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Defending the Title

- Three First Team All-Conference selections
- Undefeated in the Missouri Valley Conference
- Five First Team Academic All-Conference selections
The school was founded in 1876 as the Iowa State Normal School. In 1909, it became Iowa State Teachers College. In 1961, the name was changed to State College of Iowa, and in 1967, the Iowa Legislature acted to change the status of the institution to that of a university under its present title.

While maintaining its heritage in teacher education, the University has continued its metamorphosis toward a multi-purpose institution, with nationally acclaimed programs in many disciplines. UNI's accounting program continues to be ranked among the best in the nation. The College of Business Administration has become the largest undergraduate business school in Iowa and has gained a reputation as one of the finest in the Midwest. Student groups ranging from chemistry to conservation to public relations have been recognized by their respective national groups for the excellence of their programs.

UNI also realizes the value of a liberal arts education and 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.

The University of Northern Iowa has a compact, park-like walking campus 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.

A campus-wide commitment to great teaching lies at the heart of the University of Northern Iowa's reputation for providing exceptional undergraduate education, as well as complementary programs at the master's, specialist's and doctoral levels.

Building on its historic excellence in teacher education, the University has developed outstanding programs in business, natural sciences, humanities and fine arts, and social and behavioral sciences.

UNI's heritage and philosophy place great value on providing a student-centered educational experience. The University's medium size allows it to offer the faculty, facilities and academic choices of a major university, while retaining a friendly, small college atmosphere.

Throughout the years, the University's academic reputation has proven a key factor in landing recognition as one of the top undergraduate institutions in the region.

U.S. News and World Report has recognized the University by ranking it among the best values and most efficient of regional universities in the Midwest in 1997. In past years, UNI as been cited by the magazine in other categories such as "best," best buy," "up and coming," and "#1 in academic reputation."

The book, Crime at College: The Student Guide to Personal Safety, credits UNI with having the safest campus/community in the country.

Enrollment on the 860-acre campus stands at about 13,000 students from every county in Iowa, 40 states and 48 foreign countries.
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Northern Iowa At A Glance
Location....................................................................................Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614
Founded.....................................................................................1876
Enrollment..................................................................................13,100
Nickname..................................................................................Purple & Old Gold
Colors......................................................................................Purple & Gold
Conference..............................................................................Missouri Valley
President..................................................................................Dr. Robert Koob
Athletic Director.......................................................................Rick Hartzell
Associate Athletic Director/Compliance.................................Dr. Sandra Williamson
Associate Athletic Director/Business.........................................Julie Bright
Associate Athletic Director/Sport Management.......................Kevin Buisman
Director of Athletic Development...........................................Scott Leisinger
NCAA Faculty Representative..................................................Dr. Jack Wilkinson

Volleyball Information
Head Coach................................................................................Dr. Idradge Ahraibi-Fard
Alma Mater (Year)......................................................................Northern Iowa (65)
Career & UNI Record.................................................................444-136 (17 years)
Assistant Coach........................................................................Bobbi Petersen
Assistant Coaches.....................................................................Annie Dailey
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Best Time to Reach Ahraibi-Fard..............................................1-2:30 p.m.
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1998 Conference Record/Finish...............................................18-0-1st
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Panthers to Host Valley Tourney
The 1999 State Farm/Missouri Valley Conference Tournament will be played at the West Gym on the University of Northern Iowa campus on Nov. 18-20. As the host institution, UNI is guaranteed one of the six spots in the tournament field, with the winner of the tournament receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Media Information
Media facilities in the West Gym are very limited. Only working media are allowed access to the media area, located on the south side of the arena.

Internet Access
Updated Missouri Valley Conference standings, scores and statistics are available on the conference's home page: www.mvc.org
The University of Northern Iowa Athletics home page is at www.uni.edu/athletic
Updated rosters, schedules, stats and links for each team are featured on the pages.

On the cover: (Action shots, clockwise from top left) Alexandra Auker, Jeni Schneckloth (I) and Jodi DeVries, Shannon Perry and Holly VanHofwegen.
Remember that old adage about it being tougher to stay on top than to get there? The Northern Iowa Panthers will certainly be put to that test during the 1999 season.

The Panthers placed themselves firmly at the top of the Missouri Valley Conference a year ago by going undefeated in 18 league matches and posting a 25-3 overall record. Late in the season they climbed to 24th in the national rankings and went on to win the conference tournament and advance to the NCAA Tournament for the sixth time in school history.

As the Panthers aim to repeat as they did in the 1994-95 campaigns, they do so with all the essential ingredients seemingly in place.

It would seem the Panthers have the talent, experience and balance to put together another stellar season.

Although he acknowledges his team is the preseason favorite, at least on paper, Panther coach Idrage Ahrabi-Fard says a repeat would be a monumental accomplishment.

The Panthers lost outside hitter Kerri Eich and back row specialists Shishonee Weber and Mindy Workman to graduation, and the veteran coach says those losses will be felt more than some would think.

"The back row specialists last year were the key to our success in nearly every situation," he says. "We would not have won the number of matches we did without those outstanding back row players."

But the Panthers return a nucleus that includes three first-team all-conference performers from a year ago.

"We have a very talented team, maybe the most talented we've ever had," says Ahrabi-Fard. "And I've been very pleased with our off-season workouts and the shape our players are in."

And as was the case a year ago, offensive balance should pose a major problem for UNI opponents.

"A good thing about this team is that nobody can focus on one person," said the Panther coach. "This is the most balanced team we have ever had. Every single person we put out there can inflict some damage. Everyone is good defensively and offensively."

"We're very deep on the outside position and have both of our middles back," he continues. "What concerns me is our depth in the middle and with our setter."

Depth could certainly be the only concern, because the front-line players at those positions are outstanding.

Last year's Valley Player of the Year, Shannon Perry, is back for her final season after taking her place among the top setters in the conference record book.

She's on a pace to break the school assist record midway through the season. "Shannon has a lot of options and she's wise enough to use them all very well," Ahrabi-Fard said.

Already a two-time first team all-MVC performer, Perry has sparked the potent Panther offense for three seasons and has plenty of weapons to utilize.

Senior Holly VanHofwegen, the Valley Tournament MVP, became one of the most dominating middle hitters in the league, leading the MVC in block average by a large margin and ranking 12th nationally. She also posted sterling offensive numbers, averaging 3.06 kills and posting a .257 hitting percentage.

"Holly's one of the best blockers in the conference, has tremendous ability and can cause lots of problems because of her size," Ahrabi-Fard said.

Junior outside hitter Alexandra Auker made the jump from All-Newcomer to the all-conference first team last year. She is the leading returning hitter from last season's top offense in the conference. Auker emerged as one of the Valley's top all-around performers as the only player in the conference to rank in the top 10 in kills, digs and aces.

And while the aforementioned Panthers all have received their share of notoriety over the past couple of seasons, junior Jeni Schneckloth has quietly become a valuable and consistent force, both offensively and defensively. A year ago, she averaged nearly three kills, a block and over two digs per game while hitting .266, which ranked her second on the team. She was named to the all-tournament team at Florida State and had more kills than any Panther the final month of the season.

Solidifying UNI defensively at the net is senior middle hitter Jodi DeVries, who averaged over a block per game and finished 11th in the league in block average. She was a crucial contributor to the stretch run last season and added bonus offense, leading the conference with a .325 hitting percentage and averaging over two kills per game in the last half of the year.

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action the last two seasons while sophomore Kim McCaffrey looks to get back in the mix after redshirting a year ago. Ahrabi-Fard said he expects the pair to see a significant increase in playing time.

Sophomore Andrea Carlson and redshirt freshman Dayna Depping will be Perry’s understudy at setter. Kester enters the program with gleaming credentials, including the state player of the year last season.

The schedule for 1999 is formidable as the Panthers open at Utah, which defeated Illinois State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament a year ago.

The Oregon State Showcase is followed by additional non-conference matchups with intra-state rival Iowa State and the "Border War" with Minnesota. UNI will meet the Gophers, one of the Big Ten’s preseason favorites, in Rochester, Minn.

The Panthers also open the Valley season at arch-rival Illinois State.

**1999 ROSTERS**

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Head Coach - Iradge Ahrabi-Fard (18th season)
Assistant Coaches - Bobbi Petersen, Annie Dailey

### Pronunciation Guide

Auker.................................................AWK-er
DeVries........................................Du-VREEZ
Maya..................................................MY-uh
Schneckloth.......................................SHNEK-loth
VanHofwegen.................................VAN HOF-way-gen
Iradge Ahrabi-Fard..............l-RAADJ Ah-ROBBY-fard

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The dean of Missouri Valley Conference coaches, Dr. Iradge Ahrabi-Fard begins his 18th season on the Northern Iowa bench.

Since arriving on the scene from his native Iran in 1981, he has established the Panther program as a perennial power in the Midwest and given it national recognition.

Ahrabi-Fard has fashioned a 444-136 record in his 17 seasons, ranking him 22nd among all active coaches in terms of victories. His .766 winning percentage also places him 12th among active coaches.

The Panther coach has led his teams to six conference tournament championships -- 1986, '87 and '91 in the Gateway Conference, and 1994, '95 and '98 in the Missouri Valley.

He collected career win no. 400 at the Sun Devil Challenge at Arizona State on Aug. 31, 1996, against Wright State. He coached his 500th match at the collegiate level Sept. 15, 1995, in a win over Drake and is slated to coach his 600th match this season.

The Panthers were without the veteran coach for the 1997 season as he took a leave of absence to serve as a consultant for USA Volleyball and the development of its various teams. Assistant coach Bobbi Petersen headed the program for the season, but Ahrabi-Fard resumed his leadership role at the conclusion of the campaign.

