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Northern Iowa Softball
1994
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On the Cover: Northern Iowa's 1994 softball squad takes a break from spring training.

General Information

Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614
Founded: 1876
Enrollment: 11,800
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
Conference: Missouri Valley
Affiliation: NCAA I

Softball Quick Facts

1993 Record: 25-19
1993 Conference Record/Finish: 8-8/T7th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/4
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/4

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University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA 50614
Quick Team Ready for All Challenges

The University of Northern Iowa Panther softball team has set its sights on the Missouri Valley Conference championship. After finishing with a 25-19 record in 1993, 8-8 in the MVC, UNI has a team that could challenge for the top spot with last year’s pitching staff intact and five starters returning.

According to head coach Meredith Bakley, speed will be the key to a successful season after losing all-MVC outfielder Deena Chipp.

“This year’s team has a lot of speed on offense and defense,” Bakley said. “Our speed will let us do so much more on the field.”

UNI has six seniors returning that will be counted upon for leadership, along with five recruits who will see plenty of action.

“We have a solid nucleus,” Bakley said. “I’m very pleased with our recruits, but the seniors on the team need to give their best all the time.”

Vande Voort Returns From Surgery

Much of UNI’s hopes rest on the shoulders of senior Karen Vande Voort. Vande Voort has been bothered by knee problems that have required surgery, but she has returned at full strength. The former second-team all-MVC selection returns to her duties behind the plate as the starting catcher, where she batted .295 last year with three home runs and 22 runs batted in.

Vande Voort will team with sophomore Stacy Weber and senior Heather Daters to lead an explosive offense. Last season, Daters batted an impressive .366 with two home runs and 21 RBIs. As a freshman, Weber batted .300 with three home runs and 15 RBIs.

Defense Looks to Improve

Last year, the Panthers committed 121 team errors. Bakley felt defense was a definite area that needed improvement.

“Our defense lost close games for us last year,” Bakley said. “We should be better now that our infield has more experience and is stabilized.”

True freshman Jen Dean will be seeing action immediately at third base. Her defensive play at the hot corner will be crucial to the success of the Panthers, but the challenge should be no problem as she was an Iowa second-team all-state selection at third in high school after batting .484 her senior year.

Jen Dean is a real daredevil,” Bakley said. “She’ll knock down balls or do whatever it takes to get the job done and it doesn’t bother her.”

First base likely will fall into the hands of senior Amy Hendriksen. Although she saw action in only nine games last year, Bakley is pleased with her development.

“Amy is a stabilizer for the infield with her good glove,” Bakley said. “She’s picked up speed and is starting to hit the ball like she did coming out of high school.”

Second base will fall to either junior Angie Vignaroli or junior college transfer Jaye Donlea. “They’ll both get a shot,” Bakley said. “Whoever is more consistent will win the job.”

Rounding out the infield is Weber at shortstop and Vande Voort at catcher. “Karen will be the leader that takes charge on the field,” Bakley said. “Stacy is our do-it-all player. She’ll be a strong hitter and hopefully will keep her errors down.” Weber committed 38 errors last year.

Pitching Staff Ready

Bakley is counting on a strong pitching staff this season, led by the arms of senior Desiree Bebout and sophomore Kandy Keiper.

“We have both of our starters back,” said Bakley. “We can only hope for the best after they totaled 24 wins between them last year.”

Bebout will be looked upon for a strong senior season. She needs 17 wins to become UNI’s all-time winningest pitcher, a mark currently held by Sarah O’Byrne (1987-1990) with 60. Last season, she came up with 14 victories on a 1.76 earned run average. Bebout also will see time as the team’s designated hitter, where she displayed some long-ball power in the fall exhibition season.

Keiper is coming off a solid freshman performance, when she had 10 wins and a 2.29 ERA. Also expected to see action for the Panthers at pitcher will be senior Dana Happel, who had a 1-2 record with a 3.12 ERA last year. She will be counted on in a relief role.

“Our pitching is a big untested right now, but they are significant to our chances of having a successful spring,” Bakley admitted.

Outfield Led by Daters

There are questions about the outfield going into the 1994 campaign, although the lone returning starter from last season is a good one. Heather Daters started all 44 games last year and committed only four errors in centerfield.

“Daters will be in charge of the outfield,” said Bakley. “We’ll also look to her as one of our main power sources on offense.”

As for the other outfield positions, junior Kristal Ward probably will start in right field. She played in all 44 games last season, while batting .262 with seven RBIs. Left field is open to two freshmen. Either Deanne Fick or Maria Kurtz will land the job. Fick was an Iowa second-team all-state selection, and Kurtz was a fourth-team choice. Both are very quick and may share time.

Freshman Dena Rhoads is vying for a spot in the outfield after moving from the infield due to the addition of Jaye Donlea to the infield. Bakley describes her as having “sound fundamentals.”

