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UNI at a Glance
Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa (IA)
Founded: 1876
Enrollment: 11,500
Conference: Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
Home Court: West Gymnasium (Capacity 3,500)
Volleyball Office: (319) 273-6480

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This is Northern Iowa

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 740-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 600,000-volume University Library, the Industrial Technology Center and the Communication Arts Center. The campus, classrooms and residence halls are highly handicapped-accessible.

Northern Iowa is the home of the prestigious 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. 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.

Northern Iowa is a state-assisted university, part of the Iowa Regents system that also includes the University of Iowa and Iowa State University. The University’s more than 50,000 alumni in the United States and other countries lend additional support through the UNI Foundation and other alumni programs.

On the cover: Seated on grass, left to right — Bobbie Kreple, Michelle Ruess, Shawna Hut­chins, Denise Cuttell. Back row, left to right — Katie Crowley, Assistant Coach Jan Bittner, Kris Schroeder, Dana Tonn, Bobbi Becker, Jill Sprague, Head Coach Iradge Ahrabi-Fard, Graduate Assistant Coach Vonda Broek.
Outlook

After winning the Gateway Conference title and earning a berth in the NCAA tournament the past two seasons, the Panthers appear ready to make a strong bid for three in a row in 1988, despite losing two unanimous first team All-Gateway picks to graduation. Gone are Mary Bernhardt, last year’s Gateway MVP, and Maryellen McCann, two of the top players in school history who between them hold nearly half the UNI volleyball records.

Despite those losses, Coach Iradge Ahrabi-Fard thinks his ’88 squad should be as strong as the previous unit with four returning starters plus junior co-captain Jill Sprague, who missed all but three matches last year with an ankle injury. Sprague was an All-Gateway choice the previous two seasons while leading the team in block assists and ranking second in the league in hitting percentage in ’86.

Other top returners are first team all-conference performer Bobbi Becker, the Gateway Co-Newcomer of the Year Kris Schroeder, and hitters Denise Cuttell and Shawna Hutchins. As a sophomore last season, Becker, a hitter, established a new school record with 471 digs; she also recorded 416 kills on the season. Schroeder, also a hitter, performed extremely well in her initial college season while Cuttell and Hutchins were both starters.

Setters Bobbie Kreple, a sophomore, and Katie Crowley, a redshirt freshman, will be counted on heavily with the loss of Bernhardt at that position. Kreple is the only returning letter player at a position which Ahrabi-Fard feels will be crucial to the Panthers’ success in 1988.

“I think at the other spots we will be at least as strong as last season,” the coach assessed, “but our setters will be a key. We certainly have some talented players in that area; we will have to see how they develop.”

Senior Dana Tonn, who is listed as a back row specialist; could provide some help as a setter as she comes back after missing last season with a knee injury. Senior back row specialist Michelle Ruess returns after providing some much-needed depth last year as a walk-on.

Three talented freshmen will be joining the Northern Iowa program in hitters Chris Less and Kristie Oleen, and all-around player Sandy Brandt. Less was a first team all-stater and a member of last summer’s Iowa Junior Olympic team. Oleen is an all-around athlete who was an honorable mention all-state selection in volleyball and Minnesota state champion in the discus. Brandt was named to the Iowa state all-tournament team and holds school records for most spikes and serve reception percentage.

Overall, Ahrabi-Fard thinks the 1988 version of the Panthers possesses more talent and balance than any previous team.

“We have enough talent that nobody is assured of a spot,” says Ahrabi-Fard. “Everyone will have to work their hardest and fight for playing time — I mean everyone.”

Again this season the Panthers will go head-to-head with some of the toughest competition in the country with most of the major conferences represented on the schedule along with some top independents, intra-state rivals Iowa, Iowa State and Drake, and the Gateway slate.

Ahrabi-Fard says he sees a much improved Gateway Conference with the teams being much more balanced from top to bottom.

“I think the competition within our conference is becoming much more intense each season,” commented the Panther coach. “Southwest Missouri State should be very strong this year along with Illinois State. They’ve (Illinois State) got a lot of people who have played together now for about three years. Southern Illinois should also be very good and I think Drake will be much better.”
Head Coach Iradge Ahrabi-Fard

Dr. Iradge Ahrabi-Fard enters his eighth season as Northern Iowa head volleyball coach. Under his direction, the Panther volleyball program has improved steadily and, the last two years, has claimed the Gateway Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA National Tournament. His overall coaching record at Northern Iowa is 202-77-4 which includes 1981, when the Panthers were still a Division II program. As a Division I program under his tutelage, Northern Iowa volleyball has compiled a 162-69-1 overall record and a 32-13 Gateway Conference record. In the last three seasons, he has led UNI to a 24-3 Gateway mark and an 87-14 overall record. In 1985 and 1987, he was voted Gateway Conference Coach of the Year.

