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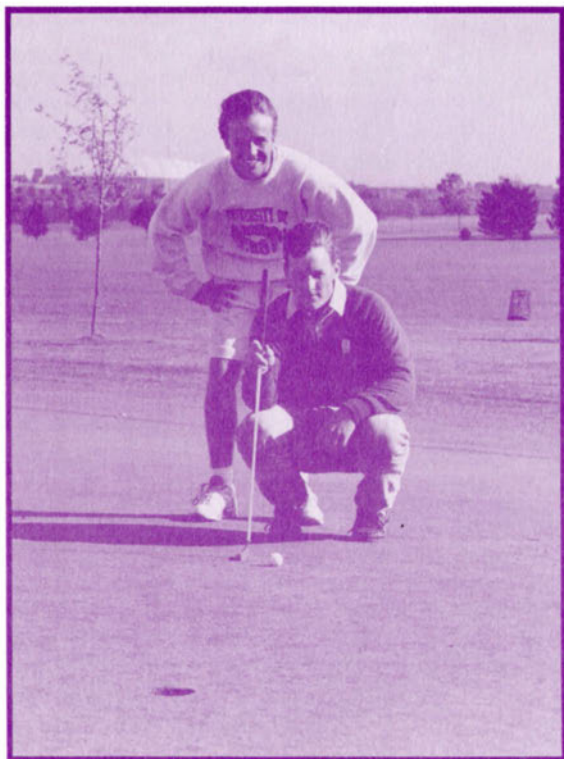
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*Returning letterwinners Brant Fox (kneeling) and Matt Klenske (standing).*

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## Outlook

Graduation bit off a big piece of the 1990-91 Northern Iowa men's golf squad. Head coach Ken Green, now in his 21st season, knew that any success his 1991-92 team would enjoy would be dependent upon his two returning letterwinners, returning players with little experience and new recruits. With these factors in mind Green looked at the season with a slightly different attitude than in years previous.

During Green's tenure, the golf program has gone through a number of changes. It moved from the Division II level, where it was competitive and enjoyed considerable success, to the NCAA Division I level in 1980. As a result of the move, UNI's route to post-season play travels through NCAA/District V, which is comprised of teams from both the Big Eight and the Missouri Valley Conferences (MVC).

Beginning with last fall's season, UNI men's programs (except football) moved from the Mid-Continent Conference into the MVC. According to Green, the move means "a new challenge and a need to again move the program to another level of play, since over the years, teams in the Valley have been ranked nationally and have performed well in post-season play."

In the fall of 1991, the young squad's performance reflected its youth and inexperience. The two letterwinners returning for the Panthers are senior Brant Fox and sophomore Matt Klenske. With all of the new players on the tee, one of the team's main goals became gaining valuable college meet experience.

"This fall was important for us because nine of the 13 players got meet experience," said Green.

A trio of new faces in junior college transfer Shane Boston, sophomore Dave Schneider and freshman Barry Spencer combined to make a difference for the team. Spencer provided the team's top individual performance with a fifth-place finish at the Twin-Cities Classic.

Two primary goals confront the Panthers this spring. They must continue to gain valuable experience at the college level, and they are aiming for an upper division finish at the MVC meet in May. Other concerns for the squad include becoming better ball strikers and concentrating on course management.

Spring practice begins in early February in order to prepare the team for the annual spring trip to Marietta, GA. The trip south helps prepare the





1991-92 Panthers: Front, l-r: Dan Mulligan, Jeff Johnson, Matt Klenske, Dave Schneider, Doug Boysen. Back, l-r: Shane Boston, Matt Wagner, Andy Kretz, Todd Lewis, Brant Fox, Jay Beckman, Darrin Eckard, Barry Spencer, Coach Ken Green.

team for the spring season by giving it an opportunity to gain experience and to play on several challenging courses.

Green feels the opportunity to play at the Division I level makes UNI a great place to be a student-athlete. The Panthers play a very strong meet schedule throughout the year and see action on a variety of courses. But most important is the fact that UNI provides a great balance between academics and athletics. The golf team boasts a 3.14 grade point average.