Bakley cannot say enough good things about this year’s squad. “I really like this group. They listen to what you say, then they work on it. They’re fun, they run, they get dirty. I guess they just love to compete.”
The Coaches

Head Coach Meredith Bakley

Meredith Bakley is in her 16th year heading the Northern Iowa softball program. During her tenure, she has an AIAW Division II National Championship to her credit, leading the Panthers to the title in 1982, and a berth in the NCAA Division I Championship in 1990 after her team won the Gateway Conference Tournament. She also recorded a 22-10 record her first year at UNI enroute to a second-place finish in the AIAW State Tournament, the same year the team finished sixth at the regional championship. In all, her UNI teams have posted above .500 records in 11 of 15 seasons.

Bakley has compiled a 419-338-3 record since her arrival in Cedar Falls in 1979 and has guided her teams to 29 or more wins eight times. Her philosophy of playing against the best competition available has seen the Panthers face a steady diet of the nation’s top-ranked teams.

A graduate of Black Hills State College in Spearfish, SD, Bakley received her master’s degree from Colorado State University in 1974. She has completed hours toward her doctorate from the University of Iowa and Northern Colorado.

Bakley was an instructor at Valley State College in Valley City, ND, where she was head basketball and softball coach before coming to UNI. Her Valley City softball team placed second in the state in 1978. Her career collegiate coaching record is 478-372-3.

Assistant/Pitching Coach Dr. Gene Bruhn

Dr. Gene Bruhn begins his 12th season as the only assistant coach the Panthers have ever had. Dr. Bruhn has handled Northern Iowa pitching staffs that have been consistently among the best in the conference since his arrival. Included on those staffs have been all-conference hurlers Krista Fosbinder and Sarah O’Byrne.

Bruhn currently is a practicing chiropractor in Clarksville. He studied at Ellsworth Junior College two years, at Wartburg for a year and received his degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport. Dr. Bruhn was a top softball player in the area for over 25 years.
Senior Profiles

Desiree Bebout/Pitcher
Public Relations
Woodward, IA (Woodward-Granger)

Three-time letterwinner...on pace to shatter several UNI pitching records, including games, wins, innings, starts...will see time as UNI's designated hitter this year...earned 12 letters in high school participating in softball, volleyball, basketball and track...participated in 1990 Iowa High School Softball All-Star Game...named to all-tournament team at 1989 Iowa High School State Softball Tournament.

Yr. ERA W-L G CG SHO IP H R BB SO WP
1993 1.76 4-8 27 19 3 151 157 79 38 23 63 0
1992 2.16 19-16 43 28 5 223.7 221 103 69 34 84 7
1991 2.63 11-17 33 22 5 191.7 196 100 72 66 52 15
Tot. 2.18 44-41 103 69 13 566.4 574 282 179 123 199 22

Heather Daters/Outfield
Accounting
LeGrand, IA (LDF-Semco)

Three-time letterwinner...team co-captain...co-holder of games-played record with 64 during freshman year (1991)...batted .366 last season...will bat cleanup in 1994...won Coaches' Award for GPA as a freshman...named to all-tournament team at 1988 and 1989 Iowa High School Softball Tournament...First-team all-state softball 1987-89...earned 13 letters in high school participating in softball, basketball, volleyball and track.

Yr. BA G AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR SB/A SO BB
1993 .366 44 134 40 49 21 6 4 2 5/7 15 13
1992 .354 51 161 30 57 29 6 0 2 8/9 11 10
1991 .222 64 185 19 41 16 6 3 0 5/8 22 38
Tot. .306 159 480 89 147 66 18 7 4 18/24 48 61

Dana Happel/Pitcher
Marketing
Waterloo, IA (West)

Two-time letterwinner...team co-captain...transferred from Northeast Missouri State after 1991 season, where she was team's top pitcher...won 100 games and named 2nd team all-state two years...51 RBI senior year of high school, third in state...will also see action as a utility player.

Yr. ERA W-L G CG SHO IP H R BB SO WP
1993 2.18 1-2 11 1 1 24.7 36 16 11 18 5 2
1992 2.32 8-9 26 10 2 126.7 123 76 42 38 66 6
Tot. 2.45 9-10 37 11 3 151.4 139 92 53 56 71 8

Amy Hendrickson/First Base
Psychology
Harlan, IA

Limited to only nine games last year...committed only two errors in 96 attempts last season for a .980 fielding percentage...named to all-tournament team at 1988 Iowa High School Softball Tournament...played in 1990 Iowa High School Softball All-star game.

Yr. ERA W-L G CG SHO IP H R BB SO WP
1993 2.69 9 26 3 7 1 1 0/0 0 0/1 2 0
1992 2.21 53 145 10 32 22 1 2 0 0 0 0/0 0 0
1991 .500

Heather Jennings/Catcher
Physical Education
Manly, IA (North Central)

1992 letterwinner...also played collegiately at Waldorf Junior College...participated in the National Junior College Tournament while at Waldorf...earned 14 letters in high school playing softball, volleyball, basketball and track.

Yr. BA G AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR SB/A SO BB
1993 .278 16 36 1 10 2 0 0 1 0/0 3 1

Karen Vande Voort/Catcher
Mathematics
Pella, IA (Pella Christian)

Three-time letterwinner...helped limit opponents to only 22 steals last year...top RBI leader returning with 23...named team's Rookie of the Year in 1991...named first team all-state in softball in 1989 and 1990...first team all-state tournament team.