The coach has been involved with several sports at the international level. In his native Iran, he served as President of the Institution of Sports (1967-69), head men's and women's national swimming coach (1967-70), Executive Director of the Education Department of Sports Ministry (1970) and Vice-Minister of Sports Ministry (1977-78). He was appointed the special physical educator for the Crown Prince and Princess of Iran.

Iradge is a 1965 graduate of Northern Iowa and received his master's degree in physical education a year later, also at UNI. In 1975, he received his doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in physical education and educational administration.

Assistant Coach Jan Bittner

Jan Bittner continues as Northern Iowa's first assistant volleyball coach for her seventh year. She came to UNI after completing a four-year stint as coach at St. John's High School in Houston, Texas.

In her two years as head girl's volleyball coach at St. John's, she compiled a 51-11 record and led her 1980 squad to a Southwest Preparatory Conference championship. She also served three years as the head girl's tennis coach and girl's junior varsity basketball coach.
Jan is a 1976 graduate of Valparaiso University where she was a four-year basketball letterwinner and earned her bachelor's degree in physical education. She received her master's degree in physical education administration from Illinois State University in 1981.

Assistant Coach Sheng Gao

Sheng Gao begins his first year as an assistant coach after serving as a graduate assistant in 1986. Sheng was an outstanding player in his native China, playing on the 1979 collegiate national championship team at the University of Beijing. He received his bachelor's degree at Beijing in 1983 before he began teaching and coaching. Gao first came to UNI in 1984 to begin work on his master's in physical education.

Graduate Assistant Coach Vonda Broek

A Sioux Center, Iowa native, Vonda Broek is a 1987 graduate of Dordt College, where she was a three-sport star. She received Academic All-American honors for two years in volleyball, basketball and softball, and was an All-American in volleyball in 1986 and 1987; she also lettered in volleyball one year at Southwest Missouri State. Broek attended Orange City-Unity Christian High School where she was named Iowa Player of the Year in Class 1-A.

Player Profiles

Left to right: Michelle Ruess, Shauna Hutchins, Dana Tonn, Jill Sprague

#9 Shawna Hutchins . . . 5-8 . . . Senior . . . Mount Vernon, IA . . . Hitter
Three-year letterwinner for the Panthers . . . played in every game last season, contributing 395 kills (3rd on team), 40 assists and 212 digs . . . finished eighth in the Gateway in kill average (2.90) and hitting percentage (.275) . . . senior co-captain for the 1988 season . . . letters won in high school: volleyball (3), track (4) and softball (2) . . . was all-state and all-conference in volleyball for the Mount Vernon state championship team . . . also a member of the 1985 state champion track squad.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: "We will count on her leadership this season. Shawna's outstanding jumping ability has proved to be a great asset to the team. She has improved her back row play and serve and can hit from all over."
#13 Jill Sprague . . . 5-10 . . . Junior . . . Cedar Falls, IA . . . Hitter
Played in only six games last season due to an ankle injury and received medical hardship . . . led her team in block assists in '86 . . . a two-year letterwinner for the Panthers who received second-team all-conference honors as a sophomore and honorable mention as a freshman . . . second in the Gateway in hitting percentage and in the top 10 in block average in '86 . . . co-captain for 1988 . . . an honorable mention pick by Midwest Volleyball Magazine . . . letters won in high school: volleyball (3) and track (1) . . . an all-state and all-conference selection two years at Cedar Falls.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: "I feel she is going to lead our team as a captain and as a performer in regard to team unity, motivation and experience. Jill's overall skills and defensive blocking ability will be a great asset this season."

#5 Michelle Ruess . . . 5-7 . . . Senior . . . Anamosa, IA . . . Back Row Specialist
Lettered last year as a walk-on after transferring from Central College in Pella . . . was a welcome addition in '87, adding immediate depth and experience when injuries hit the team . . . expected to be one of the prominent back row forces for UNI in '88 . . . letters won in high school: volleyball (3), softball (3), basketball (3) and track (4) . . . received all-conference honors three times in volleyball, softball, and track, and all-state honors in volleyball and softball.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: "Michelle is an outstanding back row performer. She has a fearless approach and a strong, positive attitude toward the game. We feel she will strengthen our team with her sound fundamental skills."