Under his guidance, the Panthers have posted a 329-73 mark in the 13 seasons he's coached from 1985-98, with seven conference championships, six NCAA Championship Tournament berths and three National Invitation appearances, including a trip to the N.I.V.C. Final Four in 1993.

Ahrabi-Fard's teams have chalked up at least 20 victories in 15 of his 17 seasons. He was voted Gateway Coach of the Year in 1985 and 1987, and earned recognition as Midwest Region Coach of the Year by his peers in 1985. In 1994 and '95, he was voted Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year, and, in '95, led his team to its first national ranking, breaking into the top 25 late in the season and finishing 24th in the final poll after the Panthers bowed out of the NCAA Tournament to Stanford in the second round.

A year ago, he led the Panthers to a 25-3 mark, 18-0 conference record and sixth trip to the NCAA Tournament, where they were defeated by Indiana in the first round. Northern Iowa spent time in the top 25 for the second time and Ahrabi-Fard again was voted Valley Coach of the Year.

A 1965 graduate of UNI, Ahrabi-Fard has long been involved in athletics on the international level. In his native Iran, he served as President of the Institution of Sports from 1967 thru 1969, head swimming coach for the men's and women's national teams from 1967 thru 1970, Executive Director of the Education Department of Sports Ministry in 1970, and Vice-Minister of Sports Ministry from 1977 thru 1978. He also served as special physical educator for the Crown Prince and Princess of Iran.

As an athlete, Ahrabi-Fard competed on the Iranian national volleyball team internationally and in the Asian Games. He also was a high jumper on the national track and field team and competed his freshman year at UNI.

He was a successful high school coach in several sports at Northern University High School in Cedar Falls prior to taking the UNI job, earning various district, regional and state coach of the year honors in volleyball, track and field, and swimming.

Ahrabi-Fard has authored several books on volleyball coaching and is a highly sought-after speaker/clinician throughout the country.

After earning his bachelor's degree in physical education, Ahrabi-Fard received his master's in physical education from UNI in 1966 and his doctorate in physical education and educational administration from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

Ahrabi-Fard and his wife, Hoorvash, have a daughter, Susann.
Bobbi Petersen  
**Assistant Coach**

One of the greatest players in Northern Iowa volleyball history, Bobbi Petersen is in her fifth season as a Panther assistant. Two years ago, Petersen served as UNI's interim head coach while Iрадge Ahrabi-Fard served as a consultant to the U.S. National Team, and led her squad to a second-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 13-5 mark, 18-9 overall.

As a player at UNI, the former Bobbi Becker was a three-time first team all-conference selection and two-time first team all-region pick. Although it has been 10 years since she last wore a Panther uniform, she still holds four school records and places second in nine other categories.

Her 40 kills in a 1989 match against Illinois State not only is tops in Northern Iowa history, but also stands as the all-time Missouri Valley/Gateway Conference record. A native of Dike, Iowa, Petersen also holds school records for career and season digs with 1,457 and 471, respectively. She compiled 1,611 career kills and a 3.41 career kill average. In 1992, she was named UNI's Gateway Conference Volleyball Athlete of the Decade.

Petersen earned her bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation in 1990 and her master's from UNI in physical education in 1992. She served as a graduate assistant with the Panthers in 1990 and after completing her master's was employed as a therapeutic recreation specialist in Fort Smith, Ark., and Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Petersen and her husband, Duane, reside in Dike.

Annie Dailey  
**Assistant Coach**

Former Central College head coach Annie Dailey is in her second season as a Northern Iowa assistant, having been appointed in July, 1998.

Dailey returned to the coaching ranks last season after a 10-year hiatus, but brought impressive credentials to the program.

From 1984-86, she compiled a 76-35 record as head coach at Central College in Pella, Iowa, where she led the Flying Dutch to Iowa Conference titles in 1984 and '86 and a runnerup finish in 1985. She was voted the league's coach of the year in 1984.

After leaving Central, Dailey served as an assistant coach at Wartburg College from 1987-88. Her first coaching experience came as an assistant at Albia (Iowa) High School from 1982-83.

She is a 1981 graduate of the University of Iowa, where she lettered on the volleyball team and was named to the Big Ten all-academic team in 1979.

She and her husband, Dave, live in Waterloo with their son, Kody. She also has a daughter, Kristin Harris, who lives in Grundy Center.
PANTHER PROFILES

Jodi DeVries

6-1, Senior
Middle Hitter
Aplington, Iowa/Aplington-Parkersburg (Iowa State)

Career Highs
Kills - 16 vs. Southwest Missouri State (10/11/97)
Aces - 3 vs. Texas A&M (10/12/96)
Blocks - 14 vs. Dayton (9/7/96)
Digs - 6 vs. Bradley (9/27/97)

1998 - Led the Missouri Valley Conference with a .325 hitting percentage while ranking 11th in the league in blocking average at 1.02 per game...her .325 hitting mark ranks eighth on the UNI single-season list...collected a season-high 11 kills along with a .474 hitting percentage at Creighton...had 10 kills and season-best .692 hitting percentage vs. Drake at the Valley Tournament...her 87 block assists and 100 total blocks places her 10th on the UNI all-time list in each category...also ranks fifth in career block average (1.05)...became one of the Panthers' top offensive forces the last half of the season, hitting .404 and averaging 2.25 kills per game in the final 15 matches...recorded .400 or better hitting percentage in 12 of 28 matches...notched a season-best eight blocks vs. Drake at home...also had six blocks at Southwest Missouri State and Bradley, vs. Indiana State.

1997 - Became one of UNI's top middle players after transferring from Iowa State...played sparingly the first two weeks of the season, but came on strong to rank second on the team and seventh in the Missouri Valley Conference in blocking...notched a career-high 16 kills along with eight blocks vs. Southwest Missouri State...recorded 10 kills at Bradley...collected a season-high 10 blocks at Wichita State; had nine blocks vs. Bradley, at Illinois State...recorded nine kills and a .533 hitting percentage vs. Western Illinois.

1996 - Averaged a block per game and compiled 140 kills in 109 games for Iowa State...notched a then career-high 12 kills vs. Kansas; had double figures in three other matches -- 11 vs. Ohio State and Boise State, 10 against Oklahoma...had a career-high 14 blocks vs. Dayton, and 15 in two matches vs. Kansas.

High School - A third team all-stater as a senior after earning honorable mention as a junior...named to the all-conference first team twice...selected to play in the Mizuno all-star game...earned academic all-conference honors in volleyball, basketball and track...also competed in basketball and track, earning all-state honors in both...a second team all-state basketball player as a senior...qualified for the state track meet in three events...holds nine school track records.

Personal - Born March 8, 1978...majoring in Elementary Education...brother Darian was a guard on the Panther basketball team from 1994-98...brother Jared was an all-American defensive tackle at Iowa and now plays with the NFL's Detroit Lions...brother Dusty currently plays football at Iowa...daughter of Vern and Marge DeVries.

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Personal Profile

FAVORITE MOVIE: Hope Floats
FAVORITE ACTRESSES: Meg Ryan, Sandra Bullock
FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM: Detroit Lions
BEST ADVICE I EVER RECEIVED: Attitude is a little thing that can make a big difference.
THE REASON I CHOSE TO ATTEND UNI: The volleyball tradition and excellent education program.
I MOST LOOK UP TO AND ADMIRE: My parents, because they have worked hard for everything they have.
Shannon Perry
5-8, Senior
Setter
Overland Park, Kansas/Blue Valley Northwest

Career Highs
Assists - 77 vs. Southwest Missouri State (10/11/97)
Kills - 15 vs. Illinois State (11/7/98)
Aces - 5 vs. Wichita St. (10/26/96)
Digs - 24 vs. Creighton (10/17/97)
Blocks - 9 vs. Southern Illinois (11/15/97)

1998 - Became the fourth player in school history to be voted the best player in her league when she was named Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year as a junior...recorded a season-high 68 assists, fourth-best on the school list, at Evansville...her 1,181 assists for the season ranks fourth on the all-time UNI list and boosted her career total to 3,636, putting her on pace to become the school's career leader in '99...voted to the all-conference first team, conference all-tournament team and conference scholar-athlete first team...became one of just 14 players in conference history to be voted to the all-conference first team more than once...named conference player of the week after registering a triple-double at Illinois State with a career-high 15 kills to go with a .577 hitting percentage, 56 assists and 21 digs at Illinois State...named to the all-tournament teams at Florida State and Northern Illinois...ranked second in the Valley with a 12.05 assist average and directed the league's top offense to a .252 hitting percentage.

1997 - Took her place among the premier setters in the Missouri Valley Conference, receiving first team all-conference honors...voted to the conference all-academic first team...named to three all-tournament teams--Colorado State, Loyola and Missouri Valley...set the UNI single-season assist record with 1,339, which also ranks 12th in Valley history...set the school record for assists in a match with 77 vs. Southwest Missouri State (10/11/97)...ranked third in the Valley in assist average at 12.75...collected 69 assists vs. Southern Illinois; also had 65 at Evansville, 63 at Wichita State, 62 vs. Indiana State and 60 at Creighton...notched a career-high 24 digs at Creighton, set a career-best mark with nine blocks vs. Southern Illinois...second among Panthers with 29 assists and third with 312 digs.

1996 - Enjoyed an outstanding freshman season in which she was voted to the Missouri Valley All-Newcomer squad...set the UNI freshman mark with 1,116 assists, which also placed her fifth in the conference and fifth on UNI's single-season chart...voted to the all-tournament team at the Arkansas State Classic...compiled a then-career-high 60 assists vs. Drake; had 59 vs. Bulldogs in the semifinals of MVC Tourney...tied for third on the team in service aces with 37 and ranked sixth in the Valley with a 0.39 ace average.

1995 - Redshirted.

