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Front Row: Samantha Schnobel, Sampada Kanade, Ashton Schweim
Back Row: Diana Mendez, Tainara Moraes, Meghana Paritala, Carolina Hannes
UNI TENNIS QUICK FACTS

Location.............................................Cedar Falls, Iowa, 50614
Founded.............................................1876
Enrollment......................................12,609
Nickname.......................................Panthers
Colors..............................................Purple and Old Gold
Facility..........................................Black Hawk Tennis Club & UNI Tennis Courts
Conference......................................Missouri Valley
Affiliation......................................NCAA Division I
President......................................Dr. Benjamin Allen (Indiana, ’69)
Athletics Director.........................Rick Hartzell (UNI ’74)
Athletics Dept. Phone......................319-273-2470

Head Coach…Sachin Kirtane (Valdosta State, ’98 - 6th Season)
UNI Record......................................60-40
Career Record..................................60-40
2006-07 Overall Record..................17-6
2006-07 MVC Record......................6-2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost...........5/9
Newcomers......................................2
Tennis Office Phone..........................319-273-3901
Kirtane’s E-mail...............................sachin.kirtane@uni.edu
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Conference......................................Missouri Valley (NCAA I)
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Complete results for each home meet will be made available as soon as possible following the conclusion of the meet on UNI’s athletic website at www.unipanthers.com.
Coming off a 17-6 season last year, the Panthers look to continue that success with the return of five players from last season. The team includes three seniors, one junior, one sophomore, and two freshmen, who all have plenty of court experience to help fuel the Panther team this season.

UNI begins the 2008 spring season with high expectations. With key players returning and a deep squad, the Panthers Head Coach Sachin Kirtane believes this team can reach the high expectations they have set.

"We want to position ourselves at the top of the Missouri Valley Conference during the regular season," Kirtane said. "That way we have a great chance at making a run for the NCAA tournament."

Kirtane looks for his senior players, Meghana Paritala and Carolina Hannes, to lead by example and show the way for their younger teammates.

Paritala and Hannes look to move up on the singles career wins top ten list, as they are currently fourth and fifth, respectively. Paritala only needs nine wins to catch UNI's all-time career wins leader Nancy Land. Hannes is only 14 career wins behind Land. They both also rank in the top ten in singles winning percentage, with Paritala second and Hannes third.

Kirtane will also look toward his younger players with high hopes. Junior Taynara Moraes, playing the No. 4 seed last year, posted a 20-11 record last year and has an overall record of 31-20 as a Panther.

The Panthers have a challenging schedule once again this spring. The Panthers will face all Valley teams this season, and to begin the season they will travel to the Hawkeye Invitational Tournament in Iowa City, January 25-27.

The Panthers home opener is set for February 2 against the University of Missouri-Kansas City at the Blackhawk Tennis Club. The following day, the Panthers will host Western Illinois and Lewis University.

The Panthers will travel to Wisconsin in the month of February to play matches against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Marquette. Also in the month of February, the Panthers will host South Dakota State, Chicago State and Eastern Illinois.

The Panthers will travel to Lincoln, Nebraska to play Air Force on March 1 and will play the University of Nebraska for the second straight year on March 2.

Over spring break, the Panthers will travel to North and South Carolina. The Panthers will play Jacksonville State on March 16, UNC-Wilmington on March 18 and College of Charleston on March 19.

The Panthers will start league play with a three game homestand. The Panthers host Illinois State on April 4, Bradley on April 5 and will host their final home match of the season on April 6 against Indiana State.

The Panthers will finish their regular season slate with Southern Illinois, Evansville, Wichita State and Creighton all on the road before traveling to Omaha, Nebraska for the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

With all the experience the Panthers have, they also look to be very deep. Kirtane believes they have the ability to have seven girls winning at any point.

"Our girls are able to perform well at any position," Kirtane said. "Our girls perform well at the bottom of the line-up also, which helps take pressure off at the top."

The main challenge for the Panthers this season is to be able to win the doubles matches and win the close singles matches.

"Last season there were a lot of times where we lost matches 4-3. Those easily could have swung our way," Kirtane said. "If we can swing those matches in our favor and learn from our mistakes last season, we should be in great shape."
Sachin Kirtane begins his sixth season as the University of Northern Iowa’s women’s tennis coach. In five seasons at the helm, Kirtane has turned the program around, going 17-6 last season and moving his overall record to 60-40 as the Panther head coach. Kirtane ranks second in both career wins (60) and all-time winning percentage (.600). Kirtane needs 23 victories to catch all-time wins leader Pete Mazula. Mazula also holds the all-time winning percentage mark (.664).

Kirtane has guided the Panthers to three consecutive winning seasons, including a 19-4 record in the 2005 season. During the 2005 campaign, Kirtane led the Panthers to their first Missouri Valley Conference championship match only to lose regular season champion Illinois State.

In 2007, Kirtane led the Panthers to a second place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference with 6-2 league record. Kirtane holds a 16-10 conference mark the past three seasons after 1-8 records in his first two seasons.

His second season saw the team achieve the goal he had set forth of simply to, “get better.” The team, while boasting only one senior, went 7-12 overall.

From 1998-2002, Kirtane was the assistant men’s and women’s tennis coach at Valdosta State University. He helped lead both teams to the finals of the Gulf South Conference Championships in 1998-99. In 2000, the men’s team was ranked fourth in the nation. The women’s team won the conference title and reached the semi-finals of the NCAA Division II Championship in Pensacola, Fla.

In 2001, the men’s team was ranked second in the nation and won its second consecutive conference title.

Kirtane graduated from VSU in 1998 with a marketing degree. In 2000, he earned his master’s from VSU in business administration.

Kirtane was a scholarship athlete for VSU’s tennis team from 1994-98. He was awarded all-conference and all-America honors. He also was a member of the Student Advisory Committee. He participated in the Division II National Tournament and won the Gulf South Conference championship in 1995. He was named the team’s Most Valuable Player in 1996. Kirtane was a member of the team that finished fourth in the national tournament in 1994-95. In 1992-93, he played professionally. He also played in the ITF International Junior Ranking Tournaments in 1990-91.