#4 Dana Tonn . . . 5-8 . . . Senior . . . Cedar Falls, IA . . . Back Row Specialist/Setter
Two-year letterwinner for the Panthers . . . returns after missing last season with a knee injury . . . letters won in high school: volleyball (3) . . . an all-stater while at Cedar Falls . . . also named to the all-tournament team at state as a senior.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: "Dana is very committed and possesses strong fundamental skills. She will help strengthen our back row tremendously."

Left to right: Katie Crowley, Bobbie Kreple, Bobbie Becker, Denise Cuttell, Kris Schroeder
#8 Bobbi Becker ... 5-10 ... Junior ... Dike, IA ... Hitter
Major: Therapeutic Recreation ... Parents: Joe and Connie Becker ... Birthdate: August 10, 1968
Two-year letterwinner for the Panthers ... played in every game last season as a sophomore ... Panther’s top returnee in kills (416 last year) ... first team all-conference performer contributing 48 assists and a team high 59 service aces ... established a new school record with 471 digs last season ... finished fourth in the Gateway Conference with a dig average of 3.45 and sixth in both kills average (3.07) and ace average (0.44) ... honorable-mention All-Midwest (Midwest Volleyball Magazine) as a freshman ... letters won in high school: volleyball (4), basketball (4), track (3) and softball (5) ... a two-time first-team all-stater in volleyball and named Iowa Player of the Year in 1984 and 1985 ... all-state recognition in basketball ... state qualifier in track.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: “Bobbi gave us so many contributions last year. She did well in the back row, her spiking was one of her strongest assets and her serve was one of the best weapons we had. Bobbi has experience behind her and I think the upcoming season will be her year.”

#1 Bobbie Kreple ... 5-7 ... Sophomore ... Kentwood, MI/East H.S ... Setter
Major: Criminology ... Parents: Randy and Patricia Kreple ... Birthdate: December 30, 1968
Lettered as a freshman last year for the Panthers ... played in 137 of 138 games, contributing 34 kills, 6 blocks and 233 digs ... letters won in high school: volleyball and track ... a two-time all-state selection in volleyball ... all-conference honors three years ... played at the AAU Junior Olympics two years ... an all-conference hurdler in track and a regional qualifier in the 300 meter hurdles.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: “Bobbie is one of the setters we are counting on this year. She’s very quick and has a lot of skills on both offense and defense and is extremely dedicated.”

#11 Denise Cuttell ... 5-11 ... Sophomore ... George, IA ... Hitter
Major: Business ... Parents: Jim and Char Cuttell ... Birthdate: October 25, 1968
Lettered as a freshman for the Panthers last year ... played in 136 of 138 games, contributing 136 kills, 11 assists, 17 service aces and 112 digs ... led the team with 27 block solos and 93 block assists ... finished ninth in the Gateway Conference in blocks average (0.89) ... letters won in high school: volleyball (3), basketball (3), track (4) and softball (4) ... a first-team all-state selection in volleyball as a senior at George H.S ... named to the state all-tournament team as a senior ... all-conference honors in volleyball, basketball and softball ... all-state recognition in softball ... state qualifier in track four years.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: “She proved to be one of the most indispensable players on the team last season. Denise is one of the fastest middle players we have. With steady improvement, she will be one of the top middle players we’ve ever had.”

#12 Kris Schroeder ... 5-11 ... Sophomore ... Dubuque, IA/Hempstead ... Hitter
Major: Computer Science ... Parents: Aloysius and Norma Schroeder ... Birthdate: October 26, 1968
Named Gateway Conference Co-Newcomer of the Year in 1987 ... played in every game last season, contributing 195 kills, 21 assists, 45 service aces and 262 digs ... second on the team with 89 block assists ... finished fourth in the Gateway Conference with a hitting percentage of .304 ... letters won in high school: volleyball, basketball and softball ... a third-team all-state pick in volleyball at Hempstead ... also a first-team all-conference selection.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: “Kris has excellent hitting ability and great overall potential. She will be one of the strongest starters on the team this season. She has an excellent disposition and a great love for volleyball.”
#2 Katie Crowley . . . 5-10 . . . Freshman . . . Springfield, IL/Sacred Heart Academy . . . Hitter/Setter
Redshirted for the 1987 season . . . letters won in high school: volleyball (3) . . . a first-team all-state pick at Sacred Heart . . . captain of her high school team which participated in the state tournament three years in a row . . . participated in the USVBA Junior Nationals in 1985 and 1986 . . . also attended the Elite National Volleyball Camp where she was a member of the Elite Team in 1986.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: "Katie is one of the setters we are counting on to help contribute to this team. Through hard work, she has improved her setting tremendously. She deserves a very exciting season."