High School - A first team all-state selection who also was voted to the state all-tournament team twice...named to the all-state second team as a junior and honorable mention as a sophomore...the holder of seven school records at Northwest High and her team's MVP as a junior and senior...achieved a 3.98 GPA and was a Kansas Honor Scholar...a state medalist in track in the 400 and 800 meters.

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Personal - Born June 14, 1977...majoring in Therapeutic Recreation...daughter of Randy and Linda Perry; Connie and Larry Slaght.

Personal Profile

FAVORITE MOVIE: Hope Floats, Jerry Maguire
FAVORITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Tom Cruise, Sandra Bullock
THE BEST PART OF BEING AN ATHLETE AT UNI: Playing in the West Gym.
I MOST LOOK UP TO AND ADMIRE: Bobbi Petersen -- for all the time and hard work she puts into UNI Volleyball and smiling while she does it.
MISCELLANEOUS: I've broken my nose three times.
PANTHER PROFILES

Holly VanHofwegen
6-2, Senior
Middle Hitter
Spencer, Iowa/Spencer

Career Highs

Kills - 22 vs. Southwest Missouri State (10/11/97)
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1997 - One of the top middle hitters in the conference, she provided offense and defense, compiling 329 kills and finishing fourth in the Valley with a 1.23 block average...voted to the league's all-academic first team...named to the all-tournament team at Loyola Invitational...her 125 total blocks is 10th on UNI's single-season list, while her career-high 12 blocks vs. Drake is fourth on the single-match list...recorded a career-best 22 kills vs. Southwest Missouri State, had 20 kills at Evansville...also had 13 digs and a .432 hitting percentage vs. SMS...compiled double-figure kills in 21 of 26 matches...missed one match due to injury...more than tripled her digs from the previous season from 70 to 226 and a 2.22 average.

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High School - Named to the Class 3-A all-state fifth team as a senior...also

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Aces - 4 vs. Florida State (9/5/98)
Blocks - 7 vs. Indiana State (11/6/98)
Digs - 21 vs. Illinois State (11/7/98)

1998 - Picked up where she left off her freshman season, claiming a spot on the all-Missouri Valley First Team as one of the conference's top all-around players...the only player in the league to rank in the top 10 in kills, digs and service aces...led the team in kills (3.70/game) and digs (2.99/game) while ranking eighth and seventh, respectively, in the Valley...finished ninth in ace average (0.30/game)...also one of five Panthers recognized on the MVC Scholar-Athlete First Team...voted to the all-tournament teams at the Valley Tournament and Northern Illinois...named Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week on back-to-back occasions, Oct. 12-19...collected a career-high 27 kills vs. Southwest Missouri State...had 20 kills, 16 digs and a career-high four aces at 24th-rated Florida State...recorded double-digit kills in 22 of 28 matches and double-figure digs 14 times...tallied a career-best 21 digs at Illinois State...recorded eight kills and led the team with 10 digs in NCAA Tournament match vs. Indiana...had 14 kills, 16 digs and seven blocks at Indiana State...finished the season with a 3.55 career kill average, which ranks her second in school history.

1997 - Made an immediate impact as a starter, ranking second on the squad in kills (357), attempts (1081) and digs (340)...voted to the Missouri Valley All-Newcomer team by league coaches after averaging 3.40 kills and 3.24 digs, which placed her eighth in the conference...her 357 kills was just one shy of the UNI freshman record held by Kate Galer (1993)...registered double-figure kills in 22 of 27 matches, including a career-high 21 at Drake, and 20 at Evansville and Wichita State...recorded 21 kills and 20 digs at Drake...had double figures in digs 20 times.

High School - A three-sport star who was named her school's Female Athlete of the Year as a senior...a two-time first team all-conference volleyball pick who also was her team's "most inspirational"...named third team all-state in basketball...a three-time all-state selection in track...state 100-meter hurdles champ as a junior and senior; also a member of the 1600-meter relay team that won the state meet...a four-time state placerwinner in the 300-meter hurdles.

Personal - Born April 16, 1979...majoring in Health Promotion...daughter of Brad Auker and Kitty Moring-Hogan.

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Personal Profile

FULL NAME: Jaye Alexandra Auker
SUMMER 1999 JOB: Fitness manager's assistant
FAMOUS RELATIVE: Mariel Hemingway, aunt by marriage...was in her wedding.
THE BEST PART OF BEING AN ATHLETE AT UNI: The fans and support of everyone.
I MOST LOOK UP TO AND ADMIRE: My parents, Brad and Kitty...they have made me strong.
DREAM GOAL: To be a fitness body builder.
BEST MEMORY IN SPORTS: Winning the state championship in the 100-meter hurdles.
Maya Hirsch
5-11, Junior
Outside Hitter
Waterloo, Iowa/East

Career Highs
Kills - 5 vs. Southern Illinois (9/12/97)
Aces - 2 vs. Drake (9/26/98)
Blocks - 4 vs. Loyola, Ill. (9/6/97)
Digs - 5 vs. Central Michigan (8/30/97)

1998 - Saw action in 15 of the Panthers' 28 matches...registered a season-high three kills and .500 hitting percentage vs. Austin Peay...had two kills, an ace, two digs and two blocks at Northern Illinois...recorded a season-high three digs along with an ace and a block at Iowa State.

1997 - Played in 12 of 30 matches in her first collegiate season...had three kills, five digs and two blocks in her second collegiate match vs. Central Michigan...accumulated a career-high five kills at Southern Illinois and four blocks vs. Evansville.

High School - A second team all-stater in Class 3-A as a senior who also earned first team all-Mississippi Valley Conference honors...named East High's Most Valuable Female Athlete her senior year...voted to the all-metro team and named Metro Player of the Year...also lettered in basketball.

Personal - Born August 24, 1978...majoring in Geology...daughter of David and Andrea Hirsch.

Personal Profile
FAVORITE PRO SPORTS TEAM: St. Louis Cardinals
BEST ADVICE I EVER RECEIVED: Just give it a try.
CAREER GOAL: Plan on being a volcanologist.
FAVORITE MOVIE: Soul Food
FAVORITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Matt Damon/Julia Roberts
DREAM GOAL: To be a fitness body builder.
BEST MEMORY IN SPORTS: Playing volleyball with my sister, Erin, in high school.

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Jeni Schneckloth
6-0, Junior
Outside Hitter
Davenport, Iowa/North Scott

Career Highs
Kills - 19, twice, last vs. Illinois State (10/17/97)
Aces - 2, five times, last vs. Indiana State (11/6/98)
Blocks - 8, twice, last vs. Western Illinois (9/28/97)
Digs - 16 vs. Southern Illinois (10/31/98)

1998 - Emerged as one of the Panthers' unsung stars, ranking fourth on the team in kills (2.90/game) and digs (2.09/game), and third in blocks (0.85/game)...averaged 3.27 kills per game in the team's last 18 matches...was the team's third most efficient hitter with a .266 mark...voted to the all-tournament team at the Florida State Invitational...notched a career-high 19 kills along with 14 digs and six blocks at Illinois State...also had 19 kills at Wichita State...collected 18 kills and 14 digs at Evansville...recorded 17 kills at Drake and Indiana State...led the team with nine kills vs. Indiana in the NCAA Tournament...recorded double-figure kills 12 times and double figures in digs eight times...had double-doubles vs. Illinois State, Southern Illinois, Evansville and Southwest Missouri State.

1997 - Enjoyed a fine freshman season, earning a starting role at mid-season while playing in 102 of the team's 105 games...ranked fourth on the team with 213 kills and was the Panthers' third-best blocker with a 0.70 average...recorded double-figure kills in nine of her last 15 matches...collected a career-high 14 kills vs. Creighton, 13 vs. Indiana State and Drake, 12 vs. Illinois State, Indiana State and Bradley...accumulated career-best eight blocks vs. Central Michigan and Western Illinois.

1996 - Redshirted.

High School - A second team all-state selection her junior and senior years as she averaged over five kills and two blocks per game...led her conference in both categories...invited to the Mizuno All-Star game...also earned all-state honors in basketball and softball...letters won--volleyball (3), basketball (3) and softball (4).

Personal - Born August 5, 1978...majoring in Elementary Education...daughter of Roger and Irene Schneckloth.

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Personal Profile

FAVORITE BOOK: Any sappy love story
FAVORITE MOVIE: Pretty Woman
FAMOUS RELATIVE: Uncle drives the Budweiser Clydesdale hitch.
THE BEST PART OF BEING AN ATHLETE AT UNI: The friendships and success.
BEST MEMORY IN SPORTS: Last season, 20-0 in the conference, NCAA's.
MISCELLANEOUS: I'm always up for something fun and sometimes a little nutty even. If you can't laugh at yourself, you can't have any fun.
Career Highs
Kills - 7 vs. Evansville (9/13/97)
Blocks - 4 vs. Drake (9/19/97)
Digs - 3 vs. Central Michigan (8/30/97)

1998 - Redshirted.

1997 - Played in all 27 matches as a freshman...began her collegiate career with 11 kills in three matches at the Colorado State Invitational and another 11 at the Loyola Invitational...notched a career-high seven kills vs. Evansville, six vs. Bradley, five vs. Southern Illinois and Central Michigan.

High School - An outstanding all-around athlete was selected to the Elite all-state team in volleyball and basketball while winning the state track title in the 400-meter hurdles as a senior...led her team to a runnerup finish in Class 2-A at the state volleyball tournament as a senior after being named first team all-state in her class...named to the state all-tournament team as a senior and second all-state her junior year...runnerup for Iowa Basketball Player of the Year in Class 3-A and captain of the all-tournament team...won the Jack North Award at the state basketball tournament as a senior...led her Carroll High squad to the state basketball title her junior and senior seasons...won the 400 hurdles at the state track meet twice and finished fourth as a sophomore...also placed in the high jump...letters won—volleyball (3), basketball (3), track (3) and softball (3).

Personal - Born April 24, 1979...majoring in Health Promotion...daughter of Mike and Betty McCaffrey.