Yr. BA G AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR SB/A SO BB
1993 .295 43 112 15 33 23 9 0 2 0/0 8 8
1992 .363 48 146 22 55 32 5 3 2 3/3 3 8
1991 .267 33 84 12 23 9 5 0 0 0/0 5 14
Tot. .316 124 344 49 109 145 19 3 4 3/3 16 30

Watertown, IA (Washington College)

June (Heller) Kolesar/First Base
Accounting
Decorah, IA (North Iowa)

Two-time letterwinner...team co-captain...helped limit opponents to only 22 steals last year...top RBI leader with 23...named team's Rookie of the Year in 1991...named first team all-state in softball in 1989 and 1990...first team all-state tournament team.

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Panther Profiles

Juniors

Shari Bauer/First Base
Secondary Education
Dunkerton, IA

1993 letterwinner...switched to first base from pitcher...started 19 games last season...5th team all-state as a senior...named conference Most Valuable Player for softball in high school three times...earned 12 letters in high school participating in softball, basketball and track.

Yr. BA G AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR SB/A SO BB
1993 .233 19 43 5 10 2 0 0 0 1/2 16 4

Angela Vignaroli/Second Base
Public Relations
Des Moines, IA (Hoover)

Two-time letterwinner...started 22 games last season...committed only six errors in 106 chances for a .943 fielding percentage...probably will start at second base...earned six letters in high school participating in softball and volleyball.

Yr. BA G AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR SB/A SO BB
1993 .211 22 57 1 12 9 2 0 0 0/0 3 4
1992 .152 11 33 2 5 2 0 0 0 0/0 3 1
Tot. .189 33 90 3 17 11 2 0 0 0/0 6 5

Kristal Ward/Outfield
Elementary Education
Davenport, IA (Central)

Two-time letterwinner...will start in right field...named team’s Rookie of the Year in 1992...three-time softball MVP in high school...5th and 3rd team all-state as junior and senior...played in 1991 Iowa High School Softball All-Star game...earned nine letters in high school participating in softball, volleyball, basketball and track.

Yr. BA G AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR SB/A SO BB
1993 .262 44 149 23 39 7 3 0 0 1/2 11 15
1992 .263 36 92 19 26 16 5 1 0 2/3 16 6
Tot. .262 80 241 42 65 23 8 1 0 4/5 27 21

Jennifer Zbornik/Catcher
Community Health
Waterloo, IA (West)

Two-time letterwinner...saw action in 27 games last season...clutch hitter who had 11 RBI on 13 hits last season...may see action as a utility player...1st team all-state catcher as a senior in high school...won five letters in softball in high school...played in 1991 Iowa High School Softball All-Star game.

Yr. BA G AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR SB/A SO BB
1993 .210 27 62 10 13 11 5 1 1 2/2 20 9
1992 .185 25 65 13 12 8 2 0 1 4/4 11 5
Tot. .197 52 127 23 25 19 7 1 2 6/6 31 12

Sophomores

Kandy Keiper/Pitcher
Undecided
Cedar Rapids, IA (Kennedy)

1993 letterwinner...will compete for top starting pitching spot...won 10 games last season as a freshman...won five letters in softball in high school...three-time all-stater.

Yr. ERA W-L G ST SHO IP H R ER BB SO WP
1993 2.29 10-9 20 19 4 119 115 56 39 20 50 0

Stacy Weber/Shortstop
Community Health
Gilbertville, IA (Don Bosco)

1993 letterwinner...started every game last year as a freshman...batted .300 with three home runs and 15 RBL...1st team all-conference four years...led state in hitting (.570) senior year and was named 3rd team all-state...all-Northeast Iowa three years.

Yr. BA G AB R H RBI 2B 3B HR SB/A SO BB
1993 .300 44 130 24 39 15 7 0 3 6/7 13 16
Panther Profiles

Newcomers

Jen Dean/Third Base
Freshman
Pre-Law
Postville, IA

Expected to start at third base...had outstanding fall...3rd team all-state...state home run recordholder with 16...1st team all-conference four years...1st team all-district three years...earned 16 letters in high school in basketball, track, volleyball and softball.

Jaye Donlea/Infield
Junior
Elementary Education
Jesup, IA

Transfer from Northern Iowa Area Community College...will be used as a utility player...lettered in softball and volleyball at NIACC...two-time all-region shortstop at NIACC...led state in stolen bases in 1990...earned 17 letters in high school participating in track, basketball, volleyball and softball.

Deanne Fick/Outfield
Freshman
Undecided
OskaAoola, IA

Will compete for starting left field position...4th team all-state last year...four years all-conference in softball...earned 17 letters in high school participating in cross country, track, volleyball, basketball and softball.

Maria Kurtz/Utility
Freshman
Elementary Education
Davenport, IA (Assumption)

Will see action at various positions...honorable mention all-state...twice named 1st team all-conference...earned letters in high school in volleyball, basketball and softball.