#3 Sandra Brandt . . . 5-8 . . . Freshman . . . Cedar Falls, IA . . . Back Row Specialist/Setter
Letters won in high school: tennis and volleyball . . . led Cedar Falls to state tournament as a senior captain . . . named to the state all-tournament team . . . first team all-metro and all-conference . . . holds school records for most spikes and best serve reception percentage . . . named to USVBA all-camp teams in '86 & '87.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: "Sandee is a new addition to our team who is very clever and very committed. She possesses many skills and will be a definite asset in the back row."

#6 Chris Less . . . 6-0 . . . Freshman . . . Lone Tree, IA . . . Hitter
Letters won in high school: volleyball (4), basketball (4), track (4) and softball (3) . . . tremendous all-around athlete who has received all-conference and all-state recognition in all four sports . . . played on '87 Iowa Junior Olympics Volleyball team.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: "We hope that Chris will contribute to our front row. She has improved her hitting skills and her blocking ability is excellent."

#10 Kristie Oleen . . . 5-11 . . . Freshman . . . Anoka, MN . . . Hitter
Letters won in high school: volleyball (3), track (3) and basketball (1) . . . a great all-around athlete who was a two-time all-conference pick in volleyball and was named honorable mention all-state as a senior . . . three-time all-stater in track . . . holds the Minnesota state high school girl's discus record.
Coach Ahrabi-Fard: "Kristie has tremendous potential and she is an all-around player. Her spiking ability is a really strong part of her game. We expect her to contribute right away as a freshman."
1987 Season Results

@W — CLEVELAND STATE
15-4, 15-2, 15-2

@W — VALPARAISO 15-10,
15-3, 15-6

†@W — DEPAUL 15-4, 15-5, 15-4
W — LORAS 15-1, 15-4, 15-3

#L — Idaho State 15-12, 7-15,
7-15, 15-17

#W — Washington State 16-14,
15-12, 11-15, 11-15,
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#W — Louisville 15-2, 15-10,
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15-10, 11-15, 15-12

W — DRAKE 15-7, 15-8, 15-6

@W — Bradley 4-15, 15-2, 15-4,
15-7

@W — Illinois-Chicago 15-10,
10-15, 15-13, 15-9

†@W — Butler 15-7, 15-6, 15-8
W — ST. AMBROSE 15-9,
15-6, 15-9

W — WESTERN ILLINOIS
15-17, 11-15, 15-3, 15-7,
15-6

W — MISSOURI 15-7, 15-8,
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W — KANSAS 11-15, 15-4,
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W — Virginia Commonwealth
15-4, 15-0, 15-5

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15-5, 15-9

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*W — SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
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†*W — SOUTHWEST
MISSOURI 15-12, 15-9,
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^L — Nebraska 9-15, 1-15,
6-15

*Gateway Conference Matches

†@PANTHER CLASSIC
TOURNAMENT

†#Coors Invitational
Tournament (Boulder,
Colorado)

†®Bradley Invitational
Tournament (Peoria, Illinois)

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Tournament

†*GATEWAY CONFERENCE
TOURNAMENT

^NCAA Tournament

† = Tournament Championships
Won By UNI
### 1987 Gateway Conference Volleyball Standings

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**Won conference tournament
+ + Includes NCAA tournament play
Gateway records do not include conference tournament

### 1987 University of Northern Iowa Volleyball Final Statistics

**34-5 [Home: 17-1, AWAY: 9-3, NEUTRAL: 8-1] GCAC: **11-0; GAMES WON/LOST **109/29**

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Pronunciations

- **Brandt** ............................................ Brant  
- **Crowley** ........................................ Crow as in Crow(d)-lee  
- **Cuttell** ........................................ Cut-tell  
- **Kreple** .......................................... Krep'-el  
- **Oleen** ........................................... O-lean  
- **Ruess** ........................................... Roosh  
- **Schroeder** ....................................... Shray-der  
- **Iradge Ahrabi-Fard** ......................... E-radj a-Rob-ee - Fard  
- **Sheng Gao** ..................................... Shen Gow (rhymes with cow)  
- **Broek** .......................................... rhymes with Luke
The Game

Auburn University
Location: Auburn, AL
Nickname: Tigers
Enrollment: 21,000
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: Southeastern Conference
1987 Record: 22-6
Conference Record/Finish: 9-3/2nd
Head Coach: Pat Head
Record at School/(yrs.): 31-41 (3 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Tony L. Ammons
Returning Starters: 10
Newcomers: 7

Top Returnees:
Sara Dennis, Sr., MB, Odenville, AL
Charlton Hoggles, Jr., H, Louisville, KY
Mary Orndorff, Jr., S, Dryden, MI