Personal Profile
FAVORITE BOOK: The Alchemist
FAVORITE MOVIE: A League of Their Own
FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM: Chicago Cubs
THE REASON I CHOSE TO ATTEND UNI: It's a great school with a great volleyball program.
BEST MEMORY IN SPORTS: Last season, winning the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.
THE BEST PART OF BEING AN ATHLETE AT UNI: Playing in the West Gym.

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Andrea Carlson
5-11, Sophomore
Outside Hitter
Urbandale, Iowa/Urbandale

1998 - Did not play.
1997 - Redshirted.
High School - Named to the Class 3-A all-state fifth team as a senior after earning honorable mention as a junior...a unanimous first team all-conference selection as a senior...received her school district's sportsmanship award...voted to the academic all-conference team three times...also a four-year golf letterwinner....letters won--volleyball (3) and golf (4).

Personal - Born July 8, 1978...majoring in Elementary/Early Childhood Education...daughter of Lowell and Linda Carlson.

Personal Profile
FAVORITE BOOK: The Client
FAVORITE MOVIE: Notting Hill
FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM: Denver Broncos
GOALS FOR THE 1999 SEASON: To help my team reach all its goals.
BEST MEMORY IN SPORTS: Last season, going to the NCAA's in Arkansas.

Dayna Depping
5-11, Freshman
Outside Hitter
Dike, Iowa/Dike-New Hartford

1998 - Redshirted.
High School - An Elite all-state selection as a senior who led her team to the state championship...averaged 5.03 kills per game and a .343 hitting percentage her senior year...voted Class 1-A Player of the Year as a senior after earning first team all-state honors as a junior and second team as a sophomore...voted her conference's top player her final two seasons...captain of the state all-tournament team...graduated as class Valedictorian with a 4.0 GPA...also a two-time all-state basketball selection...letters won--volleyball (4), basketball (4) and track (1).

Personal - Born January 9, 1980...majoring in Biology...daughter of Larry and Jolene Depping.

Personal Profile
FAVORITE BOOK: Gone With the Wind
CAREER GOAL: To become a pediatrician and mom.
FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM: Indiana Pacers (Go Reggie!)
MISCELLANEOUS: I love the color blue, Camaros, kids, puppies and chocolate!
BEST ADVICE I EVER RECEIVED: Pride is what makes a winner a champion.

Miranda Weber
5-5, Freshman
Defensive Specialist
Parkersburg, Iowa/Dike-New Hartford

1998 - Redshirted.
High School - A fifth-team all-state choice who was a member of two state championship teams for the Wolverines...voted to the all-state fourth team as a junior and to the all-conference first team as a junior and senior...also a five-year letterwinner in softball as a utility player and pitcher...earned all-state honors three times in softball...qualified for the state track meet four years and was a member of the second-place 4 x 800 relay team as a senior...also lettered twice in basketball..

Personal - Born November 9, 1979...majoring in Elementary and Early Childhood Education...cousin, Shishonee, played for the Panthers from 1994-98...daughter of Laverne and Jan Weber.

Personal Profile
FAVORITE MOVIE: Dumb and Dumber
CAREER GOAL: To become a teacher
FAVORITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Matthew McConaughey, Julia Roberts
FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM: Minnesota Vikings
GOALS FOR THE 1999 SEASON: To become a solid defensive specialist who can be depended on to make good plays.
PANTHER PROFILES

Jill Arganbright
5-10, Freshman
Setter
Iowa City, Iowa/West

High School - A first team all-stater as a senior after earning third team honors as a junior...averaged nine assists per game as a senior while leading the Trojan offense that ranked seventh in the state in hitting percentage...a unanimous first team all-conference pick as a junior and senior...invited to the Iowa Coaches All-Star Game...named her school's Female Athlete of the Year as a senior...a 4.0 student who was a State of Iowa Scholar and class Valedictorian...a member of the shuttle hurdle relay that won the state track meet as a senior...also medalled in the high jump and 100-meter hurdles...a two-time Drake Relays and four-time state track qualifier.

Personal - Born November 7, 1980...majoring in Biology/Chemistry...daughter of Jerry and Glenda Arganbright.

Personal Profile
CAREER GOAL: Become a doctor
THE REASON I CHOSE TO ATTEND UNI: Academics, volleyball and players/coaches
BEST ADVICE I EVER RECEIVED: Don't worry about things you can't control.
FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM: Green Bay Packers
GOALS FOR THE 1999 SEASON: Learn from Shannon (Perry) and improve defense
BEST MEMORY IN SPORTS: Winning the state championship in the shuttle hurdle relay

Kim Kester
5-10, Freshman
Outside Hitter
Urbana, Iowa/Center Point-Urbana

High School - Voted the state Player of the Year for all classes after leading CPU to the semifinals of the state tournament...named to the Elite first team all-state team, the Class 2-A Player of the Year and captain of the state all-tournament team...led the state her senior year with a .788 hitting percentage while ranking fourth with a 6.13 kill average...selected to play in the Iowa Coaches All-Star Game...a second team all-stater as a junior, sixth team as a sophomore...a two-time all-state performer in basketball who is a member of CPU's 1,000-point club...selected to play in the Dr. Pepper All-Star Game...also a four-time all-state shortstop in softball and two-time state track qualifier.

Personal - Born June 2, 1981...majoring in Business...the second of six children...daughter of Bill and Gail Kester

Personal Profile
NICKNAMES: Kimmy K or "Killer" Kester
HOBBIES: Fishing, hiking, swimming and collecting Kim Anderson figurines.
THE REASON I CHOSE TO ATTEND UNI: Great academic reputation, great coaches and...UNI Volleyball Rules!
MY BEST MEMORY IN SPORTS: Receiving my first phone call from a collegiate coach.
BEST ADVICE I EVER RECEIVED: If you want something badly enough, you have to be willing to work hard enough to receive it.
As it enters the next millennium, the Missouri Valley Conference continues to lead by example as one of college athletics most progressive conferences. Now in its 93rd year of existence, the Missouri Valley Conference emphasizes the importance of the student-athlete and is aggressive in its approach to provide opportunities for its member institutions.

Since its inception in 1907, the Missouri Valley Conference has been regarded as a leader by its peers among today's collegiate athletic conferences.

Based in St. Louis since 1985, the Conference has been aggressive in the approach to playing host to NCAA basketball championship events, producing a revenue-generating in-house television network, bidding out the right to play host to its several sport championships and landing title sponsorships for those events.

Under the direction of J. Douglas Elgin, the ninth commissioner in Valley history, the Valley has played host to the 1993,1998 and 1999 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Midwest Regionals. In fact, the Missouri Valley Conference will play host to four NCAA basketball championship events in the next six years.

During the past three years, the Valley has led the way for the city of St. Louis in landing the NCAA's basketball crown jewels.

On June 30, 1997, the Conference was selected to play host to the 2001 NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four at Kiel Center (March 30 and April 1).

On June 25, 1998, the Valley and the St. Louis Local Organizing Committee were tabbed by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee to play host to the 2005 Final Four (April 2 and 4) at the Trans World Dome. Along with the 2005 award, the Valley will serve as host for the 2004 Midwest Regional at the Dome.

On December 17, 1998, the Valley and the St. Louis Local Organizing Committee were awarded by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee the 2002 First/Second Rounds of the South Regional (March 14 and 16) at the Trans World Dome. It will be the first time that the Valley will serve as a first- and second-round host.

The oldest athletic conference west of the Mississippi River, the Missouri Valley Conference has been cutting edge in the area of its television network.

Beginning in 1993-94, the Valley took its television network in-house and began to produce, syndicate and sell a televised package of regular season and tournament events for distribution on local broadcast and national cable networks.

The Valley Television Network includes a package of more than 30 men's and women's basketball games and selected other tournament championship events that air on ESPN, espn2, Fox Sports Network, and on statewide cable systems and local broadcast stations throughout the Midwest.

Starting in 1995-96, the Conference broke new ground by bidding out the right to play host to its volleyball, men's and women's soccer and baseball championships. By establishing uniform host criteria, the Conference is able to assist a host institution in a season-long promotional campaign and provide an avenue where hosts can acquire a title sponsor and achieve a profit for the event.

The seeds for this vision were planted by eight administrators representing five institutions, who gathered at the Midland Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 12, 1907.

The five schools which formed the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association were Washington University of St. Louis, and the state universities of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Two months after the initial meeting, two more schools -- Drake University and Iowa State College -- were admitted.

In the fall of 1907, basketball became the first competitive sport. Today, the Missouri Valley Conference 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 and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis and men's volleyball.

This season, the league will conduct its 89th outdoor track and field championship, its 82nd tennis championship, its 46th baseball tournament and its 62nd golf championship for the men. Those programs, plus other current sponsored sports of cross country (42 years), indoor track (33), soccer (9) and swimming and diving (6), have helped solidify the Missouri Valley Conference as one of the most respected conferences nationally.

Athletic accomplishments on the men's athletics side include four national basketball championships, 17 trips to the NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four and a 1989 national baseball championship. MVC student-athletes and coaches have become household names during the conference's illustrious history, both during their collegiate careers and, for some, professional careers which have followed stardom in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The inclusion of women's programs under the Valley banner -- the nation's second-oldest collegiate athletic conference -- has provided an immediate boost. During the 1992-93 academic year, women's athletics were brought under the Valley umbrella for the first time. The Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference -- which began in 1982 -- merged with the Missouri Valley Conference and was unveiled as part of the new conference on July 1, 1992.

From its early beginning to its current standing on the map of college athletics, the Missouri Valley Conference will always continue to be pro-active in its approach.

Members of the Conference include Bradley University, Creighton University, Drake University, University of Evansville, Illinois State University, Indiana State University, University of Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois University, Southwest Missouri State University and Wichita State University.