**COACHING HISTORY (since 1975)**

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**ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATION**

Bobbi Petersen  
Senior Woman Administrator

Justin Sell  
Senior Associate Athletics Director

Leon Costello  
Associate Athletics Director/External

Steve Gearhart  
Senior Associate Athletics Director for Development/Administration

Don Bishop  
Director of Sports Medicine
MEGHANA PARITALA
3L Senior Secunderabad, India Andhra Pradesh

2006-07:
Teamed with Taynara Moraes to win the doubles bracket at the Missouri Valley Individual Championships…went 15-7 at the No. 1 singles position...teamed with Agnese Puske going 13-10 in doubles.

2005-06:
Was 22-8 at the No. 1 singles position...teamed with Mariana Muraca in doubles play to compile a record of 7-4...also played with Sara Kendall going 6-3...named to the All-MVC Select team for the second straight year.

2004-05:
Went 19-4 at the No. 1 singles position...had a 15-8 doubles record...was the clinching match against Drake at the MVC Championships...named to the All-MVC Select Team.

Personal:
Favorite actors/actresses include Ben Affleck, Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt and Nicole Kidman...hobbies include listening to music, playing games and hanging out with friends...parents are Vijaya Kumar and Suneeta Paritala...

Panther Plus:
Ranks second in career singles winning percentage (.721)...ranks fourth in single season wins at 28…third in single season winning percentage in singles play (.824)...and fourth on the career all-time wins list at 75.

GETTING TO KNOW MEGHANA PARITALA
Hero: My parents
Favorite Food: Indian and Chinese
Favorite Athlete: Steffi Graf
Favorite Book: It’s Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life
Favorite Website: Facebook
Best Place to Eat in Cedar Falls: Hu Hot
Favorite Subject in School: Business
Why UNI: Because of the tennis program and good academics.
Season Goal: Work really hard and win a lot of matches.

PARITALA’S CAREER RECORDS

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CAROLINA HANNES
3L Senior Sao Paulo, Brazil Jardim Sao Paulo

2006-07:
Placed fifth at the Missouri Valley Individual Championships...played mostly at the No. 5 singles position, posting a record of 13-4, and 22-10 overall...teamed with Sampada Kanade in double plays and went 12-8.

2005-06:
Placed fifth at the Missouri Valley Individual Championships...played mostly at the No. 4 singles position, posting a record of 9-4, and 16-14 overall...teamed with Sara Kendall in doubles play and went 5-1, also played with Mariana Muraca going 8-4 in doubles play.

2004-05:
Played mostly at the No. 5 singles position, going 18-3 and 19-3 overall...teamed with Agnese Pukse in doubles, going 16-4...recorded the clinching victory in the quarterfinals of the MVC Tournament against Wichita State.

Personal:
major is Physical Education...believes “we have to work hard to achieve our goals”...parents are Roland and Roseli Hannes...

Panther Plus:
Is second all-time in UNI single season singles winning percentage (.839) and fifth in career winning percentage (.679). She also is seventh in single season wins with 26 in the 2004-05 campaign.

GETTING TO KNOW CAROLINA HANNES

Hero: My parents
Favorite Food: Japanese and Brazilian
Favorite Athlete: James Blake
Favorite Movie: All the Shrek and Saw movies
Favorite Book: The Guardian
Favorite Website: Facebook
Best Place to Eat in Cedar Falls: Hu Hot
Favorite Subject in School: Physical Education
Why UNI: Because there was a Brazilian on the team already (Marana Muraca).
Season Goal: Finish top four in the conference.

HANES’ CAREER RECORDS

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SAMPADA KANADE
1L Sophomore Mumbai, India Modern English High School

2006-07:
Placed second at the Missouri Valley Individual Championships…played mostly the No. 3 singles position, going 11-7…finished season 16-12 overall…teamed with Carolina Hannes in doubles, going 12-6.

Personal:
Enjoys reading, listening to music and hanging out with friends…favorite quote is, “Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.”…undecided major…daughter of Vidyasagar and Vidula

Panther Plus:
Kanade will play in the No. 2 singles spot this season.

TAYNARA MORAES
2L Junior Santos, Brazil Luiza Macuca High School

2006-07:
Teamed with Meghana Paritala to win the doubles bracket at the Missouri Valley Individual Championships…Played mostly at the No. 4 singles position, going 16-3…finished 20-11 overall…teamed with Mariana Muraca, posting a record of 16-5 in doubles action.

2005-06:
Played at the No. 3 and 4 singles positions posting a record of 11-9 in her first season as a Panther…compiling a record of 6-10.

Personal:
Enjoy hanging out with friends, watching movies, and playing soccer…favorite quote is “A champion is the one who finds strength to fight when he is tired.”…parents are Edmilson and Miriam Moraes

Panthers Plus:
Moraes teamed with Sampada Kanade and reached the No. 1 doubles finals at the MVC Individual Championships this fall.

GETTING TO KNOW TAYNARA MORAES

Hero: My parents
Favorite Food: Rice and Beans
Favorite Athlete: Daiane Dos Santos
Favorite Movie: Dirty Dancing
Favorite Book: The Da Vinci Code
Favorite Website: www.vol.com.br
Best Place to Eat in Cedar Falls: Hu Hot
Favorite Subject in School: Math
Why UNI: Because of the other Brazilians on the team.
Season Goal: To win all conference matches.

MORAES’ CAREER RECORDS

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Sampada Kanade

Taynara Moraes

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Samantha Schnobel
3L  Junior  Mississauga, Ontario  Lorne Park

2006-07:
Was 4-3 in singles play...named ITA Scholar Athlete for second straight year.

2005-06:
Was 6-4 in singles play...and was 3-2 overall in doubles play...named ITA Scholar Athlete.

2004-05:
Went 2-0 during the spring season, with a win in both singles and doubles.