Dena Rhoads/Shortstop
Freshman
Secondary Education
Atlantic, IA (Atlantic)

All-conference in softball three years...all-conference in volleyball and basketball two years...lettered in volleyball, track, basketball and softball.
1994 Opponent Facts

Bradley Lady Braves, Peoria, IL
Head Coach: Renee Luers-Gillispie
Softball SID: Joe Dalfonso
Office Phone: 309-677-2624
Fax: 309-677-2626
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
18-25/5-13/9th
Key Returnees:
Jen Wethington, SR., 1B, .333, 12 RBIs;
Amy Pera, JR., SS, .281, 4 HR, 16 RBI;
Natalie Quinn, SO., P/OF, .277, 17 RBIs
Starters Returning/Lost: 10/4

Creighton Lady Jays, Omaha, NE
Head Coach: Brent Vigness
Softball SID: Vince Lodi
Office Phone: 402-280-5544
Fax: 402-280-2495
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
32-23/10-6/3rd
Key Returnees:
Wendy Moon, SR., IF, .340, 24 RBIs;
Julie Woodley, JR., IF, .376, 20 RBIs;
Shelly Esser, JR., OF, .355, 23 SBs
Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2

Mankato State Mavericks, Mankato, MN
Head Coach: Lori Myer
Softball SID: Jeri Thorpe
Office Phone: 507-389-2625
Fax: 507-389-2495
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
38-18/6-2/4th North Central Tournament
Key Returnees:
Jill Johnson, SO., SS, .344, 30 RBIs;
Jenni Vass, JR., P, 17-5, 1.82 ERA
Starters Returning/Lost: 10/3

Georgia State Panthers, Atlanta, GA
Head Coach: Bob Heck
Softball SID: Martin Harmon
Office Phone: 404-651-2071
Fax: 404-651-3204
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
39-16/13-3/1st
Key Returnees:
Danielle Tyler, SO., 3B, .390, 8 HR, 28 RBIs;
Kerri Przybylski, SR., OF, .304, 20 RBIs;
Tina Zuccolo, SO., P, 17-7, 1.32 ERA
Starters Returning/Lost: 10/5

Miami (OH) Redskins, Oxford, OH
Head Coach: Sandy Pearsall
Softball SID: Ann Lucas
Office Phone: 513-529-4327
Fax: 513-529-6729
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
13-52/7-23/9th Mid-American
Key Returnees:
Daria Germond, SR., C, .323, 5 HRs, 24 RBIs;
Kristal White, SR., OF, .314, 2 HRs, 20 RBIs;
Patina Stafford, JR., P, 2-18, 3.59 ERA, .269
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/5

Missouri Tigers, Columbia, MO
Head Coach: Jay Miller
Softball SID: Tina Thomas
Office Phone: 314-882-3241
Fax: 314-882-4720
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
31-18/9-11/3rd Big Eight
Key Returnees:
Terri Young, SR., CF, .336, 50 hits, 8 RBIs, 35 steals;
Kacey Marshall, JR., P, 16-9, 1.38 ERA;
Tiffany Heick, JR., 1B, .294, 42 hits, 37 RBIs, 4 HRs
Starters Returning/Lost: 8/1
1994 Opponent Facts

Nebraska Cornhuskers, Lincoln, NE
Head Coach: Rhonda Revelle
Softball SID: Terry Beek
Office Phone: 402-472-2263
Fax: 402-472-2005
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
18-23/5-11/6th Big Eight
Key Returnees:
  Tobin Echo-Hawk, SO., IF, .328, 12 RBIs;
  Jody Splichal, JR., P, 8-10, 3.8 ERA
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/8

St. Louis Billikens, St. Louis, MO
Head Coach: Denise Swanger
Softball SID: Joe Same!
Office Phone: 314-58-3981
Fax: 314-58-7193
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
14-24 Great Midwest
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 8/8

St. Xavier Cougars, Chicago, IL
Head Coach: Lynn O'Linski
Softball SID: Jimmy Johnson
Office Phone: 312-298-3106
Fax: 312-298-3111
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
42-19/8-1/1Chicago Collegiate
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/3

Southern Illinois Salukis, Carbondale, IL
Head Coach: Dr. Kay Brechtelsbauer
Softball SID: Mitchell Parkinson
Office Phone: 618-453-5466
Fax: 618-536-2152
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
34-12/12-4/2nd
Key Returnees:
  Jenny Klotz, SR., 2B, .320, 11 RBIs;
  Tania Meier, SR., P, 1.17 ERA, 17 HRs;
  Laurie Wilson, SR., C, .375, 2 HR, 38 RBIs
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3

Southwest Missouri State Bears, Springfield, MO
Head Coach: Holly Hesse
Softball SID: Kevin Taylor
Office Phone: 417-836-5402
Fax: 417-836-4868
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
28-21/8-8/4th
Key Returnees:
  Kellie Becher, SR., P, 16-12, 1.32;
  Tina Kramos, JR., SS, .319, 30 RBIs;
  Emily Morgan, SR., OF, .287, 17 RBIs
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3