Top Newcomers:
Amy Boyd, Fr., OH, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Laura Grieve, So., H, Tampa, FL
Antje Seitz, Fr., MB, Stuttgart, West Germany

Ball State University
Location: Muncie, IN
Nickname: Cardinals
Enrollment: 18,000
Colors: Cardinal and White
Conference: Mid-America
1987 Record: 11-12
Conference Record/Finish: 1-6/7th
Head Coach: Pat Ghastin
Record at School/(yrs.): 36-37 (2 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: David Hardee (205) 826-4750
Returning Starters: 6
Newcomers: 4

Top Returnees:
Terri Duckworth, Sr., MB, Odenville, AL
Gretchen Thompson, Jr., H, Louisville, KY
Mary Orndorff, Jr., S, Dryden, MI

Top Newcomers:
Amy Boyd, Fr., OH, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Laura Grieve, So., H, Tampa, FL
Antje Seitz, Fr., MB, Stuttgart, West Germany

Bradley University
Location: Peoria, IL
Nickname: Lady Braves
Enrollment: 4,900
Colors: Red and White
Conference: Gateway
1987 Record: 7-23
Conference Record/Finish: 2-7/8th
Head Coach: Pam Stanek (Wisconsin-LaCrosse, 1972)
Record at School/(yrs.): 118-116 (6 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): 294-206 (11 years)
Sports Information Director: Joe Hernandez (317) 285-8242
Returning Starters: 5
Newcomers: 7

Top Returnees:
Paula Lloyd, Sr., OA, Indianapolis, IN
Barbara Harrison, Jr., OA, Fort Wayne, IN
Mary-Beth Singleton, Jr., OA, Muncie, IN

Top Newcomers:
Stefanie Decker, Fr., OA, Selma, IN
Sherry Dunbar, Fr., MA, Elletsville, IN
Bonnie Gill, Fr., MA, Fort Wayne, IN
Beth Hoch, Fr., OA, Arcadia, IN
Anita Lea, Fr., MA, Dunkirk, IN
Deb Norman, Fr., MA, New Haven, IN

Top Returnees:
Cheryl Christiansen, Sr., MN, Roscoe, IL
Andra Dystrup, Jr., MH, Lockport, IL
Julie Penn, So., S, Oak Lawn, IL
Kelly O'Neill, Jr., OH, Arlington Heights, IL

Top Newcomers:
Blythe Zajakowski, Fr., MH, Lansing, IL
Drake University
Location: Des Moines, IA
Nickname: Bulldogs
Enrollment: 6,250
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: Gateway
1987 Record: 4-23
Conference Record/Finish: 1-8/9th
Head Coach: Bill MacLachlan
(California-Davis, 1979)
Record at School/(yrs.): 7-77 (3 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Caryn M. Hall (515) 271-3740
Returning Starters: 5
Newcomers: 2

Georgetown University
Location: Washington, D.C.
Nickname: Hoyas
Enrollment: 12,000
Colors: Blue and Gray
Conference: Big East
1987 Record: 22-10
Conference Record/Finish: 4-2/2nd
Head Coach: Nila Toribio-Straka
Record at School/(yrs.): 22-10
(1 year)
Career Record/(yrs.): 266-71
(11 years)
Sports Information Director: Alex Martins (202) 625-4182
Returning Starters: 5
Newcomers: 2

Top Returnees:
Amy Krell, Jr., MB, West Bend, WI
Kathy Kinsella, Jr., S/OH, Homewood, IL
Kelly Brantmeier, Sr., OH, Neenah, WI

Top Newcomers:
Gretchen Beltzhoover, Jr., OH, Joliet, IL
Alison Dedrick, Jr., MB, West Bend, WI

EIU
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Top Returnees:
Gianna Galanti, Sr., MH, LaGrange, IL
Laura Bruce, Sr., OH, LaGrange, IL
Diane Kruto, So., OH, Chicago, IL
Patti Frigo, Jr., OH, Lansing, IL

Top Newcomers:
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Alissa Oakley, Fr., OH, Libertyville, IL

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Top Returnees:
Cathy Taylor, Sr., MB, Brooklyn, NY
Michele Docharty, Sr., H/DS, Smithtown, NY
Julie Beiter, Sr., H, Pompano Beach, FL
Susan Slade, Sr., H, Moravia, NY

Top Newcomers:
Jeanne Marie Erlenborn, Fr., MH, Glen Ellyn, IL
Gretchen Ann Stross, Fr., OH, Rockville, MD
George Washington University
Location: Washington, D.C.
Nickname: Colonial Women
Enrollment: 5,000
Colors: Blue and Buff
Conference: Atlantic Ten
1987 Record: 17-15
Conference Record/Finish: 6-2/5th
Head Coach: Cindy Laughlin (Southern Connecticut, 1977)
Record at School/(yrs.): 17-15
(1 year)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Rhea Farberman (202) 994-8604
Returning Starters: 5
Newcomers: 3