Personal:
Favorite movie is “The Phantom of the Opera”...hobbies include reading, hiking, sailing, swimming, and being with friends...loves music by Coldplay...majoring in History...daughter of Andy and Sarah Schnobel

Panther Plus:
Finished with a 3-3 record in the fall season.

Getting to know Samantha Schnobel

Hero: Dad
Favorite Food: Chocolate
Favorite Athlete: Rafael Nadal
Favorite Book: Undomestic Goddess
Favorite Website: Facebook
Best Place to Eat in Cedar Falls: Hu Hot
Favorite Subject in School: History
Why UNI: Great people and it is a beautiful school.
Season Goal: To improve my serve.

Schnobel’s Career Records

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Diana Mendez
Freshman  Bogota, Colombia  Columbia-Bogota

Personal:
Ranked fourth in Colombia in the under 18 junior rankings...ranked among the top five juniors in her country throughout much of her career...daughter of Jordge Mendez and Diana C. Borrero

Panther Plus:
Finished the fall season with a team best singles record of 6-3.

Getting to know Diana Mendez

Hero: Dad
Favorite Food: Sea Food
Favorite Athlete: Roger Federer
Favorite Book: Crimen y Castigo
Favorite Website: Facebook
Best Place to Eat in Cedar Falls: Olive Garden
Favorite Subject in School: Math
Why UNI: Because of the strong academic programs.
Season Goal: Win freshman of the year in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Mendez’s Career Records

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Ashton Schwerin
Freshman  Madison, Wisconsin  Madison East High School

Personal:
Was a four year starter at the #1 singles position...four time state meet participant...ranked #3 in the state of Wisconsin during senior year...WIAA Scholar Athlete...earned honors with distinction all four years during high school...majoring in Pre-Medicine...daughter of John and Teresa Schwerin

Panther Plus:
Won the North Star Doubles Flight with freshman Diana Mendez at the Minnesota Invitational this fall.

Getting to know Ashton Schwerin

Hero: Mom
Favorite Food: Key Lime Pie
Favorite Athlete: Maria Sharapova
Favorite Movie: Aladdin
Favorite Book: Harry Potter Series
Favorite Website: Facebook
Best Place to Eat in Cedar Falls: Olive Garden
Favorite Subject in School: Anatomy
Why UNI: To continue my tennis career at a competitive school while preparing for Med-School.
Season Goal: Be an active team member and help our team excel in competition.

Schwerin’s Career Records

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Just like the past three seasons, the University of Northern Iowa women's tennis team finished its 2007 campaign with a winning record. UNI finished with a 17-6 overall team record and with a tie for second place in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 6-2 mark.

“This was a great year and one of the best ever we have had at UNI,” head coach Sachin Kirtane said. “We had great senior leadership, and our second place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference was the highest in school history.”

Starting the season on the right foot, the Panthers won seven straight matches before their first setback of the season to Illinois-Chicago. The Panthers rebounded, rolling past UW-Milwaukee before losing to Jacksonville, 5-2.

The Panthers put together their second longest win streak of the year, posting five straight victories after the Jacksonville loss. Nationally-ranked Nebraska put the UNI team’s five game winning streak to a halt with a convincing, 7-0 victory.

After recording wins over Missouri Valley Conference foes Drake and Creighton, the Panthers lost its only match of the season on their home court to No. 27 Wichita State. UNI was dominant on its home court finishing the season 11-1 at the Black Hawk Tennis Club in Waterloo.

As they had done all the year, the team responded with a victory after a loss, as UNI never lost back-to-back matches all season.

Indiana State handed UNI its last regular season loss before the Panthers finished the regular season with victories over Illinois State and Bradley.

The Panthers season came to a surprising end when Southern Illinois, the No. 6 seed at the MVC tourney, upset the third-seeded Panthers at Missouri Valley, 4-0.

“It was definitely a disappointing end to the season, but it doesn’t take anything away from the great season we had,” Kirtane said. “We had a really good chance of being ranked in the top 75 last year which is our goal every season.”

Junior Meghana Paritala led the Panthers individually for the third consecutive year. Paritala finished the season with a 21-11 overall record at the top spot for the Panthers. She currently holds the fourth spot on the career all-time wins list at UNI.

Senior Mariana Muraca finished her career with a 15-4 doubles record and a 12-7 singles mark. Muraca finished her career in sixth place on the Panthers career singles wins list with 65. She is also ninth on the career doubles list with 58 wins.

“Mariana was one of the best doubles players that I have ever coached,” Kirtane said. “She provided us with great leadership and always fought for every point.”

Senior Agnese Pukse finished the season with a 12-17 singles, playing mostly at the No. 2 spot for the Panthers.

“Agnese played at the top of our singles and doubles line-up her entire career,” Kirtane said. “She has been a solid player for us and hits the ball harder than anyone I have coached.”

Junior Carolina Hannes had another successful season for the Panthers posting a 22-10 mark and playing a majority of the season at the No. 5 position.

The Panthers also had a successful year in the classroom as they claimed the All-Academic Team award from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Senior Mariana Muraca and junior Samantha Schnobel each earned ITA Scholar-Athlete recognition.
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2006-2007 RESULTS

- Feb. 4 Wisconsin-Green Bay W 7-0
- Feb. 16 Upper Iowa W 7-0
- Feb. 16 South Dakota State W 7-0
- Feb. 18 Chicago State W 7-0
- Feb. 23 Western Illinois W 7-0
- Feb. 24 Eastern Illinois W 4-3
- Mar. 9 at Northern Illinois W 5-2
- Mar. 10 at Illinois-Chicago L 4-3
- Mar. 11 Wisconsin-Milwaukee W 7-0
- Mar. 13 at Jacksonville L 5-2
- Mar. 15 at Mercer W 6-1
- Mar. 16 at Florida A & M W 5-2
- Mar. 22 at UMKC W 7-0
- Mar. 23 at Nebraska L 7-0
- Apr. 1 Drake* W 4-3
- Apr. 7 Creighton* W 6-1
- Apr. 8 Wichita State* L 7-0
- Apr. 14 Southern Illinois* W 5-2
- Apr. 15 Evansville* W 6-1
- Apr. 20 at Indiana State* L 6-1
- Apr. 21 at Illinois State* W 4-3
- Apr. 22 at Bradley* W 6-1
- Apr. 27 at Southern Illinois^ L 4-0

* Missouri Valley Conference Match
^ Missouri Valley Conference Tournament

2006-07 UNI Tennis team
Samantha Schnobel
3.5 or higher grade point averages as ITA Scholar Athletes. The ITA Academic Awards

The Missouri Valley Conference Scholar Athlete Team started in 1993. To be selected, athletes must have a GPA of at least 3.0, be at least a sophomore in academic standing and a starter or important reserve.

