Soccer '05 Media Guide

University of Northern Iowa

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PANTHER QUICK FACTS

University
Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa
Founded: 1876
President: Dr. Robert Koob
Director of Athletics: Rick Hartzell
Enrollment: 11,853
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
Nickname: Panthers
National Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Missouri Valley
Home Facility: Cedar Valley Youth Soccer Complex
Surface: Grass
UNI Website: www.uni.edu
Athletics Website: www.unipanthers.com

Soccer Staff
Interim Head Coach: Kathy Kakoyianni-Bering
Alma Mater: University of Western Ontario (2001)
Record at UNI: First year
Career Record: First year
Office Phone: (319) 273-5425
Email: kakoyianni@uni.edu
Assistant Coach: Brian Bahl
Office Phone: (319) 273-4625

Soccer Program
2004 Overall Record: 2-14-2
2004 MVC Record: 2-6-0
Starters Returning/Lost: 10/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 17/1
First Year of Program: 2000
All-Time Record: 24-61-4 (5)

Credits
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ABOUT UNI

Building on a strong tradition of teacher education, the University of Northern Iowa has evolved into one of the finest comprehensive public universities in the country. UNI emphasizes excellence in undergraduate education and offers selected graduate programs at the master’s, specialist’s and doctoral levels.

UNI’s heritage and philosophy place great value on providing a student-centered educational experience. The university offers a learning environment that is small enough to provide students with individualized attention, yet large enough to provide a variety of resources, including distinguished faculty. UNI’s special combination of challenge and support is indeed a key ingredient of a “Students First” education.

Today, UNI offers more than 120 undergraduate majors. Outstanding academic programs, many of which are nationally-recognized for their excellence, have been established in the colleges of Business Administration, Education, Humanities and Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. In addition, UNI participates in the bachelor of liberal studies program offered by Iowa’s Regent Universities and provides classes in centers around the state through the division of Continuing Education and Special Programs.

Recognized as the premier public undergraduate university in the state, UNI is experiencing an increasing demand for its high-quality programs. Enrollment at UNI was 12,824 students in the fall of 2004. Students come from every county in Iowa, and about 94 percent of UNI’s undergraduate students are residents of Iowa upon enrollment.

The University of Northern Iowa was founded in 1876 as the Iowa State Normal School. It became Iowa State Teachers College in 1909. In 1961, the name was changed to State College of Iowa, and in 1967, the Iowa Legislature changed the status of the institution to that of a university under its present title.

Facts & Highlights

• U.S. News and World Report ranks UNI in the top two among public comprehensive universities in the Midwest.

• Kiplinger Personal Finance magazine places us in the top 50 in the nation for best value in public colleges.

• The Education Trust (www.edtrust.org) named UNI first among peer institutions nationally for overall high performance in graduation rates.

• UNI prides itself on smaller class sizes that enhance faculty-student interaction and personalized instruction. Thirty-two percent of classes have fewer than 20 students, and 83 percent have fewer than 40 students.

• UNI students are actively involved with more than 200 student organizations, including special interest clubs, sororities and fraternities, religious groups and academic groups.

• UNI is the alma mater of NFL and Superbowl MVP Kurt Warner, as well as U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley.

• The UNI Wellness/Recreation Center, attached to the north side of the UNI-Dome, features a climbing wall, two pools, a running track, weight and fitness rooms, and courts for basketball, volleyball and racquetball.

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Press Luncheons

UNI interim head soccer coach Kathy Kakoyianni-Bering or one of her staff will be in attendance at the weekly press luncheon held each Monday at 12 noon in the back room of Pepper’s Grill and Sports Pub located on 18th Street in Cedar Falls. The press luncheons are open to the public.

Practices

UNI soccer practices at home are open. However, please contact the UNI Media Relations Department in advance. When the team is on the road, persons wishing to watch practice the day before a game should call (319) 273-5455.

Coach/Player Interviews

Interim head coach Kathy Kakoyianni-Bering will be available for interviews at the weekly press luncheons or before practice. Requests should be made through the Athletics Media Relations Office at (319) 273-5455. Phone interviews will be granted on weekday mornings. Kakoyianni also will be available on the road at the Panthers’ hotel or before the team’s practice. Contact UNI Media Relations for arrangements.

For player interviews please contact UNI Media Relations.

Photographers

Photo passes are limited to daily newspapers, wire services and television photographers, in addition to participating team campus newspapers. Only accredited media are issued photo passes.

MVC Scoreboard Phone

The Missouri Valley Conference office maintains a scoreboard phone that may be reached at (314) 997-9877. Scores and highlights for all sports are updated each evening while in season.

Directions to Cedar Valley Soccer Complex

From UNI: Take Hudson Road South, turn left onto W Ridgeway Ave. Complex will be on the right side of the road.

From University Ave CF: Take 58 South, turn left onto W Ridgeway Ave. Complex will be on the right side of the road.

