Northern Iowa Men’s Golf 1990-91

Returning Lettermen, front row, l-r: Trent Eddy, Chris Bills. Back row: John Fitzgerald, Mike Sawyer, Mike Fett.
Outlook

The men's golf team at the University of Northern Iowa is looking to continue its fall success during the 1991 spring season. The squad is made up of five seniors, two juniors, one sophomore, and three freshmen. Returning letterwinners include Chris Bills, Trent Eddy, John Fitzgerald, and Mike Sawyer. Mike Fett (Vinton, IA), a two-year letterwinner, will graduate at mid-year. His efforts will be missed.

Head coach Ken Green is pleased with the way his team has progressed this year. "This fall was one of the better seasons we've had in a long time," he says. The main objective for the spring season is to get some of the younger golfers some much needed experience to prepare them for the future.

"This spring, we will be trying to mesh the youth with the more experienced golfers. The spring trip is a great opportunity and should help develop them into stronger players," commented Green.

The fall of 1991 will be a rebuilding season, according to Green. The Panthers will experience the loss of a number of seniors which will force the younger players to make up the difference.

"This should serve as a challenge to the remainder of the squad to work extra hard and take up the slack. It can be looked at as an excellent opportunity," said Green.

Spring practice will begin in early February to prepare for the annual spring trip. The trip south gives the team several opportunities to play on challenging courses and gain experience that will prepare them for the rest of the season.

The future of the men's golf program at Northern Iowa looks bright with the blend of seasoned, more experienced golfers, and the eager, younger athletes. The opportunity to compete at the Division I level makes UNI a great place to be a student-athlete, says Green. The Panthers play a very competitive schedule year round and are able to play on many challenging, championship courses around the country. But most important of all, UNI provides a great balance between academics and athletics.

"Here, the athletes are first and they also have the opportunity to participate in a university sport at the Division I level," Green stated.

These all are great reasons why golf at UNI is a worthwhile experience.
1990 Fall Results

Meet | Results | Team Score
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Drake | 2nd of 2 | 458
UNI Golf Classic | 3rd of 18 | 1,201
Illinois State Invitational | 2nd of 9 | 925
Mid-Continent Conference Tournament | 4th of 8 | 920
Bradley Fall Classic | 7th of 18 | 648

Men's 1991 Spring Golf Roster

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*Indicates letters won

Northern Iowa Division II All-Americans

Rich Lyons 1976 (Honorable Mention)
Craig Cool 1977 (3rd Team)
Chris Vandell 1978 (Honorable Mention)
Dennis Rommann 1980 (Honorable Mention)
Player Profiles

Chris Bills—Senior

Bills was a steady performer during the 1990 spring season but developed some back problems in the fall and was unable to compete. The prognosis is good for the 1991 spring season. He is expected to retain his old form and finish out his career at UNI on a high note. Bills' major is Finance.

Trent Eddy—Senior

Eddy is a transfer from West Texas State. He became eligible during the spring of 1990 and was the team leader in stroke average with a 76.9. He has continued his steady, fine play during the fall and is expected to play a major role in the team's success in the spring. Eddy is a Marketing major.

John Fitzgerald—Senior

Fitzgerald completed a very successful fall campaign: fifth, UNI Classic; third, Illinois State Invitational; 13th, Mid-Continent Conference; and third, Bradley Invitational. He easily finished with the lowest stroke average, a 75.0. He is majoring in Criminology.

Mike Sawyer—Senior

Sawyer continued his fine play in the fall, finishing second in stroke average with a 77.4. He will be student teaching during the spring season, so his play will be somewhat limited. His leadership will be missed. Sawyer is majoring in Physical Education.

Head Coach Ken Green

The 1990-91 season marks Ken Green's 20th year at the helm of the Northern Iowa men's golf program. While a member of NCAA Division II, UNI was one of the strongest teams in District V, sending either a team or individuals to post-season play seven of 10 years. During his career, Green has coached four all-Americans and was District V Coach of the Year in 1973. In 1976, his team finished eighth at the national tournament.

Green is an area consultant for the National Golf Foundation and was selected as Association of Mid-Continent Universities Conference Coach of the Year in 1985.

In 1980, UNI moved to Division I status. The competition and quality of play has continued to improve since making this change in classification. Division I demands a level of play that serves as a challenge that continuously is being met by the Panthers.
Northern Iowa at a Glance

Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614
Enrollment: 12,600
Founded: 1876
President: Dr. Constantine W. Curris
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
National Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Mid-Continent
Nickname: Panthers
Director of Athletics: Bob Bowlsby
Head Coach: Ken Green (319) 273-6033
Director of Sports Information: Nancy Justis
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1991 Spring Schedule

March 16-23  Spring Trip (Marietta, GA)
March 20     at Georgia State (Marietta, GA)
April TBA    Drake (Des Moines, IA)
April 12-13  UNI-Wartburg Invitational (Cedar Falls/Waverly, IA)
April 19-20  at Akron-Firestone Invitational (Akron, OH)
April 25-26  at Drake Relays Invitational (Des Moines, IA)
May 3-4      at Midwestern Intercollegiate Invitational (DeKalb, IL)