First Team
Cari Houghton 1997
Melanie Becker 1999
Jamie Noyce 2004, 05
Mariana Muraca 2006, 07

Second Team
Traci Jesse 1993
Tiffany Dammer 1993, 94
Danielle Farr 1994, 95
Cari Haughton 1995
Lisa Castenson 1995, 96
Heather Mowrey 1997, 98
Karen Olsen 1997, 98
Melanie Becker 1998
Lisa Stanley 1998
Carrie Amsbaugh 2001
Amie Crowley 2001
Kendra Lindeman 2001

Carolina Hannes 2007

UNI All-MVC First Team

Carrie Amsbaugh
Kylie Wong
Sara Kendall
Mariana Muraca
Agnes Pukse

Honorable Mention
Carrie Amsbaugh 2002
Kylie Wong 2002
Jaime Noyce 2003
Sara Kendall 2005
Mariana Muraca 2005
Agnes Pukse 2005
Carolina Hannes 2007

ITA ACADEMIC AWARDS
The Intercollegiate Tennis Association honor juniors and seniors with 3.5 or higher grade point averages as ITA Scholar Athletes. The ITA also recognizes teams with a combined GPA of 3.3 or higher as an ITA All-Academic team.

2007
Mariana Muraca
Samantha Schnobel
Team

2006
Carolina Hannes
Team

2005
Carolina Hannes
Samantha Schnobel

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS – SINGLES

Year Position
1. Carrie Amsbaugh 2001 #5

SINGLE SEASON WINNING PERCENTAGE – SINGLES

Player Year Wins
1. Cathy Crowl 1981-82 32
3. Maria McDonald 1984-85 29
4. Meghana Paritala 2004-05 28
5. Meghana Paritala 2004-05 28
7. Mariana Muraca 2004-05 26
8. Carolina Hannes 2004-05 26
9. Meredith Esbeck 2004-05 24
10. Rose Quirk 1980-81 24

Year W L Pct
1990-91 8-9
1983-84 30-6
1984-85 30-6
1985-86 13-14
1986-87 10-18
1993-94 3-17

1999-00 9-16
2000-01 17-8
1994-95 5-15
2001-02 9-14

CAREER WINS – DOUBLES

Years Wins
1. Maria McDonald 1982-86 83
2. Nancy Land 1981-85 81
3. Kendra Lindeman 1983-87 79
4. Tami Williams 1983-87 73
5. Renee Kern 1983-87 71
6. Nina Nelson 1979-83 60
7. Kendra Lindeman 1997-01 60
8. Mariana Muraca 2003-07 58
9. Agnes Pukse 2003-07 57

CAREER WINNING PERCENTAGE – DOUBLES

Player Year W L Pct
1. Robin Ross 1982-84 25-9 .735
2. Meghana Paritala 2004-05 75-29 .721
3. Kendra Lindeman 1997-01 83-35 .703
5. Carolina Hannes 2004-05 70-33 .679
6. Meredith Esbeck 2003-07 69-33 .676
7. Cathy Crowl 1978-82 54-26 .675
8. Rose Quirk 1979-81 29-15 .659
9. Nancy Land 1981-85 84-46 .646

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Gateway/Missouri Valley Conference Championships

1983
at Normal, Ill.
1. Southern Illinois
2. Wichita State
3. Western Illinois
4. Drake
5. Missouri State
6. Bradley
7. Indiana State
8. Illinois State
9. Eastern Illinois
10. UNI

1984
at Wichita, Kan.
1. Southern Illinois
2. Wichita State
3. Western Illinois
4. Drake
5. Missouri State
6. Bradley
7. Indiana State
8. Illinois State
9. UNI
10. Eastern Illinois

1985
at Peoria, Ill.
1. Southern Illinois
2. Wichita State
3. Missouri State
4. Drake
5. UNI
6. Bradley
7. Western Illinois
8. Indiana State
9. Illinois State
10. Eastern Illinois

1986
at Terre Haute, Ind.
1. Wichita State
2. Western Illinois
3. Drake
4. Indiana State
5. Bradley
6. Missouri State
7. Southern Illinois
8. Illinois State
9. UNI
10. Eastern Illinois

1987
at Cedar Falls, Iowa
1. Western Illinois
2. Wichita State
3. Drake
4. Southern Illinois
5. Missouri State
6. Indiana State
7. Bradley
8. Illinois State
9. Eastern Illinois
10. UNI

1988
at Macomb, Ill.
1. Wichita State
2. Southern Illinois
3. Western Illinois
4. Missouri State
5. Drake
6. Illinois State
7. Bradley
8. Eastern Illinois
9. Indiana State
10. UNI

1989
at Normal, Ill.
1. Drake
2. Indiana State
3. Wichita State
4. Illinois State
5. Missouri State
6. Southern Illinois
7. Western Illinois
8. Bradley
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1990
at Charleston, Ill.
1. Drake
2. Western Illinois
3. Wichita State
4. Illinois State
5. Southern Illinois
6. Eastern Illinois
7. Indiana State
8. Missouri State
9. Bradley
10. UNI

