season — 211, 1987
Lowest Earned Run Average, Season — 2.20, 1959 (31 ER in 127 IP)
Most Strikeouts, Season — 250, 1987
Most Shutouts, Season — 6, 1972

Individual Records

Batting

Most Games Played, Season — 45, Todd Barkalow and Scott Schmelzer, 1985
Most Games Played, Career — 138, Todd Barkalow, 1983-1986
Most At-Bats, Season — 145, Eric Snider, 1986 and 1987
Most At-Bats, Career — 423, Todd Barkalow, 1983-1986
Most Hits, Season — 61, Todd Barkalow, 1986 and Eric Snider, 1987
Batting Average, Season — .525 (32-61), Dick Nottger, 1941
.500 (61-122), Todd Barkalow, 1986
Most Hits, Career — 156, Todd Barkalow, 1983-1986
Most Doubles, Season — 14, Eric Snider, 1987
Most Doubles, Career — 23, Scott Schmelzer, 1985-1986
Most Triples, Season — 6, Jerry Holbrook, 1962
Most Triples, Career — 10, Tim Hackenmiller, 1970-1973
Most Home Runs, Season — 16, Todd Barkalow, 1986
Most Home Runs, Career — 42, Todd Barkalow, 1983-1986
Most Home Runs, Season, Freshman — 5, Norm Bogunia, 1987 and Todd Barkalow, 1983
Most Extra Base Hits, Season — 25, Scott Schmelzer, 1985 and Todd Barkalow, 1986
Most Extra Base Hits, Career — 69, Todd Barkalow, 1983-1986
Most Runs Batted In, Season — 63, Todd Barkalow, 1986
Most Runs Batted In, Career — 153, Todd Barkalow, 1983-1986
Most Runs Scored, Season — 49, Eric Snider, 1986
Most Runs Scored, Career — 108, Todd Barkalow, 1983-1986
Most Walks, Season — 31, Todd Barkalow, 1986 and Tovey Goynes, 1987
Most Walks, Career — 64, Mike Weber, 1974-1977
Most Stolen Bases, Season — 33, Eric Snider, 1987
Most Stolen Bases, Career — 65, Eric Snider, 1986-1987
Most Total Bases, Season — 120, Todd Barkalow, 1986
Most Total Bases, Career — 315, Todd Barkalow, 1983-1986
Most Strikeouts, Season — 30, Mark Lang, 1975
Highest Slugging Percentage — .984, Todd Barkalow, 1986

Pitching

Games, Season — 18, Tom Jansen, 1973
Games, Career — 44, Tom Jansen, 1970-1973
Wins, Season — 8, Doug Darnell, 1968
Wins, Career — 19, Doug Darnell, 1967-1969
Most Complete Games, Season — 9, Darrell Bunge, 1962
Most Complete Games, Career — 15, Tom Simpson, 1963-1965
Innings Pitched, Season — 79, Darrell Bunge, 1962
Innings Pitched, Career — 187, Scot Palmer, 1979-1982
Lowest Earned Run Average, Season — 0.38, Tom Simpson (2 ER in 48 IP), 1963
Lowest Earned Run Average, Career — 1.28, Tom Simpson (22 ER in 155 IP), 1963-1965
Consecutive Scoreless Innings — 40.1, Tom Simpson, 1963
Most Pickoffs, Season — 14, Paul Boffeli, 1987
Most Pickoffs, Career — 23, Paul Boffeli, 1984-1987

1987 Game Results

@Lincoln University	18-1/12-1	WESTMAR	†7-0/7-0
@Lincoln University	7-5/17-6	@Wartburg	10-4/4-6
@Arkansas	3-9	MT. MERCY	13-3/8-2
*#Central Arkansas	7-5	\$\$@Western Illinois	1-3/5-15/8-4/5-4
*#Wis-Oshkosh	6-27	IOWA WESLEYAN	12-2/16-2
#Wis-Oshkosh	10-15	\$\$SOUTHWEST MISSOURI	6-5/5-10/3-10/3-5
*#Ft. Hayes St.	16-15	\$\$Eastern Illinois	6-9/1-5/5-9/4-11
@Evangel	10-5/8-1	@Iowa State	2-9
*#Goshen	†7-0	ST. AMBROSE	6-9
*#Wis-Oshkosh	†7-0	WARTBURG	10-0, 8-10
@Central Missouri	5-6/8-9	@Grand View	6-3, 7-15
CREIGHTON	3-2/6-5	IOWA	4-6, 6-5
BRIAR CLIFF	5-11/12-2		