Western Illinois Westerwinds, Macomb, IL
Head Coach: Kathy Veroni
Softball SID: Michael McFarland
Office Phone: 309-289-1133
Fax: 309-289-3366
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
29-13/14-2/1st Mid-Continent
Key Returnees:
  Stephanie Ryan, SR., CF, .373, 22-25 SB;
  Leslie Hoover, JR., 3B, .357, 6 HRs;
  Michelle Martin, SO., P, 4-3, 1.96 ERA
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/6

Wichita State Shockers, Wichita, KS
Head Coach: Jim Maynard
Softball SID: Larry Rankin
Office Phone: 316-689-3265
Fax: 316-689-3336
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
39-18/9-7/5th
Key Returnees:
  Ozzie Smith, JR., SS, .311, 20 RBIs;
  Kristin Klumpp, SR., OF, .341, 3 HR, 15 RBIs;
  Jodie Musser, JR., P, 11-4, 1.68 ERA
Starters Returning/Lost: 8/5

Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix, Green Bay, WI
Head Coach: Jean Rivett
Softball SID: Terry Powers
Office Phone: 414-465-2145
Fax: 414-465-2145
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
19-27
Key Returnees:
  Sharon Strojny, SO., C/IF, .303, 43 hits;
  Kelly Peel, SR., P, 14-16, 2.26 ERA
Starters Returning/Lost: 8/5

Wartburg Knights, Waverly, IA
Head Coach: Robin Hoppenworth
Softball SID: Duane Schroeder
Office Phone: 319-352-8277
Fax: 319-352-8301
1993 Record (Overall/Conference/Place):
14-11/5-7/5th Iowa Conference
Key Returnees:
  Kelly Meyer, 1B, .329, 3 HR, 18 RBIs;
  Ann Van Oort, OF, .295, 8 RBIs, 17 SBs
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3

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Missouri Valley Conference

A commitment to excellence, both in the classroom and the athletic arena, has been a trademark of the Missouri Valley Conference since its inception in the winter of 1907. Athletic accomplishments of Missouri Valley institutions through the years have included four national basketball championships, 17 trips to the NCAA Final Four and a 1989 college baseball championship.

The 1992-93 season was a landmark season for the Missouri Valley Conference, the oldest athletic conference west of the Mississippi River. For the first time in the league's history, the MVC administration included women's athletics — a league which for 85 years administered men's athletics only.

The inclusion of women's programs under the MVC administrative umbrella promised an immediate boost to the league. The Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference — which began in 1982 — merged with the Missouri Valley Conference and was unveiled as part of a new MVC on July 1, 1992. One of the strongest women's conferences in the country, the Gateway quickly built a solid reputation nationally, earning automatic qualifier status in several sports.

Last year, the top-seeded Drake Bulldogs captured the inaugural Missouri Valley Conference Championship in Omaha, NE. The title was the first league championship for Drake in softball. Drake, along with Southern Illinois, advanced to the National Invitational Championship in Macomb, IL, losing their first-round games. They concluded their season in the loser's bracket, with Southern Illinois defeating Drake.

MVC women's programs have been strong in other sports, as well. Six different members have participated in the NCAA softball championship, including Creighton, which made five trips and advanced all the way to the College World Series in 1986. Northern Iowa also has competed in the Women's College World Series, and, along with Southwest Missouri State and Illinois State, have been dominant in volleyball and bring that tradition to the MVC, as does Tulsa's golf program, competing as an independent.

The MVC sponsors the following sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country and track (indoor and outdoor), men's and women's golf, men's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball.

1993 Missouri Valley Conference Standings

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1993 Missouri Valley All-Conference Teams

First Team
P  Kellie Becher, Southwest Missouri
P  Angie Mick, Southern Illinois
C  Laurie Wilson, Southern Illinois
C  Lorie Broehl, Wichita State
C  Tracy Rice, Creighton
3B  Barb Gaines, Southwest Missouri
3B  Danielle Tyler, Drake
2B  Julie Woodley, Creighton
2B  Kris Cox, Drake
SS  Pam Schaffrath, Drake
SS  Tina Kransos, Southwest Missouri
OF  Deena Chipp, Northern Iowa
OF  Colleen Holloway, Southern Illinois
OF  Karrie Irvin, Southern Illinois
UT  Jennifer Jay, Wichita State

1993 Northern Iowa MVC All-Academic Team
Karen Vande Voort, 1st Team
Jennifer Peters, Honorable Mention

Second Team
P  Lauren Kennedy, Creighton
P  Jodie Musser, Wichita State
P  Tina Zuccolo, Drake
C  Karen Vande Voort, Northern Iowa
3B  Maura Hasenstab, Southern Illinois
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2B  Selina Braden, Illinois State
2B  Nikki Epley, Wichita State
2B  Kristin Klumpp, Wichita State
OF  Emily Morgan, Southern Missouri
OF  Tacey Myers, Bradley
OF  Aimee Sawdey, Drake
DP  Kim Pace, Illinois State
Most Valuable Player - Colleen Holloway, Southern Illinois
Rookie of the Year - Danielle Tyler, Drake
Coach of the Year - Megan Bryant, Drake

District VII CoSIDA All-Academic Softball Team
Jennifer Peters
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Division I Records
(Since 1983)