1991
at Des Moines, Iowa
1. Drake
2. Wichita State
3. Southern Illinois
4. Illinois State
5. Western Illinois
6. Bradley
7. Missouri State
8. Indiana State
9. Eastern Illinois
10. UNI

1992
at Des Moines, Iowa
1. Drake
2. Wichita State
3. Illinois State
4. Missouri State
5. Bradley
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1993
at Wichita, Kan.
1. Wichita State
2. Missouri State
3. Illinois State
4. Creighton
5. Southern Illinois
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10. Eastern Illinois

1994
at Normal, Ill.
1. Wichita State
2. Missouri State
3. Southern Illinois
4. Creighton
5. Tulsa
6. Southern Illinois
7. Illinois State
8. Bradley
9. Eastern Illinois
10. UNI

1995
at Springfield, Mo.
1. Wichita State
2. Missouri State
3. Creighton
4. Illinois State
5. Southern Illinois
6. Missouri State
7. Bradley
8. Missouri State
9. Bradley
10. UNI

1996
at Evansville, Ind.
1. Drake
2. Missouri State
3. Wichita State
4. Illinois State
5. Southern Illinois
6. Indiana State
7. Missouri State
8. Evansville
9. Creighton
10. Bradley

1997
at Wichita, Kan.
1. Wichita State
2. Indiana State
3. Illinois State
4. Drake
5. Southern Illinois
6. UNI
7. Evansville
8. Missouri State
9. Bradley/Creighton
10. Bradley

1998
at Terre Haute, Ind.
1. Wichita State
2. Indiana State
3. Illinois State
4. Drake
5. Southern Illinois
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7. Evansville
8. Missouri State
9. Bradley/Creighton
10. Bradley

1999
at Cedar Falls, Iowa
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8. Creighton
9. Evansville
10. Bradley

2000
at Omaha, Neb.
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3. Southern Illinois
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Head Coach  2002-Present
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South Dakota State  W 7-0
Chicago State  W 7-0
Western Illinois  W 7-0
Eastern Illinois  W 4-3
at Northern Illinois  W 5-2
at Illinois-Chicago  L 4-3
Wisconsin-Milwaukee  W 7-0
at Mercer  W 5-2
at Florida A&M  W 7-0
at UMKC  W 7-0
at Nebraska  L 7-0
Drake*  W 4-3
Creighton*  W 6-1
Wichita State*  W 7-0
Southern Illinois*  W 7-0
Evansville*  W 6-1
at Indiana State*  L 6-1
at Illinois State*  W 4-3
Bradley*  W 6-1
Southern Illinois^  L 4-0

2003-04  17-2, 1-8
Southeast Missouri State  W 7-0
at Missouri  L 7-0
Luther  W 5-2
Eastern Illinois  L 5-2
Truman State  W 6-1
at Iowa State  L 7-0
at Drake*  L 7-0
at Western Illinois  W 7-0
Chicago State  W 5-2
Creighton*  L 4-3
at Missouri State*  L 7-0
at Wichita State*  L 6-1
Wartburg  W 7-0
Bradley*  W 5-2
at Missouri State*  W 7-0
at Southern Illinois*  L 7-0
at Illinois State*  W 4-3
Evansville*  W 7-0

2002-03  14-7, 4-5
Ball State  W 7-0
at Drake*  L 7-0
at Missouri State*  L 6-1
Western Illinois  W 4-3
Evansville*  W 7-0
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at Northern Illinois  W 5-2
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at Illinois State*  L 5-2
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DAVE WOLDEN
Head Coach  2001-2002
Record  9-14

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at Eastern Michigan  L 6-9
at Notre Dame  L 6-1
at Northern Illinois  W 4-3
at Old Dominion  L 5-2
at Richmond  L 6-1
at Virginia Commonwealth  L 7-0
Gustavus Adolphus  W 5-2
at Colorado State  L 6-1
at Nebraska  L 7-0
at Drake*  L 5-2
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at Southern Illinois*  W 5-4
Drake*  L 5-2
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1999-2000  9-16, 3-6
Northern Illinois  L 5-4
at Gustavus Adolphus  W 5-4
at Air Force  L 5-4
at Nebraska  W 5-4
at Missouri State*  W 4-3
at Colorado State  L 6-3
Depaul  W 6-3
Northern Illinois  W 5-2
at Ohio State  L 7-0
Evansville*  W 6-1
at Southern Illinois*  W 6-1
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1997-98  12-7, 1-2
at Wisconsin-Green Bay  W 7-1
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at Missouri State  W 7-0
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at Nebraska  L 5-2
at Drake*  W 6-1
at Indiana State*  W 6-1
at Missouri State*  W 7-0
at Southern Illinois*  W 6-1
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1996-97  5-19, 3-2
at Washington & Lee  W 7-2
at Colorado State  W 7-0
at Missouri-Kansas City  W 6-0
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NANCY CLARK
Head Coach  1992-1998
Record  31-89
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- **Wanda Green**: 1991-1992
- **Kathy Konigsmark**: 1987-1991
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Drake L 2-7
St. Ambrose W 7-2
at Wartburg W 9-0
at William Penn W 9-0
at Central W 9-0
Upper Iowa W 9-0
Iowa State(n) W 5-4
at Western Illinois L 4-5
at Eastern Illinois L 4-5
Iowa State(n) W 3-6
at St. Ambrose W 8-1
at Drake W 8-1
at William Penn W 9-0
at Luther L 2-7
at Grinnell W 9-0
Wartburg W 9-0
St. Benedict(n) W 9-0
Carlin(n) W 9-0
at Wisconsin-Eau Claire W 8-1
at Coe College W 9-0
at Augustana (IL) W 9-0
Sangamon State(n) W 9-0
at Drake W 5-4
at Luther W 5-4
1982-83 17-10
Northern Illinois L 2-7
Drake* L 0-9
Iowa State L 4-5
St. Ambrose(n) L 9-0
Wisconsin-Stout(n) W 8-1
Carthage(n) L 8-1
Concordia (MN)(n) B 8-1
Central(n) W 8-1
at Luther W 5-4
at Western Illinois L 4-5
Loras W 8-0
at Nebraska L 8-0
at Wisconsin-Stout W 9-0
at South Dakota State W 9-0
at Luther L 0-9
Iowa State L 0-9
at Northern Illinois W 9-0
at Wisconsin-Eau Claire W 9-0
North Dakota State W 3-6
at Winona State W 8-1
Luther L 3-6
at Iowa State W 6-3
1981-82 25-10
Upper Iowa W 6-3
Augustana (SD) W 9-0
Luther W 6-3
at Wisconsin-Stout W 9-0
at Northern Illinois W 9-0
at Carthage College W 8-1
at Central W 9-0
at Coe College W 5-1
Drake L 0-9
Loras W 9-0
at Iowa State W 9-0
at Augustana (SD) W 5-4
at St. Louis University W 6-3
at Missouri State W 9-0
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at Luther W 9-0
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Stephens College(n) L 2-7
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Iowa L 9-0
at Wisconsin-LaCrosse L 1-8
at Wisconsin-Whitewater W 8-1
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at Drake L 5-6
1977-78 6-4
Drake L 4-5
Simpson W 9-0
Iowa L 3-6
Luther W 9-0
Wartburg W 12-0
Central W 7-2
Iowa State W 5-4
Luther W 9-0
at Iowa L 1-8
Minnesota(n) L 0-9
1976-77 1-5
Drake L 3-6
at Iowa L 1-8
at NW Missouri State W 9-0
at Ames L 0-9
Iowa(n) L 1-7
at Drake L 1-8
1975-76 2-2
Drake(n) L 3-6
Iowa(n) L 2-13
Wartburg(n) W 7-0
St. Ambrose(n) W 9-0
1974-75 1-3
Iowa State L NS
Drake W NS
at Iowa State L 5-10
at Iowa L 4-8
*Conference Match
*MVC Tournament
*n) Neutral Site Match
love for the Panthers should be no surprise, as he was a UNI student-athlete during the mid-70s, and was able to come back home in 1999 to lead his alma mater’s athletic program into the 21st century. He also believes strongly in the student part of the term student-athlete, and understands the importance of shaping well-rounded individuals for a life after competitive athletics are over.