@Away Games

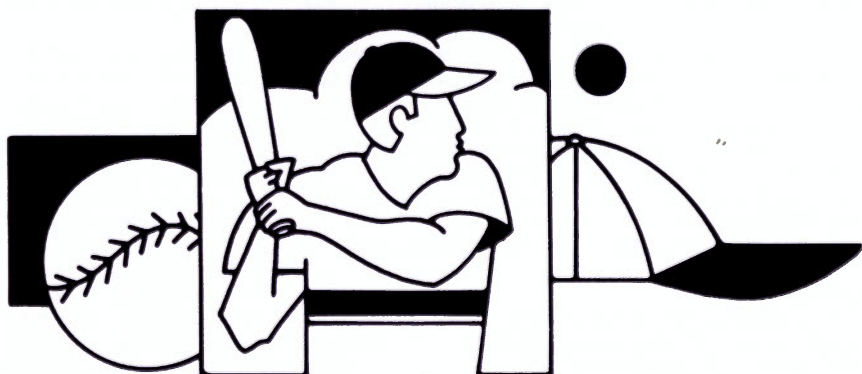
*Sho-Me Baseball School

#Neutral Field

†Forfeit Received

HOMES GAMES

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Opponents



Northeast Missouri "Bulldogs"

AWAY: March 12
March 13

LOCATION: Kirksville, Missouri
HEAD COACH: Sam Nugent
RECORD @ NWMS: 216-296
1987 RECORD: 11-18
CONFERENCE: MIAA
CONFERENCE RECORD: 9-6
SID: William Cable
SID PHONE: (816) 785-4127
SERIES RECORD: UNI leads 3-1
LAST GAME: 1939 UNI wins 6-3



Central Missouri "Mules"

AWAY: March 20

LOCATION: Warrensburg, Missouri
HEAD COACH: Stu Rogers
RECORD @ CMSU: 75-75
1987 RECORD: 18-17
CONFERENCE: MIAA
CONFERENCE RECORD: 6-6
SID: Bill Turnage
SID PHONE: (816) 429-4312
SERIES RECORD: CMSU leads 3-1
LAST GAME: 1987 CMSU wins 9-8



Northwest Missouri "Bearcats"

AWAY: March 19

LOCATION: Maryville, Missouri
HEAD COACH: Jim Johnson
RECORD @ NWMS: 115-124
1987 RECORD: 22-22
CONFERENCE: MIAA
CONFERENCE RECORD: 8-4
SID: Larry Cain
SID PHONE: (816) 562-1118
SERIES RECORD: UNI leads 3-1
LAST GAME: 1981 UNI wins 5-4



Arkansas "Razorbacks"

AWAY: March 21
March 22

LOCATION: Fayetteville, Arkansas
HEAD COACH: Norm DeBriyn
RECORD @ U of A: 611-303-3
1987 RECORD: 51-16-1
CONFERENCE: Southwest
CONFERENCE RECORD: 17-4
SID: Bill Rogers, Shea Hamilton
SID PHONE: (501) 575-3655
SERIES RECORD: U of A leads 1-0
LAST GAME: 1987 U of A wins 9-3



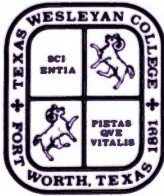
**Oklahoma
State
"Cowboys"**

AWAY: March 23
March 24
LOCATION: Stillwater, Oklahoma
HEAD COACH: Gary Ward
RECORD @ OSU: 566-172
1987 RECORD: 59-13
CONFERENCE: Big Eight
CONFERENCE RECORD: 15-6
SID: Tom Dirato
SID PHONE: (405) 624-5749
SERIES RECORD: OSU leads 4-1
LAST GAME: 1976 OSU wins 5-2



**Wartburg
"Knights"**

HOME: March 28
AWAY: April 18
LOCATION: Waverly, Iowa
HEAD COACH: John Kurtt
RECORD @ WC: 64-95
1987 RECORD: 15-20
CONFERENCE: Iowa
CONFERENCE RECORD: 11-7
SID: Duane Schroeder
SID PHONE: (319) 352-8277
SERIES RECORD: UNI leads 66-33
LAST GAME: 1987 WC wins 10-8



**Texas
Wesleyan
"Rams"**

AWAY: March 24
LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas
HEAD COACH: Brad Bass
RECORD @ TWC: 30-19
1987 RECORD: 30-19
CONFERENCE: Independent
CONFERENCE RECORD: N/A
SID: Brad Bass
SID PHONE: (817) 531-4462
SERIES RECORD: 0-0
LAST GAME: First Meeting