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A first-round NCAA Tournament upset at the hands of Indiana may not have been the way the Northern Iowa volleyball team envisioned ending its season, but it was hard to look back on the 1998 campaign with anything but pride in its accomplishments.

UNI rode a 23-match winning streak into its first round NCAA matchup with the Hoosiers in Fayetteville, Ark. on Dec. 3. The Panthers were upended by the Hoosiers, 17-15, 15-7, 15-5, to put an end to a storybook season which saw them compile a 25-3 overall record and make their sixth trip to the NCAA Tournament.

The Panthers cracked the national top 25 for the second time in school history, climbing to no. 24 in the final regular-season ranking. They also breezed through the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season at a perfect 18-0, becoming only the second team in league history to accomplish that feat; the 1995 Panthers were the first.

After being picked to finish second in the preseason, the Panthers dominated the Valley, posting three-game sweeps in 12 of those 18 conference wins.

The season also marked the return to the bench of head coach Idrage Ahrabi-Fard after a year's absence while serving as a consultant to USA Volleyball. In his 17th season, the coach ran his career record to 444-136, placing him 11th among active coaches in terms of winning percentage and 23rd in total victories. He was voted Valley Coach of the Year for the fifth time.

Northern Iowa opened its season Labor Day weekend with a second-place finish at the Florida State Invitational, falling in the final match to the host Seminoles. The Panthers finished second again the following weekend at the Northern Illinois Invitational. After losing to the hosts in the first match on Sept. 11, UNI went on to win its next 23 matches, the second-longest streak in school history, which took them to their NCAA date with Indiana.

The Panthers got to the national tournament by winning their sixth conference tournament title Nov. 19 in Wichita, Kan. They entered the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament on Nov. 19 as the favorite and no. 1 seed and came home with the tournament trophy. They defeated Drake in the semi-finals, 15-5, 15-4, 12-15, 15-11 before sweeping Illinois State in the championship match, 15-5, 15-8, 15-12.

Led by conference Player of the Year Shannon Perry, Northern Iowa placed three players on the first team all-Missouri Valley Conference squad. Joining Perry on the first unit were junior Holly VanHofwegen and sophomore Alexandra Auker, both making their first appearance on the all-conference team.

Perry, a junior setter from Overland Park, Kan., who was voted to the all-conference first team a year ago, became the fourth UNI player to win the honor. Her predecessor as the Panther setter, Kara Galer, won the award in 1994 and '95 while Mary Bernhardt and Denise Cuttell won in 1987 and '90, respectively.

Perry guided the Panthers to their third Valley regular-season title in the last five seasons. She averaged 12.05 assists per game in the regular season -- third in the league -- and quartered the league's top ranked offense, which hit at .252 clip.

VanHofwegen made the team after enjoying one of the finest seasons by a middle hitter in school history. She averaged 3.06 kills per game to go with a .257 hitting percentage. She led the Valley with a 1.60 block average, which also placed her in the top 10 nationally.

Auker picked up where she left off the previous year when she was voted to the MVC all-newcomer team. The only sophomore on the first team, she led the Panthers in kills and digs, averaging 3.70 and 2.99, respectively. She ranked in the top 10 in the Valley in kills, digs and service aces. She also was voted Valley Player of the Week twice.

Three seniors ended their collegiate careers with the loss to Indiana. Outside hitter Kerri Eich was an honorable mention all-conference pick after being voted to the first team as a junior. She finished in the school's all-time top 10 in kills, kill average and total attempts.

Defensive specialists Shishonee Weber and Mindy Workman averaged 4.29 digs and 0.47 service aces per game between them as seniors while serving as team captains. Workman was the only Panther on the team to play in two NCAA Tournaments, having played on the 1995 team that also was nationally ranked.

Junior middle hitter Jodi DeVries led the Missouri Valley with a .325 hitting percentage and also placed 11th with a 1.00 block average. She was instrumental in UNI's success down the stretch, hitting over .400 in the final two months of the season.

Sophomore Jeni Schneckloth was a solid performer, ranking second on the team in hitting percentage, third in blocks, and fourth in kills and digs.

Sophomore Maya Hirsch recorded nine kills, 12 digs and five blocks while playing in 23 games.

UNI again ranked among the national leaders in attendance, finishing 13th as it averaged averaged 1,510 in nine home dates. The Panthers' 2,057 fans for the Bradley match on Nov. 17 was the largest home crowd since 2,199 gathered in the West Gym in 1994 for a match with Iowa State.
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#Florida State Classic  &Northern Illinois Invitational  *Missouri Valley Conference match
$Missouri Valley Conference Tournament  **NCAA Tournament
Team Success
In 17 years of Gateway and Missouri Valley Conference competition, Northern Iowa has posted 20 or more victories 14 times, captured seven conference titles and appeared in six NCAA Tournaments and three N.I.V.C. Tournaments. The Panthers have compiled a 347-82 overall mark in the last 13 years, 158-22 in conference play, and have reached the national top 25 in 1995 and '98.

Excellence in the Classroom
Three Northern Iowa players have been named Academic All-Americans a total of six times. Mary Bernhardt was a three-time First Team Academic All-American from 1985-87 while Kate Galer was a First Team pick in 1996 after earning Third Team honors the previous season. Kris Schroeder was honored on the Second Team in 1989. Since the Missouri Valley Conference instituted its academic all-conference squad in 1992, Northern Iowa has had 18 selections to the first team, including five a year ago.

Individual Honors
Conference and region honors have become commonplace for Northern Iowa volleyball players. In the past 14 years, the Panthers have had 50 all-conference selections, including five league players of the year and 27 first team selections. Seven Panthers have been voted to the all-district or all-region team and Coach Iradge Ahrafi-Fard has been named conference Coach of the Year five times and Region Coach of the Year once.

Great Fans
The Panthers have consistently ranked among the national leaders in attendance in recent years. The 1998 home attendance average of 1,510 ranked 13th in the nation. The friendly confines of the West Gym have helped the Panthers to a phenomenal 99-5 record at home in the '90s, including a 50-match home winning streak from 1992-96, which ranks fourth in NCAA history.
# Record Book

## Career Leaders

### Kills
1. Kate Galer (93-96)  1,720
2. Bobbi Becker (86-89)  1,611
3. Maryellen McCann (84-87)  1,122
4. Lisa Meeker (83-86)  1,111
5. Chris Less (88-91)  1,061
6. Denise Cuttell (87-90)  1,017
7. Jill Schoepfer (92-95)  1,006
8. Stacy Makonen (89-92)  1,006
9. Kerri Eich (94-98)  924
10. Sylvia Eder (83-85)  895

### Kill Average (min. 500 att.)
1. Kate Galer (93-96)  4.35
2. Alexandra Auker (97-98)  3.55
3. Bobbi Becker (86-89)  3.41
4. Natalie Walters (91-93)  3.13
5. Kerri Eich (94-present)  2.94
6. Maryellen McCann (84-87)  2.87
7. Jill Schoepfer (92-95)  2.85
8. Stacy Makonen (89-92)  2.74
9. Holly VanHofweghen (96-98)  2.67
10. Sylvia Eder (83-85)  2.66

### Total Attempts
1. Kate Galer (93-96)  3,817
2. Bobbi Becker (86-89)  3,756
3. Maryellen McCann (84-87)  2,950
4. Lisa Meeker (83-86)  2,812
5. Stacy Makonen (89-92)  2,596
6. Denise Cuttell (87-90)  2,409
7. Kerri Eich (94-98)  2,366
8. Chris Less (88-91)  2,331
9. Kerri Eich (94-98)  2,318
10. Jill Schoepfer (92-95)  2,274

### Hitting Percentage (min. 600 att.)
1. Chris Less (88-91)  .308
2. Jill Sprague (85-88)  .306
3. Kara Galer (92-95)  .302
4. Kate Galer (93-96)  .297
5. Kate Galer (93-96)  .292
6. Jill Schoepfer (92-95)  .289
7. Bobbi Becker (86-89)  .286
8. Denise Cuttell (87-90)  .283
9. Kris Schroeder (87-91)  .278
10. Shannon Perry (1996-98)  .267

### Assists
1. Kara Galer (92-95)  4,265
2. Mary Bernhardt (84-87)  3,977
3. Shannon Perry (96-98)  3,636
4. Bobbi Krepie (87-90)  2,780
5. Katie Crowley (88-91)  1,895

### Service Aces
1. Dawn Meester (89-92)  321
2. Bobbi Becker (86-89)  234
3. Kari Warren (83-86)  183
4. Mary Bernhardt (84-87)  169
5. Maryellen McCann (84-87)  146
6. Bobbie Kreple (87-90)  143
7. Jill Sprague (85-88)  141
8. Kate Galer (93-96)  128
9. Maryellen McCann (84-87)  119

### Digs
1. Bobbi Becker (86-89)  1,457
2. Kate Galer (93-96)  1,368
3. Mary Bernhardt (84-87)  1,202
4. Kara Galer (92-95)  975
5. Kari Warren (83-86)  913
6. Lisa Meeker (83-86)  874
7. Dawn Meester (89-92)  857
8. Bobbi Krepie (87-90)  850
9. Christie Oleen (88-91)  760
10. Maryellen McCann (84-87)  754

### Block Solos
1. Denise Cuttell (87-90)  90
2. Mary Bernhardt (84-87)  83
3. Lisa Meeker (83-86)  74
4. Carrie Shurr (91-94)  73
5. Jill Sprague (85-88)  71
6. Mary Bernhardt (84-87)  67
7. Tricia Mills (90-93)  65
8. Holly VanHofweghen (96-98)  63
9. Chris Less (88-91)  62
10. Maryellen McCann (84-87)  57