His dedication to the UNI athletics was rewarded this past June as he was named one of 29 winners of the AstroTurf AD of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). Hartzell was honored by being the Football Championship (FCS) recipient for the central region.

This past year, UNI teams claimed four conference or regional championships. The Panthers posted a third place finish in last year’s Missouri Valley Conference all-sports standings - their second highest ever. UNI’s men’s track and field finished ninth at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field championships this past March, its highest finish ever. The Panther volleyball team advanced to the second round of the 2006 NCAA tournament, while wrestling won its 22nd straight West Regional title and advanced six wrestlers to the NCAA championships. In addition, UNI’s 431 student-athletes shined in the classroom, holding a combined spring cumulative grade point average of 3.00.

The list of individual and team athletic successes since Hartzell took over at UNI is long and distinguished. The football team has claimed three conference titles the past five seasons, and advanced to the NCAA FCS championship game in 2005. The men’s basketball team won its first-ever Missouri Valley Conference championship in 2004, and made three straight NCAA tournament appearances - including at-large bids in both 2005 and 2006. UNI volleyball has won seven of the past nine conference championships, and made three appearances in the NCAA tournament’s Sweet 16 during that span. Panther wrestling crowned its first Division I national champion in 2000, and has placed as high as 11th in the national tournament. Track and field and cross country have claimed numerous conference titles, including the last eight indoor men’s crowns, and baseball made its first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 2001, winning the rugged MVC crown. In fact, no less than 10 sports have seen teams or individuals in conference titles, including the last eight indoor men’s crowns, and baseball.

Hartzell’s personal interests include reading, fitness, auto racing and spending time with family and friends. He has three children, Nate, who works for Young Plumbing and Heating in Waterloo; Amanda Hartzell Barkhurst, who owns and operates Centennial Stables in Waverly; and Jackson, who was born Jan. 16, 2007. Hartzell and his wife, the former Jill George, a Doctor of Chiropractic and owner of Hartzell Family Chiropractic in Waterloo, reside in rural Cedar Falls.

UNI’s overall athletic success has been a constant under Hartzell. The Panthers have ranked in the top 100 of the U.S. Sports Academy Director’s Cup standings six of the past eight seasons, including twice in the top 70. UNI is consistently among the top schools nationally in the all-sports rankings among those that sponsor FCS football.

Hartzell has been a key figure involved in several facility upgrades, including the development of the McLeod Center, which opened in November 2006. The McLeod Center houses the men’s and women’s basketball programs, and volleyball and wrestling teams. Another new aspect added to the McLeod Center is a panther statue that will be located west of the Eldon Miller Plaza.

In addition, Hartzell has overseen the effort to turn the UNI-Dome and McLeod Center into an economic development site for the Cedar Valley, by garnering concerts and other special events to campus. Other key fund-raising initiatives include the construction of a new football locker room, weight room and enhancements to the outdoor track. The Human Performance Center, located to the north of the UNI-Dome will be completed this fall. The strength and conditioning center will be expanded as well.

Another key effort spearheaded by Hartzell was UNI’s radio and television agreements. Panther football and men’s basketball have local television contracts for TV with KFXA (Fox 28), and radio with KXEL (1540 AM), each of which were renewed for multiple years in 2004. UNI women’s basketball and volleyball is currently carried by KWLO (1330 AM) radio, and is one of the only schools in the Midwest to have a regular-season home for volleyball.

Hartzell has helped guide the university through the NCAA’s certification process, and oversee the addition of women’s soccer to varsity status. He was a key player in the recent cooperative merger with UNI’s Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services (HELP) department, bringing the athletic training and strength and conditioning programs under one umbrella with the university.