**Grand View
"Vikings"**

HOME: March 31
April 1
LOCATION: Des Moines, Iowa
HEAD COACH: Lou Yacinich
RECORD @ GCV: 172-131
1987 RECORD: 17-26
CONFERENCE: Independent
CONFERENCE RECORD: N/A
SID: Barry Lowe
SID PHONE: (515) 263-2898
SERIES RECORD: GVC leads 11-7
LAST GAME: 1987 GVC wins 15-7



**Missouri
"Tigers"**

AWAY: March 26
LOCATION: Columbia, Missouri
HEAD COACH: Gene McArthur
RECORD @ U of M: 491-267-3
1987 RECORD: 36-26
CONFERENCE: Big Eight
CONFERENCE RECORD: 14-10
SID: Jack Watkins
SID PHONE: (314) 882-6501
SERIES RECORD: U of M leads 4-1
LAST GAME: 1983 UNI wins 6-4



**St. Ambrose
"Fighting
Bees"**

HOME: April 20
AWAY: April 4
LOCATION: Davenport, Iowa
HEAD COACH: John Furlong
RECORD @ SAU: First Year
1987 RECORD: 12-15
CONFERENCE: Independent
SID: Kevin Cavanaugh
SID PHONE: (319) 383-8822
SERIES RECORD: UNI leads 7-2
LAST GAME: 1987 SAU wins 9-6



Mankato State "Mavericks"

HOME: April 5
LOCATION: Mankato, Minnesota
HEAD COACH: Dean Bowyer
RECORD @ MSU: 323-151-2
1987 RECORD: 32-16
CONFERENCE: North Central
CONFERENCE RECORD: 10-2
SID: Paul Allan
SID PHONE: (507) 389-2625
SERIES RECORD: MSU leads 15-9
LAST GAME: 1977 MSU wins 3-2



Iowa "Hawkeyes"

HOME: April 19
AWAY: April 12
LOCATION: Iowa City, Iowa
HEAD COACH: Duane Banks
RECORD @ U of I: 529-327
1987 RECORD: 29-28
CONFERENCE: Big Ten
CONFERENCE RECORD: 9-7
SID: Steve Malchow, Scott Reed
SID PHONE: (319) 335-9411
SERIES RECORD: Iowa leads 32-9
LAST GAME: 1987 UNI wins 6-5



Iowa State "Cyclones"

HOME: April 6
AWAY: April 14
May 4
LOCATION: Ames, Iowa
HEAD COACH: Bob Randall
RECORD @ ISU: 72-98-1
1987 RECORD: 25-27
CONFERENCE: Big Eight
CONFERENCE RECORD: 7-13
SID: Donna Turner
SID PHONE: (515) 294-3372
SERIES RECORD: ISU leads 63-32
LAST GAME: 1987 ISU wins 9-2



Western Illinois "Leather- necks"

HOME: April 16
April 17
LOCATION: Macomb, Illinois
HEAD COACH: Dick Pawlow
RECORD @ WIU: 358-300
1987 RECORD: 20-18
CONFERENCE: AMCU
CONFERENCE RECORD: 3-7
SID: Kevin Kane
SID PHONE: (309) 298-1133
SERIES RECORD: WIU leads 28-18
LAST GAME: 1987 UNI wins 5-4



St. Xavier "Cougars"

HOME: April 9
April 10
LOCATION: Chicago, Illinois
HEAD COACH: John Morrey
RECORD @ SXC: 332-233
1987 RECORD: 35-22
CONFERENCE: Chicagoland CAC
CONFERENCE RECORD: 8-2
SID: John Morrey
SID PHONE: (312) 779-3300
SERIES RECORD: 0-0
LAST GAME: First Meeting



Southwest Missouri "Bears"

AWAY: April 23
April 24
LOCATION: Springfield, Missouri
HEAD COACH: Keith Guttin
RECORD @ SMSU: 176-77
1987 RECORD: 38-14
CONFERENCE: AMCU
CONFERENCE RECORD: 7-3
SID: Mark Stillwell
SID PHONE: (417) 836-54-2
SERIES RECORD: SMSU leads 18-1
LAST GAME: 1987 SMSU wins 11-4

Mount Mercy "Mustangs"