University of Illinois at Chicago
Location: Chicago
Nickname: Fighting Hawks
Enrollment: 4,600
Colors: Green and White
Conference: Horizon
1987 Record: 16-7
Conference Record/Finish: First year
Head Coach: Don August (Univ. Illinois-Chicago, 1975)
Record at School/(yrs.): 165-122
(7 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Dave Mateer (312) 996-5880
Returning Starters: 4
Newcomers: 5

Illinois State University
Location: Normal, IL
Nickname: Redbirds
Enrollment: 20,400
Colors: Red and White
Conference: Gateway
1987 Record: 15-12
Conference Record/Finish: 6-4/3rd tie
Head Coach: Julie Morgan (Utah State, 1982)
Record at School/(yrs.): 15-12
(1 year)
Career Record/(yrs.): 75-59 (4 years)
Sports Information Director: Christie Price (309) 438-3825
Returning Starters: 5

Top Returnees:
Cheryl Farley, Sr., MH, Dracut, MA
Ingrid Wicker, Sr., DS/OH, Durham, NC
Top Newcomers:
Leslie Day, Fr., MB, Ridgewood, NJ
Jennifer Kozak, Fr., OH, Chicago, IL

Top Returnees:
Dee Ann Ericks, So., OH, Chicago, IL
Sharon Tracy, Sr., OH, Chicago, IL
Jenny Dickey, So., S, Lisle, IL
Kelly Gaughan, Jr., OH, Glen Ellyn, IL
Top Newcomers:
Claudine Borkovec, So., MH, Darien, IL
Michelle Parrish, So., MH, Aurora, IL
Carlyn Fisk, Fr., S, Lockport, IL

Top Returnees:
Chris Rehor, Sr., OH, Bolingbrook, IL
Stacey Anderson, Jr., S, West Chicago, IL
Angie Rolf, Jr., MB, Muncie, IN
Top Newcomers:
Tracy Young, Jr., OH/MB, Washington, IL
Lisa Rolk, Fr., OH, Muncie, IN
Tammy Siverly, Fr., MB, Eureka, IL

Newcomers: 3
Indiana State University
Location: Terre Haute, IN
Nickname: Sycamores
Enrollment: 10,294
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: Gateway
1987 Record: 14-14
Conference Record/Finish: 4-5/6th
Head Coach: Deb Holzapfel (E. Illinois, 1978)
Record at School/(yrs.): 58-102
(Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Karen Griess (812) 237-4159
Returning Starters: 2
Newcomers: 4

University Location:
Nickname:
Enrollment:
Colors:
Conference:
1987 Record:
Conference Record/Finish:
Head Coach:
Record at School/(yrs.):
(Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director:
Returning Starters:
Newcomers:

Top Returnees:
Mary Kay Bahnman, Jr., H, New Lenox, Barb Laciak, So., H, Addison, IL
Top Newcomers:
Angie Calloway, Fr., H, Frankfort, IN
Annette Runge, Fr., S, Seymour, IN
Kristi Kovach, Fr., H, Mishawaka, IN
Amy Ward, Fr., H, Boonville, IN

Iowa State University
Location: Ames, IA
Nickname: Cyclones
Enrollment: 25,707
Colors: Cardinal and Gold
Conference: Big Eight
1987 Record: 20-11
Conference Record/Finish: 9-9/5th tie
Head Coach: Sandy Stewart (Nebraska, 1977)
Record at School/(yrs.): 114-89
(Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Tammy Frank (319) 335-9267
Returning Starters: 5
Newcomers: 1

Top Returnees:
Toni Zehr, Sr., MH/OH, Fort Dodge, IA
Kari Hamel, Jr., OH, Dubuque, IA
Janet Moylan, So., S, Chicago, IL
Jenny Rees, So., OH, Chicago, IL
Barb Willis, So., MH,
Stephanie Smith, Jr., MH,
Top Newcomers:
Trista Schoenbeck, Fr., MH/OH