### Block Assists
1. Chris Less (88-91)  476
2. Denise Cuttell (87-90)  407
3. Tricia Mills (90-93)  335
4. Carrie Shurr (91-94)  328
5. Holly VanHofweghen (96-98)  327
6. Kate Marovich (93-96)  313
7. Kari Warren (83-86)  305
8. Jill Schoepfer (92-95)  256
9. Jill Sprague (85-88)  256
10. Jodi Devries (96-98)  248

### Total Blocks
1. Chris Less (88-91)  539
2. Denise Cuttell (87-90)  497
3. Carrie Shurr (91-94)  401
4. Tricia Mills (90-93)  400
5. Holly VanHofweghen (96-98)  390
6. Kari Warren (83-86)  388
7. Kate Marovich (93-96)  367
8. Jill Sprague (85-88)  327
9. Mary Bernhardt (84-87)  304
10. Jodi Devries (96-98)  295

### Block Average (min. 180 games)
1. Carrie Shurr (91-94)  .140
2. Holly VanHofweghen (96-98)  .132
3. Chris Less (88-91)  .127
4. Tricia Mills (90-93)  .110
5. Jodi Devries (96-98)  .105
6. Denise Cuttell (87-90)  .104
7. Jill Sprague (85-88)  .102
8. Kate Marovich (93-96)  .100
9. Kari Warren (83-86)  .093
10. Jill Schoepfer (92-95)  .081

### Games Played
1. Denise Cuttell (87-90)  478
2. Bobbi Becker (86-89)  473
3. Mary Bernhardt (84-87)  464
4. Lisa Meeker (83-86)  441
5. Maryellen McCann (84-87)  426
6. Chris Less (88-91)  425
7. Dawn Meester (89-92)  421
8. Kari Warren (83-86)  418
9. Kris Schroeder (87-91)  402
10. Kate Galer (93-96)  395

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Kara (1) and Kate Galer
## Season Leaders

### Kills
1. Kate Galer ('96) 535
2. Bobbi Becker ('89) 534
3. Kerri Eich ('97) 501
4. Denise Cuttell ('90) 497
5. Maryellen McCann ('87) 494
6. Kate Galer ('95) 431
7. Natalie Walters ('93) 425
8. Bobbi Becker ('87) 416
9. Stacy Makoven ('92) 400
10. Chris Less ('90) 398

### Assists
1. Shannon Perry ('97) 1,339
2. Bobbie Kreple ('90) 1,297
3. Mary Bernhardt ('87) 1,249
4. Shannon Perry ('98) 1,181
5. Kara Galer ('93) 1,149
6. Kara Galer ('94) 1,134
7. Shannon Perry ('96) 1,116
8. Kara Galer ('95) 1,114
9. Mary Bernhardt ('86) 1,089
10. Bobbie Kreple ('89) 1,080

### Block Solos
1. Michelle Schaab ('83) 48
2. Carrie Shurr ('93) 36
3. Kari Warren ('86) 35
4. Tina Parkin ('95) 30
5. Tricia Mills ('93) 30
6. Jane Witt ('83) 30
7. Lisa Meeker ('86) 29
8. Carrie Shurr ('94) 28
9. Denise Cuttell ('87) 27
10. Maryellen McCann ('86) 27

### Kill Average (min. 300 att.)
1. Kate Galer ('96) 5.57
2. Bobbi Becker ('89) 4.90
3. Kerri Eich ('97) 4.77
4. Kate Galer ('95) 4.35
5. Stacy Makoven ('92) 4.34
6. Denise Cuttell ('90) 4.14
7. Natalie Walters ('93) 4.09
8. Kate Galer ('94) 3.9207
9. Maryellen McCann ('87) 3.9206
10. Sylvia Eder ('85) 3.79

### Total Attempts
1. Kerri Eich ('97) 1,224
2. Kate Galer ('96) 1,201
3. Bobbi Becker ('89) 1,195
4. Denise Cuttell ('90) 1,135
5. Maryellen McCann ('87) 1,117
6. Alexandra Auker ('97) 1,081
7. Natalie Walters ('93) 1,053
8. Bobbi Becker ('87) 1,003
9. Kristie Oleen ('91) 999
10. Shawna Hutchins ('87) 981

### Hitting Percentage (min. 300 att.)
1. Kara Galer ('94) .393
2. Maryellen McCann ('86) .352
3. Jill Sprague ('86) .346
4. Lisa Meeker ('86) .340
5. Sylvia Eder ('85) .332
6. Carrie Shurr ('94) .329
7. Mary Bernhardt ('87) .326
8. Jodi DeVries ('98) .325
9. Chris Less ('90) .324
10. Jill Schoebert ('95) .320

### Block Assists
1. Jane Witt ('83) 150
2. Chris Less ('91) 147
3. Chris Less ('90) 141
4. Carrie Shurr ('94) 139
5. Denise Cuttell ('90) 137
6. Holly VanHofwegen ('98) 133
7. Sylvia Eder ('83) 119
8. Chris Less ('89) 118
9. Tina Parkin ('95) 107
10. Kate Marovich ('95) 106

### Total Blocks
1. Jane Witt ('83) 180
2. Chris Less ('91) 168
3. Carrie Shurr ('94) 167
4. Denise Cuttell ('90) 162
5. Holly VanHofwegen ('98) 157
6. Chris Less ('90) 154
7. Tina Parkin ('95) 137
8. Sylvia Eder ('83) 137
9. Chris Less ('89) 132
10. Michelle Schaab ('83) 131

### Team Season Records
- Matches - 41 (1983)
- Games - 138 (1987)
- Wins - 34 (1987)
- Losses - 20 (1983)
- Winning Streak - 27 (Sept. 8-Nov. 29, 1995)
- Losing Streak - 7 (Sept. 13-23, 1983)
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**Match Leaders**

### Kills
- 40 Bobbi Becker (Illinois St., 11/11/89)
- 35 Bobbi Becker (Southwest Missouri, 11/18/89)
- 34 Maryellen McCann (Iowa, 11/3/87)
- 33 Denise Cuttell (Iowa, 11/6/90)
- 31 Kate Galer (Creighton, 10/12/96)
- 29 Kerri Eich (Bradley, 10/25/97)
- 29 Kate Galer (Southwest Missouri, 10/30/93)
- 29 Maryellen McCann (Western Illinois, 9/25/87)

### Total Attempts
- 88 Bobbi Becker (Illinois State, 11/11/89)
- 86 Bobbi Becker (Southwest Missouri, 11/18/89)
- 79 Kate Galer (Southwest Missouri, 10/30/93)
- 76 Natalie Walters (Iowa State, 11/19/93)
- 73 Kate Galer (Drake, 11/22/96)
- 72 Kerri Eich (Drake, 10/18/97)
- 72 Denise Cuttell (Iowa, 11/6/90)

### Hitting Percentage (min. 10 att.)
- .846 Kate Galer (Tulsa, 10/2/93)
- .818 Kara Galer (Drake, 11/6/93)
- .818 Jill Sprague (Valparaiso, 9/5/87)
- .818 Maryellen McCann (Northwest Missouri, 9/26/86)
- .764 Jill Sprague (Winona State, 9/30/86)

### Assists
- 77 Shannon Perry (Southwest Missouri, 10/11/97)
- 72 Mary Bernhardt (Western Illinois, 9/25/87)
- 69 Shannon Perry (Southern Illinois, 11/15/97)
- 68 Shannon Perry (Evansville, 10/2/98)
- 68 Kara Galer (Drake, 10/11/93)
- 67 Mary Bernhardt (Southern Illinois, 10/18/85)
- 66 Kara Galer (Southwest Missouri, 10/30/93)
- 66 Bobbie Krepel (Western Illinois, 10/13/90)
- 65 Shannon Perry (Evansville, 9/13/97)
- 65 Bobbie Krepel (Illinois State, 10/27/90)

### Service Aces
- 13 Dawn Meester (Winona State, 11/6/91)
- 12 Dawn Meester (St. Ambrose, 9/18/90)
- 10 Dawn Meester (Indiana St., 10/26/92)
- 10 Dawn Meester (Tulsa, 10/2/92)
- 10 Dawn Meester (Iowa State, 11/3/92)
- 8 Michelle Becker (Rider, 11/30/94)
- 7 Jill Wolf (Southern Illinois, 11/18/95)
- 7 Kate Galer (Evansville, 11/12/94)

### Block Assists
- 8 Kari Warren (Iowa State, 11/4/86)
- 7 Maryellen McCann (Southwest Missouri, 11/22/86)
- 6 Michelle Schaab (Bradley, 10/22/83)
- 6 Michelle Schaab (Bradley, 9/27/83)
- 5 Sylvia Eder (Bradley, 10/22/83)
- 5 Lisa Meeker (Western Illinois, 11/15/86)

### Block Solos
- 15 Kari Warren (Southern Illinois, 10/18/85)
- 13 Chris Less (Illinois State, 10/25/91)
- 11 Holly VanHofwegen (Indiana State, 11/6/98)
- 10 Carrie Shurr (Wichita State, 9/17/93)
- 10 Denise Cuttell (Illinois State, 11/11/89)
- 10 Shawna Hutchins (Eastern Michigan, 9/14/85)

### Total Blocks
- 17 Kari Warren (Southern Illinois, 10/18/85)
- 16 Chris Less (Illinois State, 10/25/91)
- 14 Holly VanHofwegen (Indiana State, 11/6/98)
- 12 Carrie Shurr (Wichita State, 9/17/93)
- 11 Bobbi Becker (Southwest Missouri, 11/22/86)
- 10 Michelle Schaab (Bradley, 9/27/83)
- 10 Kate Galer (Southwest Missouri, 11/19/93)
- 10 Chris Less (Tulane, 9/30/88)