AWAY: April 26
LOCATION: Cedar Rapids, Iowa
HEAD COACH: Curt Long
RECORD @ MMC: 13-23-1
1987 RECORD: 13-23-1
CONFERENCE: Independent
CONFERENCE RECORD: N/A
SID: David Slifer
SID PHONE: (319) 363-8213
SERIES RECORD: UNI leads 8-0
LAST GAME: 1987 UNI wins 8-2



Creighton "Blue Jays"

AWAY: May 5
LOCATION: Omaha, Nebraska
HEAD COACH: Jim Hendry
RECORD @ CU: 103-80-1
1987 RECORD: 35-24
CONFERENCE: Missouri Valley
CONFERENCE RECORD: 9-11
SID: Mike Reasoner
SID PHONE: (402) 280-2720
SERIES RECORD: CU leads 3-2
LAST GAME: 1987 UNI wins 6-5



Nebraska "Cornhuskers"

AWAY: April 27
LOCATION: Lincoln, Nebraska
HEAD COACH: John Sanders
RECORD @ U of N: 473-225
1987 RECORD: 36-21
CONFERENCE: Big Eight
CONFERENCE RECORD: 12-8
SID: Tom Simons
SID PHONE: (402) 472-2263
SERIES RECORD: Tied 1-1
LAST GAME: 1935 UNI wins 8-7



Briar Cliff "Chargers"

AWAY: May 7
May 8
LOCATION: Sioux City, Iowa
HEAD COACH: Eric Pfautsch
RECORD @ BBC: First year
1987 RECORD: 49-14
CONFERENCE: Independent
CONFERENCE RECORD: N/A
SID: Jerry Hanson
SID PHONE: (712) 279-1653
SERIES RECORD: UNI leads 9-3
LAST GAME: 1987 UNI wins 12-2



Eastern Illinois "Panthers"

HOME: April 30
May 1
LOCATION: Charleston, Illinois
HEAD COACH: Tom McDevitt
RECORD @ EIU: 272-164
1987 RECORD: 31-22-1
CONFERENCE: AMCU
CONFERENCE RECORD: 9-3
SID: David Kidwell
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Alphabetical Roster

#	Player Name	Class	Pos	B/T	Ht	Wt	Hometown
	Donnie Allen	JR	P	R/R	6'1"	200	Eagle Grove
	Shawn Andrews	SR	1B	L/L	6'2"	200	Marshalltown
	Steve Bair	FR	P	R/R	6'2"	170	Cedar Rapids
	Kevin Berns	SO	P	R/R	6'1"	175	Garnavillo
	Norm Bogunia	SO	3B	R/R	6'0"	185	South Bend, IN
	Mike Brandmeyer	SO	P	R/R	6'2"	190	Boone
	Mark Chambers	FR	OF	R/R	6'1"	170	East St. Louis, IL
	Scott Childers	JR	P	S/R	6'0"	195	Humboldt
	Brian Dixon	SO	2B	L/R	6'0"	175	Cedar Rapids
	Steve Dreyer	FR	P	R/R	6'1"	170	Ames
	Geff Gescheidler	SO	OF	L/L	5'11"	175	Webster City
	Tovey Goynes	SR	OF	R/R	5'9"	160	Omaha, NE
	Dennis Hanken	FR	P	R/R	6'1"	175	Ossian
	Adam Huehnergarth	FR	P	R/R	6'1"	190	Bellevue
	Rod Hulme	JR	P	R/R	5'10"	170	Traer
	Curt Johnson	SO	P	L/L	6'4"	185	Marion
	John King	JR	2B	R/R	5'10"	155	Clear Lake
	Jeremiah Longnecker	FR	P	R/R	6'0"	180	Cedar Falls
	Mark Lumpa	SO	3B	R/R	6'1"	180	Iowa City
	Mike Mendyk	FR	OF	R/R	5'10"	170	Oskaloosa
	Chip Metzger	FR	P	L/L	5'11"	190	Bettendorf
	Mike Morony	FR	SS	R/R	5'10"	165	Spencer
	Bret Posegate	JR	C	R/R	5'7"	165	Ames
	John Pratt	FR	OF	R/R	6'0"	180	Nashua
	Brad Reifsteck	SR	P	R/R	5'11"	175	Cedar Falls
	Bill Rhea	SO	P	R/R	6'2"	225	Quimby
	Brian Scheidegger	JR	SS	R/R	5'9"	170	Chadwick, IL
	Steve Schmelzer	SO	OF	L/L	5'11"	185	Garnavillo
	Matt TeStrake	FR	OF	R/R	6'3"	180	Muscatine
	Mark Vetter	JR	P	R/R	6'2"	195	Huxley
	Tim Volz	SO	C	R/R	6'1"	185	Chatfield, MN
	Kurt Wedewer	SO	3B	R/R	6'2"	190	Dyersville
	Kevin Willard	SR	P	L/L	6'5"	230	Chula Vista, CA
	Dan Wirtz	JR	2B	R/R	5'9"	160	Iowa City