GAMES
Most Games, Season: 64 (1991)
*Most Games Won, Season: 35 (1988)
Most Games Lost, Season: 40 (1991)
*Most Consecutive Games Won: 11 (1989)
Most Consecutive Games Lost: 9 (1985)
Longest Game: 26 innings, Oklahoma City 0-0 (1984)

BATTING (Team)
Highest Team Batting Avg., Season: .297 (1993)
Most at Bats, Season: 1641 (1991)
Most Runs, Season: 679 (1985-88)
Most RBIs, Season: 128 (1982)
Most Home Runs, Season: 21 (1990-93)
Most Total Bases, Season: 331, Deena Chipp (1990-93)
Most Games Won: 35 (tie), 1982
Highest Fielding Pct. (min. 400 chances): .983, Cindy Franzen (1989-91)
Most Assists by an Outfielder: 34, Jenny Schultz (1987-90)

SEASON BATTING (Individual)
Most Hits: 209, Chris Ehlert
Most Doubles: 59 (1989)
Most Home Runs: 21 (1982)
Highest Batting Pct.: .365, 32-2 (1977)
Most Games: 35 (tie), 1982
Most Wins: 122, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Most Shutouts: 28, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Lowest ERA (minimum 300 innings): 1.11, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Most Innings: 760, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Most Strikeouts: 407, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Most Earned Runs Allowed: 229, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Most Runs Allowed: 89, Sarah O'Byrne (1988)
Most Walks: 103, Vicki White (1992)
Most Home Runs Allowed: 11, Sarah O'Byrne (1987-90)
Most Stolen Bases: 97, Sarah O'Byrne (1987-90)
Most Consecutive Games Won: 11 (1989)
Highest Fielding Pct. (min. 1.5 chances per game): .991, Cindy Franzen (1991)
Most Errors: 43, Deena Chipp (1990)

NORTHERN IOWA RECORDS (All-time bests established before 1983)
- Most Games: 223, Vicki White (1989-92)
- Most Doubles: 43, Vicki White (1989-92)
- Most Triples: 11, Laura Novotny (1992)
- Most RBIs: 110, Deena Chipp (1990-93)
- Most Total Bases: 331, Deena Chipp (1990-93)
- Highest Batting Avg.: .311, Deena Chipp (1990-93)
- Most Wins: 103, Sarah O'Byrne (1986-89)
- Most Shutouts: 28, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
- Lowest ERA (minimum 300 innings): 1.11, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
- Most Innings: 760, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
- Most Strikeouts: 407, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
- Most Earned Runs Allowed: 229, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
- Most Runs Allowed: 89, Sarah O'Byrne (1988)
- Most Home Runs Allowed: 11, Sarah O'Byrne (1987-90)
- Most Stolen Bases: 97, Sarah O'Byrne (1987-90)
- Most Consecutive Games Won: 11 (1989)

SEASON TEAM FIELDING
Highest Fielding Pct. (min. 1.5 chances per game): .991, Cindy Franzen (1991)
Most Assists by an Outfielder: 34, Jenny Schultz (1987-90)
- Most Dips, Season: 6, Jenny Schultz (1987-90)
- Most Stolen Bases, Season: 22, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
- Most Shutouts, Season: 10, Kathy Holy (1982)
- Most Assists: 436, Paul Evers (1985-88)

PITCHING (Individual)
Most Strikeouts, Career: 413, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most Shutouts, Season: 10, Patty Stockman (1977)
Most Wins: 18, (1977)
- Most Home Runs Allowed: 11, Sarah O'Byrne (1987-90)
- Most Dips, Season: 6, Jenny Schultz (1987-90)
- Most Shutouts, Season: 10, Kathy Holy (1982)
- Highest Strikeouts Pct., Season (minimum 2.0 at bats per game): .588, Sue Coakley (1978)
Year by Year Results

Season results prior to 1974 are unavailable.
Year by Year Results

Southwest Missouri State 4-3, 29
Wichita State 1-0

Iowa 0-2, 0-1

Western Illinois 0-1, 0-1

Bradley 1-1, 1-1

Gateway Conference Tournament

Southwest Missouri State 2-3 (1 inn.)
Southern Illinois 2-3 (1 inn.)
Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games 1986 (29-29)

Sooner Invitational

Oklahoma State 1-8

Baylor 0-1, 0-1

Creighton 0-1

Oklahoma City 0-1

Missouri 1-2

Oklahoma City 23-0 (8 inn.)
Missouri 3-2

Oklahoma City 1-2 (9 inn.)

Illinois State 0-1, 0-2

Redbird Invitational

College of St. Francis 10-0 (6 inn.)
Bradley 0-1

Drake 43 (1 inn.)
Illinois State 0-4

Mankato State 14-21 (10 inn.)