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**Digs**
- 39 Mary Bernhardt (Washington State, 9/11/87)
- 30 Bobbi Becker (William & Mary, 12/1/89)
- 30 Maryellen McCann (Western Illinois, 9/25/87)
- 28 Natalie Walters (Southwest Missouri, 11/19/93)
- 28 Kate Galer (Southwest Missouri, 10/30/93)
- 28 Bobbi Becker (Ball State, 10/8/88)
- 28 Mary Bernhardt (Iowa, 11/6/84)

**Team Match Records**

- 94 vs. Western Illinois, 9/25/87
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- 88 vs. Western Illinois, 9/25/87
- 2,539 vs. Iowa, 11/7/89
# RECORD BOOK

## Records By Class

### Kills
- Freshman - 358, Kate Galer (1993)
- Sophomore - 416, Bobbi Becker (1987)
- Senior - 535, Kate Galer (1996)

### Attempts
- Freshman - 1081, Alexandra Auker (1985)
- Sophomore - 1003, Bobbi Becker (1987)
- Senior - 1201, Kate Galer (1996)

### Hitting Percentage (min. 300 att.)
- Freshman - .313, Jill Sprague (1985)
- Sophomore - .346, Jill Sprague (1986)
- Junior - .393, Kara Galer (1994)
- Senior - .340, Lisa Meeker (1986)

### Assists
- Freshman - 1116, Shannon Perry (1996)
- Sophomore - 1339, Shannon Perry (1997)
- Senior - 1297, Bobbie Kreple (1990)

### Aces
- Freshman - 60, Jill Sprague (1985)
- Sophomore - 86, Dawn Meester (1990)
- Senior - 98, Dawn Meester (1992)

### Digs
- Freshman - 349, Kate Galer (1993)
- Sophomore - 471, Bobbi Becker (1987)
- Senior - 433, Mary Bernhardt (1987)

### Block Solos
- Freshman - 48, Michelle Schaab (1983)
- Sophomore - 26, Holly VanHofwegen (1997)
- Junior - 36, Carrie Shurr (1993)
- Senior - 35, Kari Warren (1986)

### Block Assists
- Freshman - 150, Jane Witt (1983)
- Sophomore - 119, Sylvia Eder (1983)
- Junior - 141, Chris Less (1990)
- Senior - 147, Chris Less (1991)

### Total Blocks
- Freshman - 180, Jane Witt (1983)
- Sophomore - 137, Sylvia Eder (1983)
- Senior - 168, Chris Less (1991)

## Yearly Leaders

### Kills
- 1983: Michelle Schaab 305
- 1984: Sylvia Eder 251
- 1985: Sylvia Eder 395
- 1986: Lisa Meeker 382
- 1987: Maryellen McCann 494
- 1988: Bobbi Becker 385
- 1989: Bobbi Becker 534
- 1990: Denise Cuttell 497
- 1991: Kristie Oleen 379
- 1992: Stacy Makoben 400
- 1993: Natalie Walters 425
- 1994: Kate Galer 396
- 1995: Kate Galer 431
- 1996: Kate Galer 535
- 1997: Kerri Eich 501
- 1998: Alexandria Auker 363

### Assists
- 1984: Mary Bernhardt 652
- 1985: Mary Bernhardt 987
- 1986: Mary Bernhardt 1,089
- 1987: Mary Bernhardt 1,249
- 1988: Katie Crowley 741
- 1989: Bobbi Kreple 1,080
- 1990: Bobbi Kreple 1,297
- 1991: Katie Crowley 1,021
- 1992: Kara Galer 686
- 1993: Kara Galer 1,149
- 1994: Kara Galer 1,134
- 1995: Kara Galer 1,114
- 1996: Shannon Perry 1,116
- 1997: Shannon Perry 1,339
- 1998: Shannon Perry 1,181

### Hitting Percentage
- 1983: Sylvia Eder .202
- 1984: Kari Warren .211
- 1985: Sylvia Eder .332
- 1986: Maryellen McCann .352
- 1987: Mary Bernhardt .326
- 1988: Bobbi Becker .277
- 1989: Bobbi Becker .315
- 1990: Chris Less .324
- 1991: Chris Less .287
- 1993: Kara Galer .283
- 1994: Kara Galer .393
- 1995: Jill Schoeberl .320
- 1996: Kate Marovich .304
- 1997: Shannon Perry .258
- 1998: Jodi DeVries .325

### Digs
- 1983: Amy Dall 297
- 1984: Mary Bernhardt 232
- 1985: Lisa Meeker 300
- 1986: Mary Bernhardt 316
- 1987: Bobbi Becker 471
- 1988: Bobbi Becker 345
- 1989: Bobbi Becker 374
- 1990: Bobbie Kreple 311
- 1991: Kristie Oleen 283
- 1992: Stacy Makoben 223
- 1993: Natalie Walters 362
- 1994: Kate Galer 355
- 1995: Kate Galer 342
- 1996: Jill Wolf 359
- 1997: Kerri Eich 384
- 1998: Alexandria Auker 293

### Service Aces
- 1983: Kari Warren 59
- 1984: Sylvia Eder 83
- 1985: Jill Sprague 60
- 1986: Maryellen McCann 73
- 1987: Mary Bernhardt 59
- 1988: Bobbi Becker 66
- 1989: Bobbi Becker 65
- 1990: Dawn Meester 86
- 1991: Dawn Meester 104
- 1992: Dawn Meester 98
- 1993: Natalie Walters 42
- 1994: Michelle Becker 38
- 1995: Kate Marovich 38
- 1996: Kate Marovich 41
- 1997: Kerri Eich 39
- 1998: Holly VanHofwegen 30

### Total Blocks
- 1983: Jane Witt 180
- 1984: Kari Warren 116
- 1985: Jill Sprague 114
- 1986: Jill Sprague 102
- 1987: Denise Cuttell 120
- 1988: Jill Sprague 102
- 1989: Chris Less 132
- 1990: Denise Cuttell 162
- 1991: Chris Less 168
- 1992: Tricia Mills 115
- 1993: Carrie Shurr 119
- 1994: Carrie Shurr 167
- 1995: Tina Parkin 137
- 1996: Holly VanHofwegen 108
- 1997: Holly VanHofwegen 125
- 1998: Holly VanHofwegen 157
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34-25, Maryellen McCann vs. Iowa (11/3/87)
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- Indiana State* 15-4, 15-9, 15-3
- L - at Southwest Missouri 15-8, 12-15, 11-15, 12-2, 8-15
- W - at Wichita State 8-15, 15-4, 15-10, 15-10
- W - Winona State 15-2, 15-6, 14-16, 15-3
- W - Eastern Illinois 15-3, 15-8, 15-7
- W - Southern Illinois 15-9, 15-9, 15-6
- W - at Western Illinois 15-3, 15-10, 15-6
- W - at Bradley* 15-3, 15-3, 15-4

Gateway Conference Tournament, Springfield, MO (1st)
- W - Illinois State 15-10, 15-10, 15-12
- W - Wichita State 15-11, 5-15, 15-4, 15-8

NCAA Tournament
- L - at Long Beach State 7-15, 3-15, 6-15

1992 (17-9)

Coach: Iradge Ahrabi-Fard

Syracuse Invitational (T2nd)
- L - Virginia 15-9, 15-11, 6-15, 6-15, 10-15
- L - Michigan 15-7, 15-17, 12-15, 4-15
- W - Syracuse 15-5, 15-7, 15-2

All-Iowa Classic, Cedar Falls (2nd)
- W - Iowa 15-13, 15-6, 16-14
- W - at Southern Illinois 15-7, 15-9, 15-4
- L - at Indiana State* 13-13, 13-12, 4-15
- W - at Wichita State 15-9, 15-4, 12-15, 2-15
- W - at Tulsa* 15-3, 15-6, 15-7
- W - at Southern Missouri 6-15, 8-15, 8-15
- W - Bradley* 15-3, 15-13, 15-8
- L - Illinois State* 14-16, 13-15, 10-15
- W - at Drake* 15-9, 15-2, 9-15, 15-7
- W - Indiana State* 15-4, 15-9, 15-12
- W - Southern Illinois 15-5, 15-8, 15-13, 15-14
- W - Evansville* 15-6, 15-11, 15-7
- W - at Southern Illinois* 13-15, 15-10, 15-6, 15-4
- W - at Bradley* 15-9, 15-8, 15-6
- W - at Illinois State* 15-7, 10-15, 14-16, 13-15
- W - at Wichita State* 15-2, 15-6, 15-5
- W - Creighton* 15-4, 15-5, 15-3
- W - at Iowa 8-15, 15-11, 15-10, 15-11
- W - Drake* 15-4, 15-6, 15-8
- W - Iowa State 15-3, 15-16, 15-13, 15-15
- W - at Tulsa* 15-3, 15-5, 15-7
- W - at Southern Missouri 15-17, 15-10, 15-8
- W - Illinois State* 15-7, 15-10, 15-3, 15-12
- W - at Southern Illinois 15-7, 15-9, 15-11
- W - Evansville* 15-4, 15-10, 15-2, 15-12

1994 (28-2)

Coach: Iradge Ahrabi-Fard

Washington State Cougar Challenge (1st)
- W - Gonzaga 8-15, 15-6, 15-10, 15-9
- W - Nevada 9-15, 15-3, 7-15, 11-11
- W - Temple 15-4, 15-6, 15-3
- W - Washington State 13-12, 15-7, 4-15, 15-8

1996 (20-8)

Coach: Iradge Ahrabi-Fard

Sun Devil Challenge, Tempe, AZ
- L - at Northern Arizona 15-5, 15-6, 15-15, 11-15
- W - Arizona State 14-16, 10-15, 9-15
- W - at Wright State 15-3, 9-15, 15-1, 11-11
- L - Arizona 4-15, 13-15, 6-15

Arkansas State Classic, Jonesboro, AR
- W - Morehead State 15-8, 15-13, 15-11
- W - Arkansas State 9-15, 16-14, 15-11, 15-8
- W - Kansas City 15-1, 15-1, 15-4