Gene Baker, Head Coach

Hal Hennenfent, Assistant Coach

Numerical Roster

Gray

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2	Brian Dixon	SO	2B	L/R	6'0"	175	Cedar Rapids
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The Association of Mid-Continent Universities

The Association of Mid-Continent Universities (AMCU) was conceived in 1982 as eight Midwestern universities joined together to form a new league for men's athletics.

Representing six states, AMCU members are Cleveland State University, Eastern Illinois University, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Northern Iowa, Southwest Missouri State University, Valparaiso University, Western Illinois University, and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

One of the goals of the newly-formed Division I conference was to secure an automatic qualification into the NCAA Basketball Tournament. The league had its first season of cage competition in 1982-83, and it fulfilled its requirements for automatic NCAA Tournament qualification for the 1987-88 season.

In addition to basketball, the AMCU sponsors eight other sports, including soccer, baseball, cross-country, swimming, indoor track, outdoor track, golf, and tennis.

AMCU headquarters are located in Green Bay, WI, with a staff of commissioner F.L. (Frosty) Ferzacca, information director Michael Madsen, and secretary Tracy Atkinson. Richard Weiler of Oak Lawn, IL, is the supervisor of basketball officials, and the 1987-88 league president is Dr. Marshall Gordon of Southwest Missouri State. The AMCU is governed by a Council of Delegates, made up of the presidents and athletic directors of member schools.

AMCU All-Conference Baseball Teams

1987-First Team All-Conference

Name	Team	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown	High School
Brian Mahaffey	Southwest Missouri State	1B	JR	Springfield, MO	Kickapoo
Rick Steriotti	Eastern Illinois	2B	SR	Joliet, IL	Catholic
Tim Bogar	Eastern Illinois	SS	SO	Arlington Hts., IL	Buffalo Grove
Dale Polonus	Valparaiso	3B	JR	Lombard, IL	Glenbard East
Steve Wigdor	Valparaiso	C	JR	Staten Island, NY	Morris Hills
Eric Bradley	Illinois-Chicago	OF	SR	Chicago, IL	Chicago Vocational
Mike Mohr	Western Illinois	OF	JR	Macomb, IL	Macomb
Mike Rooney	Eastern Illinois	OF	SR	Arlington Hts., IL	St. Viator
Jeff Frese	Northern Iowa	DH	JR	Cedar Rapids, IA	Regis
Jim Gibbs	Southwest Missouri State	P	SR	Tipton, IN	Tipton
Tim Holmes	Valparaiso	P	JR	Valparaiso, IN	Wheeler

Second Team All-Conference

Rico Vaske	Northern Iowa	1B	SR	Dyersville, IA	Beckman
(Tie) John Wahlig	Southwest Missouri State	2B	JR	New Athens, IL	New Athens
Dave Smith	Northern Iowa	2B ₄	SR	Milwaukee, WI	Dominican
Jeff Kaiser	Southwest Missouri State	SS	JR	Hecker, IL	Waterloo
Stan Royer	Eastern Illinois	3B	SO	Charleston, IL	Charleston
Chris Howard	Western Illinois	C	SR	Williamsfield, IL	Williamsfield
Shannon Coppell	Eastern Illinois	OF	JR	Danville, IL	Danville
Mike Ruble	Southwest Missouri State	OF	JR	Parker City, IN	Monroe Central
Sam Spehar	Cleveland State	OF	FR	Strongsville, OH	Strongsville
Dave Martin	Western Illinois	DH	SR	Springfield, IL	Springfield
Scott Asche	Cleveland State	P	SO	Garfield Hts., OH	Garfield Hts.
John Grippi	Valparaiso	P	JR	Erie, PA	Cathedral Prep