A past president of the Gateway Football Conference athletic directors, he is currently vice-president of the Missouri Valley Conference administrators. He also serves as chair of the MVC sportsmanship committee, as well as serving as a member of the officiating committee and the centennial celebration committee. He recently received the All-American Football Foundation’s General Robert Neyland Outstanding Athletic Director Award.

In addition, Hartzell is a highly-respected NCAA Division I men’s basketball official, having worked games for the ACC, Big Ten and Conference USA among other conferences, and officiated numerous NCAA tournament games. This past winter, Hartzell was named to the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Rules Committee and will serve a four-year term.

Prior to being named at UNI, Hartzell had served as director of athletics at Bucknell since 1988, directing a Division I program with FCS football consisting of 28 sports. Prior to his appointment at Bucknell, he was Director of Athletics and Chairman of Physical Education and Recreation at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County from 1985-88, directing a 19-sport program which moved from Division II to Division I during his tenure.

Hartzell played football and baseball for the Panthers. He received his bachelor’s degree in physical education and English from UNI in 1974, and his master’s in educational administration in 1977. A native of Klemme, Iowa, he was a five-sport letterman at Klemme High School.

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Benjamin J. Allen was named the ninth president of the University of Northern Iowa on April 28, 2006. President Allen assumed the duties of president at UNI on June 5, 2006.

Dr. Allen was the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Iowa State University and was responsible to the President for all aspects of the academic programs of Iowa State.

Before joining the faculty at Iowa State University in 1979, Dr. Allen taught at Washington State University and was a Brookings Economics Policy Fellow in the Office of Transportation Regulatory Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation.

He served as chairman of the Department of Transportation and Logistics at Iowa State from 1984 to 1988. In 1988 Dr. Allen was named the first University Distinguished Professor in Business at Iowa State University.

He was the Visiting McKinley Professor of Economics and Public Utilities at the University of Illinois during the 1986-87 academic year and also held the Oren Harris Chair in Transportation at the University of Arkansas during the 1990-91 academic year.

Dr. Allen has also been a consultant for various private corporations and public agencies throughout his career. He served as Dean of the Iowa State University College of Business 1994-2000. During 2001-2002 he served as Interim Vice President for External Affairs.

He received his bachelor's degree in business economics from Indiana University and then went on to the University of Illinois for a Master’s and a Ph.D. in economics.
Black Hawk Tennis Center

Beginning its ninth year of hosting the University of Northern Iowa tennis team, the Black Hawk Tennis Club (BHTC) is an all-season facility. It boasts six indoor courts, six outdoor courts with a multilevel deck to view all the matches, an exercise room, pro shop and locker rooms. John Delorbe, owner of the BHTC since 1989 says the Club has great viewing areas both at the inside and outside courts.

The Club also hosts many special activities, such as clinics and lessons, Ladies and Men’s Leagues, Junior Development Programs, mixed doubles tournaments and club meets. The club also hosts 10-15 Panther meets a season and practices. The BHTC is the premiere facility in the Cedar Valley for year-round tennis.

Sports Medicine

The UNI sports medicine program features top-rate facilities and the outstanding services of sports and health care professionals.

The sports medicine program focuses on injury prevention. Staff members utilize Merac strength-testing devices, provide dietary analysis, measure physiological capability and outline programs to improve an athlete’s flexibility.

Athletic trainers and physicians work together to design rehabilitation programs for injured athletes. A wide variety of facilities and equipment, not only in the Sports Medicine Lab but in the Wellness and Recreation Center, including swimming pools, Merac equipment, Stairmasters and various exercise equipment, help athlete’s rehabilitate injuries and minimize the loss of fitness during recuperative time.

The Human Performance Center

Quality field experiences and a strong training regimen are hallmarks of a UNI education. These standards and yet another exciting opportunity for community partnership lie at the heart of a new Human Performance Center being built as part of a facility adjoining the west side of the Wellness Recreation Center. Ground was broken in July 2006 for the new facility and it is expected to be finished by November 2007.

The HPC will enable students and faculty from UNI’s School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services to collaborate with area medical professionals on a daily basis. The HPC will house several of the School’s academic, research and public service programs, including the National Program for Playground Safety, Camp Adventure Youth Services, Global Health Corps and Youth Agency Administration.

The new facility also will have a Sports Medicine Center, including office and treatment spaces for physicians and therapists that will play a vital role in UNI’s fastest-growing athletic training major. The HPC, in conjunction with the proposed UNI strength and conditioning facility which will be located at the north end of the UNI-Dome, also will serve UNI’s intercollegiate athletic programs by creating classrooms, coaches’ offices, team rooms, conference rooms, training facilities and locker rooms for player development activities, including strength conditioning, nutritional advising, and agility/speed activities.

Strength and Conditioning

The UNI strength and conditioning program is a blend of science, technology and one-on-one attention to each student-athlete.

Throughout the year, UNI athletes can spend more time working on strength and condition than any other aspect of their sport. During the off-season, athletes work on strength improvement, speed, power, ability and conditioning.
One of the most important aspects of a future productive life is your education. Fortunately, this education period comes early in life while you have the time and energies necessary to accomplish this very worthwhile goal. Obtaining a college education and ultimately a degree is the student-athlete’s responsibility. The education process means managing your time wisely so that the educational, athletic and social aspects of your life have an appropriate share of time.

At given times, students may find it necessary to ask for help in accomplishing an educational task. At UNI, the following services are available to students for obtaining guidelines and/or specific help.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

The mission of the educational opportunity program is to provide supportive services which are essential for the identification, recruitment, retention and graduation of minority and educationally disadvantaged students who traditionally have not had equal access to higher educational institutions. Services provided to participants include:

- Academic and career counseling
- Tutorial services
- Financial aid counseling and advising
- Personal counseling
- Course selection and registration
- Educational planning

In order to be an EOP participant, the student must be a minority student or be educationally disadvantaged, as evidenced by having an ACT score of 15 or less and/or placing in the bottom half of his/her high school graduating class.