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

Opportunities the golf program at UNI can offer a student-athlete are valuable on the course and in everyday life.

## Head Coach Ken Green

For the past 21 years, Ken Green has been at the helm of the Northern Iowa men's golf team. During his tenure, he has seen many changes in the Panther athletic programs. The national affiliation went from NCAA Division II to the Division I level in 1980. In 1991, the men's athletic teams switched from the Mid-Continent to the Missouri Valley Conference.

Green has also coached four NCAA all-Americans. While at the Division II level, his squad members qualified for the national meet either as individuals or as a team seven out of 10 years. The team finished eighth at the national meet in 1976. Green was named the District V Coach of the Year in 1973.

His teams have been successful with limited financial resources in men's golf. While members of the Mid-Continent, Green's teams were very successful. In 1985, he was selected the Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year.

In addition to his coaching duties, Green serves as an area consultant for the National Golf Foundation and serves as the Assistant to the Director of Operations for the School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services.

## 1991 Fall Results

Meet	Finish	Team Score
DRAKE	2nd	448
UNI CLASSIC	15th	1241
Northern Intercollegiate	16th	953
Twin Cities Classic	8th	666
Bradley Classic	14th	963

# Player Profiles

## **Shane Boston** — Junior

A junior college transfer from Indian Hills Community College, Boston brings considerable experience and success to the golf team. He continued his strong play this past fall, leading the team in stroke average (78.4). His strong suit is a solid short game. He is a physical education major.

## **Brant Fox** — Senior

Fox transferred from Henderson State College in Arkansas and competed his first season for the Panthers during the Spring of 1991. His contribution to the team was felt immediately as he led the spring squad in stroke average (78.4). Fox finished second on the team in fall stroke average at 78.9. He's majoring in public relations.

## **Matt Klenske** — Sophomore

Klenske is in his second year with the Panther program and has continued to be a solid and steady player. After making a few swing changes during the spring season, he has adjusted well and improved his game. Outstanding in the classroom, he made the Dean's List with a 3.56 GPA as an accounting major.

## **Dave Schneider** — Sophomore

After the spring season, Schneider set his sights on becoming a top five player. After working hard on his game during the summer, his goals were realized last fall. He emerged as a steady performer and finished third in stroke average (79.7). He currently is a general studies major.

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## 1992 Spring Schedule

March 13-21	Spring Trip (Marietta, GA)
March 19	at Kennesaw State (Marietta, GA)
April TBA	Drake
April 10-11	at Bradley Invitational (Peoria, IL)
April 17-18	TBA
April 23-24	at Drake Relays Invitational (Des Moines, IA)
May 2-3	TBA
May	at Missouri Valley Conference Tournament (Tan-Tar-A, Osage, MO)

# 1992 Spring Roster

Name	Class	Hometown
Beckman, Jay	So.	Bettendorf, IA
Boston, Shane	Jr.	Elk Run Heights, IA
Boysen, Doug	Fr.	Nevada, IA
Eckard, Darrin	Jr.	Des Moines, IA
Fox, Brant*	Sr.	Colfax, IA
Johnson, Jeff	Sr.	Iowa City, IA
Klenske, Matt*	So.	Burlington, IA
Kretz, Andy	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA
Lewis, Todd	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
Mulligan, Dan	Sr.	Dubuque, IA
Schneider, Dave	So.	Bettendorf, IA
Spencer, Barry	Fr.	Marshalltown, IA
Wagner, Matt	Sr.	Waterloo, IA

\*Indicates Letters Won

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## Northern Iowa at a Glance

Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614

Enrollment: 13,200

Founded: 1876

President: Dr. Constantine W. Curris

Colors: Purple and Old Gold

National Affiliation: NCAA Division I

Conference: Missouri Valley

Nickname: Panthers

Interim Athletic Director: Eldon Miller

Head Coach: Ken Green (319) 273-6055

Sports Information Director: Nancy Justis

(319) 273-6354 (Office)

Men's Golf SID: Toby Evans

(319) 277-7736 (Home)

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## 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