Most Valuable Player: Tom Bogar, Eastern Illinois

Pitcher of the Year: Tim Holmes, Valparaiso

Coach of the Year: Keith Guttin, Southwest Missouri State



Final 1987 AMCU Standngs

Gray Division	AMCU Record	Pct.	Overall Record	Pct.
Eastern Illinois	9-3	.750	31-22-1	.583
Southwest Missouri State*	7-3	.700	38-14	.731
Western Illinois	3-7	.300	20-18	.526
Northern Iowa	3-9	.250	26-21	.553
Blue Division				
Valparaiso	8-4	.667	31-23-2	.571
Cleveland State	5-5	.500	20-17-2	.538
Illinois-Chicago	3-7	.300	23-27	.460

*AMCU Tournament Champ: *Southwest Missouri State*
 NCAA West II Regional (at Tempe, AZ)

AMCU Teams' Records in Tournament Play

(Records in AMCU tournaments since 1984)

	W-L	Pct.
Southwest Missouri State	15-1	.938
Eastern Illinois	6-6	.500
Northern Iowa	2-2	.500
Western Illinois	3-4	.429
Illinois-Chicago	2-4	.333
Valparaiso	2-6	.250
Cleveland State	1-8	.111

1988 AMCU Baseball Teams

Blue Division

Cleveland State University
 University of Illinois at Chicago
 Valparaiso University
 Wisconsin-Green Bay

Gray Division

Eastern Illinois
 Northern Iowa
 Southwest Missouri State
 Western Illinois

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Northern Iowa publishes the prestigious *North American Review*, a quarterly journal of literature that has received two National Magazine Awards. The University also operates KUNI-FM and KHKE-FM, serving eastern Iowa with quality music and public affairs programming. The Management Development Center and Small Business Development Center are two outreach programs of the School of Business, whose Department of Accounting is ranked among the best in the country.

Landmarks on the 838-acre campus include the Campanile, the Education Center, Strayer-Wood Theatre, Maucker University Union and the UNI-Dome. Special academic resources include the 600,000-volume University Library, the Industrial Technology Center and the Communication Arts Center.

The City of Cedar Falls is a pleasant and historic college town adjacent to Waterloo. Together, they are part of a major metropolitan area with a population of more than 100,000. It is a center for manufacturing, finance, commerce and cultural activities in northeast Iowa.

University of Northern Iowa Panthers 1988 Baseball Schedule

March	12	Northeast Missouri State	(2)	1:00	Kirksville, MO
	13	Northeast Missouri State	(2)	12:00	Kirksville, MO
	19	Northwest Missouri State	(2)	1:00	Maryville, MO
	20	Central Missouri State	(2)	1:00	Warrensburg, MO
	21	Arkansas	(1)	7:00	Fayetteville, AR
	22	Arkansas	(2)	2:00	Fayetteville, AR
	23	Oklahoma State	(1)	5:00	Stillwater, OK
	24	Oklahoma State	(1)	3:00	Stillwater, OK
		Texas Wesleyan	(1)	6:00	Stillwater, OK
	26	Missouri	(2)	12:00	Columbia, MO
	28	WARTBURG	(1)	2:00	CEDAR FALLS
	31	GRAND VIEW	(2)	1:00	CEDAR FALLS
	April	1	GRAND VIEW	(2)	1:00
4		St Ambrose	(2)	1:00	Davenport
5		MANKATO STATE	(1)	1:00	CEDAR FALLS
6		IOWA STATE	(2)	1:50	CEDAR FALLS
7		Waterloo Indians (exhibition)	(1)	6:00	Waterloo
9		ST XAVIER	(2)	1:00	CEDAR FALLS
10		ST XAVIER	(2)	10:30	CEDAR FALLS
12		Iowa	(1)	2:00	Iowa City
14		Iowa State	(1)	3:00	Ames
16		*WESTERN ILLINOIS	(2)	1:00	CEDAR FALLS
17		*WESTERN ILLINOIS	(2)	12:00	CEDAR FALLS
18		Wartburg	(2)	1:00	Waverly
19		IOWA	(1)	2:00	CEDAR FALLS
20		ST AMBROSE	(1)	3:00	CEDAR FALLS
23		*Southwest Missouri State	(2)	1:00	Springfield, MO
24		*Southwest Missouri State	(2)	12:00	Springfield, MO
26		Mount Mercy	(2)	1:00	Cedar, Rapids
27		Nebraska	(2)	1:30	Lincoln, NE
30		*EASTERN ILLINOIS	(2)	1:00	CEDAR FALLS
May	1	*EASTERN ILLINOIS	(2)	12:00	CEDAR FALLS
	4	Iowa State	(1)	3:00	Ames
	5	Creighton	(2)	1:30	Omaha, NE
	7	Briar Cliff	(2)	1:00	Sioux City
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