ACADEMIC COUNSELING

An advisor has been assigned responsibilities across the athletics department and will assist you in:

- Scheduling
- Choice of major
- Selection of a major advisor
- Tutorial services
- Maintain satisfactory progress toward a degree

The athletics academic advisor works closely with the university’s academic advising services to provide a variety of services to help students achieve their personal, career and academic goals. Professional and peer advisors help students:

- Prioritize life/professional goals
- Utilize university resources
- Select appropriate courses
- Resolve academic difficulties
- Interpret institutional academic requirements

The reading/learning strategies program provides many services for students, including free four-week courses in:

- Speed-reading: double your reading rate
- Effective study strategies: practice techniques for learning, managing time and preparing for exams
- Study reading: open to students referred by the teacher education program

Steve Schofield
Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance

Steve Schofield joined the UNI athletics staff in August of 2006. He is responsible for implementing and maintaining a comprehensive compliance program for UNI’s student-athletes, coaches, staff, and other university constituents. He is UNI’s liaison to the NCAA and Missouri Valley Conference on all compliance-related matters including recruiting, eligibility, financial aid, rules interpretations, waivers and violations. He also assists with UNI’s student life initiatives.

Prior to UNI, Schofield served as assistant athletics director for compliance at Florida State University. At FSU, his duties included coordinating financial aid, rules interpretations, NCAA and Atlantic Coast Conference waivers, rules education and investigating and reporting secondary violations.

Schofield has a wide and varied background, as he has also served in the athletic department compliance offices at Maryland and Minnesota. A native of Odebolt, Iowa, Schofield received his bachelor’s degree in general studies from UNI in 2000, and a master’s degree in higher and postsecondary education from Arizona State in 2003.

Jennifer Sell
Academic Adviser

Jennifer Sell serves as academic adviser to for the University of Northern Iowa athletic department. She joined the staff in 2004. In her role, Sell helps with academic planning and registration for the more than 400 student-athletes that compete for the Panthers. In addition, she manages the department’s Champs/Life Skills program. She is also UNI’s secondary senior woman administrator.

Sell served as a freshman mentor and athletic academic advising assistant from 1995 through 1999 at Villanova University. In addition, Sell also has several years of experience as an elementary school teacher.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Sell graduated cum laude from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor’s degree in education in 1992. She and her husband, Justin, have four children.

V. Eugene Wallingford
Chair Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Council/Department Head & Associate Professor, Computer Science
Fresh off a centennial celebration in 2006-07, the Missouri Valley Conference begins its second centennial as a leader in college athletics and is the nation’s second-oldest NCAA Division I conference.

In the league’s first 100 seasons, 32 members combined for 27 national championships, while 56 Valley student-athletes captured NCAA individual titles. In addition, Valley student-athletes and coaches earned 50 National Coach or Coach of the Year honors in their respective sports. And the league had a myriad of student-athletes who collected All-America honors and earned national academic distinction in The Valley’s first century.

The Missouri Valley Conference continues to lead by example as one of college athletics’ most progressive conferences. The Valley emphasizes the importance of the student-athlete and is aggressive in its approach to provide opportunities for its member institutions.

While the success of men's basketball has received the greatest attention, the overall performance of league teams in virtually every sport continues to raise the national profile of the conference.

In women's tennis, Wichita State earned the first women's tennis NCAA Tournament win in Valley history in their 4-3 opening round win over No. 25 South Carolina. Wichita State senior Madina Rahim became the second player in WSU history to participate in the NCAA singles championship, joining former Shockers Sandy Sadler (1984). Drake's men's team represented Valley men's tennis in NCAA competition, falling in first-round action to nationally ranked Michigan.

Based in St. Louis since 1985, the league is assertive in its approach to hosting NCAA basketball championship events, operating a revenue-producing in-house television network, bidding out the right to play host to sport championships and landing title sponsorships for those events.

The seeds for this vision were planted by eight administrators representing five institutions, who met 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.

And while the inclusion of women's sports under The Valley banner has provided a boost. 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.

And while the inclusion of women's sports under a comprehensive athletic umbrella is a recent development in the league's storied history, over the years, Valley student-athletes and coaches have become household names during the league's illustrious history, both during their collegiate careers and, for some, professional careers.

In fact, The Valley began honoring that tradition in the summer of 1997, when the conference began its athletics Hall of Fame. Hersey Hawkins of Bradley, Larry Bird of Indiana State, Wes Unseld of Louisville, Coach Henry Iba of Oklahoma State, Dave Stallworth of Wichita State, Ed Macauley of Saint Louis, and Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati were members of the initial induction class. Currently, more than 30 former players, coaches and alums dot the league’s Hall of Fame.

Men’s basketball, perhaps, has the league’s most storied tradition with the likes of Hall of Famers Bird and Robertson, but The Valley has also produced national-caliber student-athletes in its other sponsored sports. In 2001, Missouri State’s Jackie Stiles became the first Valley woman to earn the Honda-Broderick Cup, given to the nation’s top female collegiate student-athlete. In the sport of track and field, Indiana State’s Holli Hyche captured seven national sprint titles in the early 1990s, Southern Illinois’ Darrin Plab won back-to-back NCAA outdoor high jump titles in 1991 and 1992, and SIU’s Brittany Riley became the World record holder in the weight throw in 2007. In the fall of 1997, Creighton's Johnny Torres was named the collegiate male soccer player of the year for a second-straight year, while SMU's Luchi Gonzalez (2001) and Tulsa's Ryan Pore (2004) have also earned a National Player of the Year honor in men's soccer.

Meanwhile league member Wichita State has produced three national collegiate players of the year in baseball, including Joe Carter (1981), Phil Stephenson (1982) and Darren Dreifort (1993). From its early beginning to its current standing on the map of college athletics, The Valley will always continue to be proactive in its approach.

League members include Bradley University, Creighton University, Drake University, the University of Evansville, Illinois State University, Indiana State University, Missouri State University, the University of Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois University, and Wichita State University.
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