Top Returnees:
Linda Welch, Sr., OH, Iowa Falls, IA
Dana Burson, Jr., MB, Walcott, IA
Janice Ninemire, So., Shawnee, KS
Jill Sharp, Jr., MB, Cedar Rapids, IA
Top Newcomers:
Lisa Burke, Fr., ST, Davenport, IA
Tracy Graham, Fr., OH, Eldridge, IA
Vicki Seliger, Fr., MB, Maplewood, MN
University of Kansas
Location: Lawrence, KS
Nickname: Lady Jayhawks
Enrollment: 28,270
Colors: Crimson and Blue
Conference: Big Eight
1987 Record: 13-20
Conference Record/Finish: 3-9/T5th
Head Coach: Frankie Albiz
Record at School/(yrs.): 56-44
(3 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): 263-236-7
(11 years)
Sports Information Director: Laurie Layman (913) 864-3417
Returning Starters: 2

Lamar University
Location: Lamar, UT
Nickname: Lions
Enrollment: 15,000
Colors: Crimson
Conference: Big Eight
1987 Record: 1-13
Conference Record/Finish: 9-0/1st
Head Coach: Katrinka Crawford (Utah State, 1980)
Record at School/(yrs.): 176-151-2
(7 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Kathy Portie (409) 880-2323
Returning Starters: 4
Newcomers: 6

Loyola-Marymount University
Location: Los Angeles, CA
Nickname: Lions
Enrollment: 3,500
Colors: Crimson, Gray, Columbia Blue
Conference: West Coast Athletic
1987 Record: 17-17
Conference Record/Finish: 10-4/2nd
Head Coach: George Yamashita (UCLA, 1976)
Record at School/(yrs.): 17-17 (First year)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Barry Zepel (213) 642-2765
Returning Starters: 3
Newcomers: 3

Newcomers: 7
Top Returnees:
Jodi Oelschlager, Jr., H, Lawrence, KS
Elisa Woods, Sr., H, Richardson, TX
Lisa Patterson, So., MB/H, St. Louis, MO
Top Newcomers:
April Chavey, Jr., MB/H, Concordia, KS
Julie Woodruff, Fr., S, Castle Rock, WA

Top Returnees:
Leanne Zeek, Jr., MB/OH, Nederland, TX
Cassi Presley, Jr., OH, Missouri City, TX
Michelle Walker, So., S, Nederland, TX
Teri Langstrom, So., MB, Village Mills, TX
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Linda Bottley, Jr., OH, Deer Park, TX
Vickie Gonzales, Fr., OH, Channelview, TX

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Leslie Wohlford, Sr., OH, Monrovia, CA
Seham Khalaf, Sr., S, Bellflower, CA
Ting Hammers, Jr., OH, Los Angeles, CA
Top Newcomers:
Leewitt Withrow, Fr., MB, Apfoss, CA
Head Coach: Stephanie Schleuder (Univ. Minnesota-Duluth)
Record at School/(yrs.): 121-75 (6 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): 419-187 (15 years)
Sports Information Director: Karen Smith (612) 624-3335
Returning Starters: 5
Newcomers: 3

University of Missouri-Kansas City
Location: Kansas City, Missouri
Nickname: Kangaroos
Enrollment: 12,000
Colors: Blue and Gold
Conference: Independent
1987 Record: 1-25
Head Coach: John Learned (Kansas, 1976)
Record at School/(yrs.): 1-25/(1 year)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Ed Grom (816) 276-1034
Returning Starters: 3

Top Returnees:
Andrea Gonzalez, Sr., OH, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Sharon Oesterling, Jr., S, Frankfort, IN
Chris Schaefer, Jr., OH, Florence, KY
Lori Miller, Jr., MH, Worth, IL
Dawn Thompson, So., MH, Portage, MI

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Angie Conklin, Fr., S, St. Paul, MN
Krisa Nevelle, Fr., MH/OH, Richland, MI

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Michelle Winfrey, So., S, Burlington, CO
Deanna Zurbuchen, So., OH, Gower, MO

Top Newcomer:
Catalina Suarez, Jr., OH, Bogata, Columbia

Newcomers: 4
Top Returnees:
Karen Saavedra, Sr., S, Marlo Pennington, Sr., M/RH,

Top Newcomers:
Mindy Sheets, Fr., M/O
Shannon St. Denis, Fr., M/O
Lisa Frost, Fr., S/O
Pauline Marsier, Fr., S/O
St. Ambrose College
Location: Davenport, IA
Nickname: Fighting Bees
Enrollment: 2,150
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: Independent
1987 Record: 46-11-3
Head Coach: Denny Wiese
Record at School/(yrs.): First year
Career Record/(yrs.): 235-59 (7 years)
Sports Information Director: Don White (319) 383-8943
Returning Starters: 4
Newcomers: 4
Top Returnees:
April Stevenson, So., OH, Olathe, CO