Western Missouri State 2-1

Miller-Medical-UNI Tournament

Wichita State 0-1

Southwestern 0-2

Creighton 0-1

Bowing Green 0-8

Illinois Chicago 0-1

Nebraska Omaha 23-0 (1 inn.)
St. Ambrose 5-1, 5-4

Merry 2-1, 4-1

Iowa 4-2, 1-3

*Southern Illinois 0-1, 3-4
*Eastern Illinois 31-1 (6 inn.), 1-6
Iowa State 34-0, 0-7

Drake 0-2, 0-4

Warburg 93-4, 41

Bradley 1-0, 1-4

Western Illinois 5-3, 13

Gateway Conference Tournament

Drake 1-0

Illinois State 2-1

Indiana State 0-1, 0-2 (8 inn.)

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

1987 (29-29)

Sooner Invitational

Wichita State 2-1

New Mexico 0-4

Missouri 1-3

Iowa 2-3

Eastern Illinois 18 (9 inn.)

Oklahoma City 1-9 (9 inn.)

Creighton 0-1 (8 inn.)

North Texas State 84-64

Redbird Invitational

*Illinois Chicago 5-4

Ball State 32

Southern Illinois 0-3

Bradley 0-3

Mankato State 3-1, 20

*Southern Illinois 25 (0 inn.), 6-1
*Eastern Illinois 0-5, 1-2

*Southwestern Missouri State 0-1, 2-0

UNI-Divisional Invite

St. Cloud State 1-10

North Dakota State 3-2 (9 inn.)

Kansas State 50

Illinois Chicago 20

North Dakota 29-9 (8 inn.)

St. Ambrose 10-4, 3-4

Luther 2-1, 6-3

Indiana State 30-2, 1-1

Illinois State 0-3

Warburg 1-8 (8 inn.), 9-6 (inn.)

Bradley 3-1, 3-10 (1 inn.)

Western Illinois 19-6 (9 inn.), 124-5 (1 inn.)

Drake 8-4 (5 inn.), 16-6 (inn.)

Grand Valley State 0-3, 1-8

Illinois State 0-5

Gateway Conference Tournament

Indiana State 1-0

Eastern Illinois 1-2

Richmond 10-0

Illinois State 0-5

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

*Gateway Conference Games

1989 (93-99)

Sooner Invitational

Wichita State 3-1

Bradley 0-1

Mankato State 4-2

*Southern Illinois 10-6

*Eastern Illinois 1-0 (9)

*Southwestern Missouri State 2-1

UNI-Divisional Invite

St. Cloud State 1-10

North Dakota State 3-2 (9 inn.)

Kansas State 50

Illinois Chicago 20

North Dakota 29-9 (8 inn.)

Lincoln 3-1

Northeastern 0-5

Indiana State 0-2

Illinois State 0-3

Houston Baptist 81

Stephen F. Austin 0-1, 0-1 (8 inn.)

Iowa 54-1, 12 (9 inn.)

Warburg 3-2, 15-1

Mankato State 1-0, 24 (20 inn.)

Illinois State 0-3

Tulsa 2-0, 4-1

UNI-Divisional Invite

Drake 3-1

Wisconsin-Green Bay 3-4

Iowa City 0-2

Defaul 24

Loyola 70

St. Cloud State 2-4

*Western Illinois 0-2, 3-1

Windy City Classic

Drake 6-0

Wisconsin-Green Bay 21

Loyola 0-8

Defaul 62

Nort Dame 20

Drake 4-3, 5-2

Eastern Illinois 9-0, 5-1

Southern Illinois 21-34

Bradley 1-5, 4-1

Southern Missouri 4-2, 6-0

*Western Missouri 1-2, 5-0

Gateway Conference Tournament

Wichita State 0-5

Southern Missouri 60

Bradley 3-2

Illinois State 136

Western Illinois 25

1990 (93-99)

Illinois State 23

Florida A&M 5-4 (10 inn.)

Georgia State 2-3 (10 inn.)

Indiana State 0-1

Iowa 1-0 (8 inn.)

Missouri 16

Marshall 82

Miami 0-6

Princeton 3-1, 80

Florida State 10-24

Southern Illinois Invitational

Southern Missouri 6-4

Northern Illinois 3-2

Bradley 9-2, 20

Drake 5-2, 2-10

Eastern Illinois 4-0, 5-2

Southern Illinois 2-3, 2-4

Illinois State 0-2, 5-10

Indiana State 2-1, 0-1

Iowa 1-3 (8 inn.), 39

Southern Missouri 21-2, 102-5 (2 inn.)

*Wichita State 41, 5-1

Gateway Conference Tournament

Southern Missouri 6-4

Illinois State 1-4

Drake 2-1

Southeast Missouri 4-7

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

*Gateway Conference Games

1992 (99-29)

Sooner Invitational

Oklahoma State 0-9

Iowa 1-9

Sam Houston State 0-4

Chicago State 23-0

Tulsa 2-0

*Bradley 1-2, 1-2

*Wichita State 4-5, 3-4

*Southern Missouri 9-1, 3-2

Missouri 3-1, 1-9

Bradley 21 (03, 34 (6 inn.)