Southwestern Illinois 15-12, 15-7, 15-11
- W - Evansville* 15-1, 15-5, 15-6
- W - Bradley* 15-6, 15-2, 15-11
- W - at Western Illinois 15-3, 15-6, 15-6
- W - at Illinois State 15-3, 15-15, 15-12
- W - at Wichita State 15-5, 15-4, 15-3
- W - at Creighton* 15-1, 15-1, 15-2
- W - Drake* 15-0, 17-15, 15-10
- W - Tulsa* 15-4, 15-8, 15-5
- W - at Iowa State 15-3, 15-12, 15-15
- W - at Southern Illinois* 15-7, 15-9, 15-11
- W - at Evansville* 15-6, 15-1, 15-5

Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, Cedar Falls, IA (1st)
- W - Bradley 15-13, 15-9, 15-8
- W - Drake 15-11, 15-8, 15-5

NCAA Tournament
- W - Rider 15-0, 15-2, 15-3
- L - at Colorado 16-14, 13-15, 9-15, 12-15

1997 (18-9)

Coach: Bobbi Petersen (Interim)

Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, Springfield, MO (T3rd)
- W - Bradley 15-3, 15-11, 15-7
- L - Drake 11-15, 15-5, 15-10, 12-15

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**Wednesday, September 1**  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Location:** Salt Lake City, Utah  
**Enrollment:** 26,183  
**Nickname:** Utes  
**Conference:** Mountain West  
**Head Coach:** Beth Launiforme  
**Career/school record:** 158-128 (9 yrs.)

**1998 Overall Record:** 21-10  
**1998 Conference Record/Finish:** 9-5/3rd

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 5/7  
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**Series History:** Utes leads, 1-0

## Oregon State

**Saturday, September 4**  
Corvallis, Ore.

**Location:** Corvallis, Oregon  
**Enrollment:** 15,000  
**Nickname:** Beavers  
**Conference:** Pac-10  
**Head Coach:** Nancy Somera  
**Career/school record:** First year

**1998 Overall Record:** 13-16  
**1998 Conference Record/Finish:** 3-15/T8th

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 7/2  
**Volleyball SID:** Jennifer Bishop  
**Office Phone:** 541-737-3720  
**Fax:** 541-737-3072  
**E-mail:** Jennifer.Bishop@orst.edu

**WWW Address:** www.osubeavers.com

## Portland State

**Saturday, September 4**  
Corvallis, Ore.

**Location:** Portland, Oregon  
**Enrollment:** 15,000  
**Nickname:** Vikings  
**Conference:** Big Sky  
**Head Coach:** Chris Stanley  
**Career/school record:** First year

**1998 Overall Record:** 7-23  
**1998 Conference Record/Finish:** 2-14/8th

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 8/2  
**Volleyball SID:** Jeff Keiser  
**Office Phone:** 503-725-2525  
**Fax:** 503-725-5610  
**E-mail:** keiserj@mail.pdx.edu

**WWW Address:** www.vikings.pdx.edu

## Illinois State

**Friday, September 10**  
Normal, Ill.  
**Saturday, November 13**  
Cedar Falls

**Location:** Normal, Illinois  
**Enrollment:** 20,102  
**Nickname:** Redbirds  
**Conference:** Missouri Valley  
**Head Coach:** Julie Morgan  
**Career/school record:** First year

**1998 Overall Record:** 22-10  
**1998 Conference Record/Finish:** 16-2/2nd

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 11/4  
**Volleyball SID:** Tom Lamonica  
**Office Phone:** 309-438-5746  
**Fax:** 309-438-5634  
**E-mail:** talamon@ilstu.edu

**WWW Address:** www.isilstu.edu/Redbirds  
**Series History:** Tied 15-15

## Indiana State

**Saturday, Sept. 11**  
Terre Haute, Ind.  
**Friday, November 12**  
Cedar Falls

**Location:** Terre Haute, Indiana  
**Enrollment:** 10,934  
**Nickname:** Sycamores  
**Conference:** Missouri Valley  
**Head Coach:** Jim Bertoli  
**Career/school record:** First year

**1998 Overall Record:** 12-21  
**1998 Conference Record/Finish:** 1-17/10th

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 10/1  
**Volleyball SID:** Kelley Halliburton  
**Office Phone:** 812-237-4159  
**Fax:** 812-237-4157  
**E-mail:** athhallib@scifac.indstate.edu

**WWW Address:** www.indstate.edu/Athletic

## Iowa State

**Tuesday, September 14**  
Cedar Falls

**Location:** Ames, Iowa  
**Enrollment:** 25,585  
**Nickname:** Cyclones  
**Conference:** Big 12  
**Head Coach:** Linda Greensing  
**Career/school record:** First year

**1998 Overall Record:** 3-29  
**1998 Conference Record/Finish:** 1-19/11th

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 4/4  
**Volleyball SID:** Mike Green  
**Office Phone:** 515-294-1393  
**Fax:** 515-294-0558  
**E-mail:** mgreen@iastate.edu

**WWW Address:** www.cyclones.com

## Minnesota

**Wednesday, September 15**  
Rochester, Minn.

**Location:** Minneapolis, Minnesota  
**Enrollment:** 38,000  
**Nickname:** Golden Gophers  
**Conference:** Big Ten  
**Head Coach:** Mike Hebert  
**Career/school record:** First year

**1998 Overall Record:** 17-14  
**1998 Conference Record/Finish:** 7-13/8th

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 11/3  
**Volleyball SID:** Bruce Wolfe  
**Office Phone:** 612-624-3335  
**Fax:** 612-624-8018  
**E-mail:** wolfex021.tc.umn.edu

**WWW Address:** www.gophersports.com

**Series History:** UM leads, 11-2

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### State Records

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1999 OPPONENTS

Creighton
Friday, September 17
Cedar Falls
Saturday, October 16
Omaha, Neb.

Location: Omaha, Nebraska
Enrollment: 5,965
Nickname: Bluejays
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Howard Wallace
Career/school record: 22-31 (2 yrs.)
1998 Overall Record: 7-18
1998 Conference Record/Finish: 5-13/8th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/3
Volleyball SID: Abby Dillon
Office Phone: 402-280-5544
Fax: 402-280-2495
E-mail: additon@creighton.edu
WWW Address: www.creighton.edu/Athletics
Series History: UNI leads, 11-0

Southwest Missouri State Western Illinois
Saturday, September 25
Springfield, Mo.
Friday, October 22
Cedar Falls

Location: Springfield, Missouri
Enrollment: 18,207
Nickname: Bears
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Melissa Stokes
Career/school record: 49-45 (3 yrs.)
1998 Overall Record: 11-20
1998 Conference Record/Finish: 6-12/7th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/2
Volleyball SID: Robert Rodgers
Office Phone: 417-836-5402
Fax: 417-836-4868
E-mail: ror913t@mail.smsu.edu
WWW Address: www.sports.smsu.edu
Series History: UNI leads, 11-0

Drake
Saturday, September 18
Cedar Falls
Friday, October 15
Des Moines, Iowa

Location: Des Moines, Iowa
Enrollment: 3,500
Nickname: Bulldogs
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Blaine Tendler
Career/school record: 13-14 (1 yr.)
1998 Overall Record: 13-14
1998 Conference Record/Finish: 9-9/5th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/5
Volleyball SID: Brad Gust
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Fax: 515-271-3015
E-mail: brad.gust@drake.edu
WWW Address: www.drakebulldogs.org
Series History: UNI leads, 18-13

Southern Illinois
Friday, October 1
Cedar Falls
Saturday, October 30
Carbondale, Ill.

Location: Carbondale, Illinois
Enrollment: 22,252
Nickname: Salukis
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Sonya Locke
Career record: 160-121 (9 yrs.)
Record at school: 125-116 (8 yrs.)
1998 Overall Record: 19-12
1998 Conference Record/Finish: 12-6/3rd
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/5
Volleyball SID: TBA
Office Phone: 618-453-5465
Fax: 618-536-2152
WWW Address: www.siu.edu/~athletic
Series History: UNI leads, 21-7

Wichita State
Friday, September 24
Wichita, Kan.
Saturday, October 23
Cedar Falls

Location: Wichita, Kansas
Enrollment: 14,773
Nickname: Shockers
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Phil Shoemaker
Career/school record: 234-280 (16 yrs.)
1998 Overall Record: 17-17
1998 Conference Record/Finish: 11-7/4th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/2
Volleyball SID: John Barker
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Fax: 316-978-3336
E-mail: barker@twsuvm.uc.twsu.edu
WWW Address: www.twsu.edu
Series History: UNI leads, 25-1-1

Evansville
Saturday, October 2
Cedar Falls
Friday, October 29
Evansville, Ind.

Location: Evansville, Indiana
Enrollment: 2,600
Nickname: Purple Aces
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Mark Hardaway
Career record: 127-142 (8 yrs.)
Record at school: 53-77 (4 yrs.)
1998 Overall Record: 19-14
1998 Conference Record/Finish: 8-10/6th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/3
Volleyball SID: John Painter
Office Phone: 812-488-1152
Fax: 812-479-2090/2199
Series History: UNI leads, 10-0

Bradley
Friday, October 8
Cedar Falls
Saturday, November 6
Peoria, Ill.

Location: Peoria, Illinois
Enrollment: 6,000
Nickname: Braves
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Scott Luster
Career record: 457-270 (19 yrs.)
Record at school: 9-19 (1 yr.)
1998 Overall Record: 9-19
1998 Conference Record/Finish: 4-14/9th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/6
Volleyball SID: Bo Ryan
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Fax: 309-677-2626
E-mail: ryan@bradley.edu
WWW Address: www.bradley.edu/athletics
Series History: UNI leads, 28-6
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