Southern Illinois University
Location: Carbondale, IL
Nickname: Salukis
Enrollment: 24,000
Colors: Maroon and White
Conference: Gateway
1987 Record: 15-19
Conference Record/Finish: 6-3/3rd tie
Head Coach: Debbie Hunter
Record at School/(yrs.): 282-219-9
(13 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Mitchell Parkinson (618) 536-5566
Returning Starters: 4
Newcomers: 1
Top Returnees:
Sue Sinclair, Sr., S, Barnhart, MO
Nina Brackins, Jr., MB, Arlington, TX
Teri Noble, Sr., OH, Riverton, IL
Top Newcomers:
Patty Fuelling, Fr., OH, Muncie, IN
Debbie Briscoe, Fr., MB, St. Charles, MO

Southwest Missouri State University
Location:
Nickname:
Enrollment:
Colors:
Conference:
1987 Record: 21-9
Conference Record/Finish: 8-1/2nd
Head Coach: Linda Dollar
Record at School/(yrs.): 597-181-22
(16 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Mark Stillwell (417) 836-5402
Returning Starters: 6
Newcomers: 1
Top Returnees:
Mindy Struckhoff, Sr., MB, Washington, MO

Top Newcomers:
Janene McDaniel, Fr., OH/MB

Jennifer Dietz, Sr., S, Davenport, IA
Julie Mousel, Jr., OH, Elgin, IL
Karen Garvin, Jr., MH, Marcus, IA
Top Newcomers:
Kris Sorenson, Fr., OH, Moline, IL
Jill Mattern, Jr., MH, Peoria, IL

Susan Ruch, Jr., S/OH, Germantown, TN
Pat Stock, Jr., OH/MB, Levasy, MO
Laura Scafidi, Jr., OH, Oak Park, IL
Laura Graham, So., OH, Eldon, MO
Stephanie Brown, So., MB, West Plains, MO
Top Newcomers:
Janene McDaniel, Fr., OH/MB
Western Illinois University  
Location: Macomb, IL  
Nickname: Westerwinds  
Enrollment: 13,000  
Colors: Purple and Gold  
Conference: Gateway  
1987 Record: 17-12  
Conference Record/Finish: 4-5/6th tie  
Head Coach: Juli Kartel (Iowa, 1982)  
Record at School/(yrs.): 28-26  
(Career Record/(yrs.): Same)  
Sports Information Director: Bonnie Barker (309) 298-1663  
Returning Starters: 5  
Newcomers: 2  

Top Returnees:  
Michelle Aulig, Jr., H, Niles, IL  
Diane Ellefritz, So., H, Carthage, IL  
Edie Renick, Jr., H, Lafayette, IN  
Laura Haaning, Jr., S, Park Ridge, IL  

Top Newcomers:  
Kari Ritenour, Fr., H, Milledgeville, IL  
Angie Vorkapick, Fr., H, Burlington, IA
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Location: Green Bay, WI
Nickname: Phoenix
Enrollment: 5,450
Colors: Green, Phoenix Red and White
Conference: North Star
1987 Record: 33-23
Conference Record/Finish: First year
Head Coach: Lori McArthur (Univ. Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 1983)
Record at School/(yrs.): 64-95 (4 years)
Career Record/(yrs.): Same
Sports Information Director: Chris Sampson (414) 465-2145
Returning Starters: 5
Newcomers: 7

Top Returnees:
Michelle Compe, Sr., OH, Coleman, WI
Deanna Enderby, So., OH, Marinette, WI
Becky Glewen, So., MH, Beaver Dam, WI
Lori Mueller, Sr., S/H, Algoma, WI
Kim Syring, Jr., OH, Menasha, WI
Lynn Thelen, So., MH, Reedsville, WI

Top Newcomers:
Tammy Wolf, Fr., S/H, Ozaukee, WI
Mary Wickland, Fr., MH, Ozaukee, WI

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Sept. 15  Illinois-Chicago  7:00 pm
Sept. 16  New Mexico  7:00 pm
Sept. 23-24  at Georgetown Tourney  TBA
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Sept. 27  St. Ambrose  7:00 pm
Sept. 30-Oct. 1  at Tulane Tourney  TBA
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Oct. 29  *Wichita State  3:00 pm
Oct. 31  Missouri-Kansas City  7:00 pm
Nov. 4  *at Eastern Illinois  7:00 pm
Nov. 5  *at Southern Illinois  7:00 pm
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Nov. 11  *Western Illinois  7:00 pm
Nov. 12  *Bradley  7:00 pm
Nov. 18-19 Gateway Championships  TBA
Dec. 2-3 NCAA First Round  TBA
Dec. 9-10 NCAA Second Round  TBA
Dec. 15-17 NCAA Final Four  TBA
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