Western Illinois 21-1, 10

Gateway Conference Tournament

Wichita State 6-6

Illinois State 6-5

Drake 2-4

South Dakota 0-0

Illinois State 2-0

Northeastern Illinois 3-2

NCAA Tournament

Loyola 0-3, 2-1

Illinois State 0-3

*Gateway Conference Games

1993 (95-31)

Sooner Invitational

Austin 84-4, 16

Drake 0-1, 1-0

*Bradley 9-1, 24

*Wichita State 84-9, 4-8 (6)

*Creighton 1-4, 3-1

*Drake 6-3, 1-0

*Indiana State 9-2, 40

*Missouri Valley Conference Tournament

Drake 2-4

*Gateway Conference Tournament

Drake 2-4

*Missouri Valley Conference Games

1992 (26-26)

St. Louis 4-5, 2-1

Missouri St. Louis 9-1, 3-5

Atlanta 60-5, 13-1

Mercer 84-9, 201

Florida A&M 9-1, 32

Florida State 0-2

Florida State Invitational

Kent State 3-2

South Carolina 3-2

Georgia State 5-3

Purdue 7-5

Rutgers 7-5

Kent State 1-7

Wartburg 9-2, 12-5

*Eastern Illinois 0-1, 9-19

*Southern Illinois 3-5, 1-3

UNI-Divisional Invite
For 116 years, the University of Northern Iowa has emphasized outstanding undergraduate education, with complementary graduate programs at the master’s, specialist’s and doctoral levels. Building on its historic strength in teacher education, the University has developed a number of outstanding programs in business, natural sciences, humanities and fine arts, and social and behavioral sciences. Enrollment stands at approximately 12,800 students from every county in Iowa, 36 states and 44 countries.

Considered a long-time leader in the field of teacher education, UNI has implemented several programs that continue this tradition of excellence. UNI’s Regent’s Center for Early Developmental Education is a leading setting for research and training in the education of young children. The Center is the only educational resource of its kind in Iowa. The University’s mathematics and science education programs have been recognized as among the best in the country.

The College of Business Administration has become the largest undergraduate business school in Iowa. The College’s Department of Accounting is ranked among the 10 best in the country by educators and accounting professionals. In a national survey of 400 accounting faculty, UNI ranked as one of their top programs. UNI’s accounting graduates continue the tradition of scoring well on the CPA exam. UNI has an average pass rate of 65 percent, compared to the national pass rate of 20 percent. All seven of Iowa’s national accountancy award winners in 1990 were graduates of Northern Iowa.

UNI was ranked seventh among the top 15 colleges and universities in the Midwest in U.S. News and World Report’s 1991 American’s Best Colleges Book. U.S. News also ranked UNI second among “Best Buys”.

Realizing the value of a liberal arts education, UNI has implemented a rigorous general education curriculum that equips students with a broad understanding and knowledge of how to apply and acquire new information throughout life.

Northern Iowa is a university that values teaching. That means faculty members rather than teaching assistants (graduate students) teach in the classroom. It also means the opportunity to work with faculty members on research and other scholarly activities as an undergraduate student. Small classes enable the University to foster one-to-one working relationships between faculty and students. Nearly 90 percent of UNI’s classes have 50 or fewer students.

Northern Iowa’s heritage and philosophy place great value on providing a student-centered educational experience. The University nurtures a premiere learning environment — it is small enough to offer its students individualized attention, yet large enough to provide a variety of resources and opportunities, as well as a distinguished faculty.

Students enter the University well-prepared, demonstrated by their selection of high school courses and rank in class. In recent years, over 90 percent of the entering freshmen ranked in the top 50 percent of their high school classes, with about 60 percent ranking in the top 30 percent. The average undergraduate arrives at UNI with an ACT score of 23.

Northern Iowa’s 19 men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletics programs compete at the NCAA Division I level with major conference affiliations. The Panthers boast a nationally-recognized coaching staff to maintain strong programs in football, basketball, track and field, wrestling, volleyball and softball.

The UNI campus combines the grandeur of early 1900s architecture with striking, modern building designs that have characterized an impressive growth period over the past dozen years. The attractive, park-like campus contains more than 40 major buildings on 861 acres, yet is compact enough to cross in a 10-minute walk.

UNI is located in Cedar Falls, an inviting and historic community of about 35,000 people. Together with the adjacent City of Waterloo, the metropolitan area has a culturally diverse population of 115,000 and combines big city opportunities with small town friendliness. Cedar Falls/Waterloo is a center for industry, finance, commerce, recreation and cultural activities for northeast Iowa.
The Northern Iowa softball team found its home on the UNI campus in the 1978 season with the construction of its own diamond after previously playing all home games at a softball complex in Waterloo. Ground-level dugouts have been added since that time to afford protection for the athletes from the possibility of inclement weather.

However, if the weather dictates that games can no longer be played outdoors, the Panthers have the advantage of being able to play indoors in the UNI-Dome, a multi-purpose, air-supported coliseum. Thus, the Panthers are rarely rained out when they play at home.

UNI is assured of playing in the Dome at least three dates this season as the UNI-Dome Invitational returns for its ninth year. The three-day tournament is played entirely in the Dome on two diamonds set up opposite each other. Fourteen teams are scheduled for this year’s tournament, April 8-10. The field features Missouri Valley Conference rival Drake, along with strong teams from Mankato State and Illinois at Chicago.
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