From Downtown Waterloo: Take 63 South, turn right onto W. Ridgeway Ave. Complex will be on the left side of the road.

The UNI Athletics Media Relations office is always interested in working with the media to promote Panther Athletics.

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| Media Relations - Josh Lehman | (319) 273-3642 |
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| Women’s Basketball - Tony DiCicco | (319) 273-6443 |
| Football - Mark Farley   | (319) 273-5474 |
| Golf - John Bernel       | (319) 273-3100 |
| Soccer - Kathy Kakoyianni-Bering | (319) 273-5425 |
| Softball - Christy Hebert | (319) 273-2520 |
| Women’s Swimming - Stacey Simmer | (319) 273-7946 |
| Women’s Tennis - Sachin Kirtane | (319) 273-3901 |
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| Volleyball - Bobbi Petersen | (319) 273-7170 |
| Wrestling - Brad Penrith | (319) 273-5860 |

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The initiatives build on the University’s strengths of providing a strong liberal arts curriculum, excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service. As President, he has focused on implementing the University’s strategic plan, articulating core values and progress indicators, and setting goals for the University, which is continually cited as one of the nation’s top public comprehensive universities. His efforts have also produced extracurricular and community growth, including the new Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, the Freeburg Early Childhood Program, and two new facilities, which will begin construction soon—the McLeod Center and the Human Performance Center.

He is involved in numerous local organizations, including Cedar Valley’s Promise, Cedar Valley United Way, Opportunity Works, Cedar Valley Economic Development Corporation, and the Waterloo Development Corporation. He also serves on numerous boards, as he is known for his instrumental collaborating skills, strategic crowns, and baseball made its first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 2001, winning the rugged MVC title. In fact, no less than 10 sports have seen teams or individuals in postseason action since Hartzell came back to the Cedar Valley.

In addition, the Panthers have finished in the upper half of the Missouri Valley Conference’s all-sports standings each year under Hartzell’s direction, including a best-ever finish of second in the 2000-01 campaign. Prior to his arrival, UNI had finished in the upper half of the league all-sports standings just once. UNI has also consistently finished in the top 50 in the annual Director’s Cup standings since Hartzell’s arrival, a ranking that measures a school’s success in various sports in NCAA championships during that athletic year. In 2003-04, UNI finished 82nd nationally, tops among schools in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The success on the field has been a direct result of Hartzell’s hiring of quality head coaches during his tenure, many with Iowa and UNI ties. Mark Farley (football), Greg McDermott (men’s basketball), Bobbi Petersen (volleyball), Brad Penrith (wrestling) and Rick Heller (baseball) are among the coaches that Hartzell has brought to UNI, and each of them has garnered conference or regional championships and NCAA postseason appearances.

Off the field, UNI student-athletes have shined academically as well. UNI’s overall student-athlete graduation rate is among the leaders in the Missouri Valley Conference and Gateway Football Conference. UNI’s overall student-athlete cumulative grade point average has risen dramatically, to better than 3.0 after the spring 2004 semester for more than 400 student-athletes. The Panthers had no less than 25 student-athletes that earned academic all-conference honors in 2003-04.

Hartzell has been a key figure involved in several facility upgrades, including the development of the McLeod Center, a new arena which will break ground this fall south of the UNI-Dome. When completed in 2006, it will house the men’s and women’s basketball programs, and volleyball and wrestling teams. In addition, Hartzell has overseen the effort to turn the UNI-Dome and future McLeod Center into an economic development site for the Cedar Valley, by garnering concerts and other special events to campus.

Another key effort spearheaded by Hartzell was UNI’s radio and television agreements. Panther football and men’s basketball has local television contracts for TV with Fox 28/40, and for radio with KXEL, each of which was renewed for multiple years in 2004. UNI women’s basketball and volleyball is carried by KCNZ radio, making UNI one of the only schools in the Midwest to have a regular-season home for volleyball.

Prior to being named at UNI, Hartzell had served as director of athletics at Bucknell since 1988, directing a Division I program with 1-AA 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. He has two children—Nate, 23, and Amanda, 21. He and the former Jill George of Newton, Iowa were to be married September 3rd and reside in rural Cedar Falls.
## 2005 UNI PANTHER ROSTER

### Alphabetical Roster

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### Pronunciation Guide

- Shanon Dechant: Da-Chant
- Sydney deVictoria-Michel: Dee-Victoria-Michael
- Candice Divoky: Di-VO-ky
- Kimberly Jaeger: Yay-gur
- Kathy Kakoyianni-Bering: Ko-ko-yawn-ee-Baring
- Aimee Rasmusson: RAS-mu-son
- Meghan Schoebert: Show-bur-el
- Amy Seubert: Sigh-burt
- Allie Sowell: Sole

- Interim head coach: Kathy Kakoyianni-Bering
- Assistant: Brian Bahl
- Athletic Trainer: Molly McDonald

### Roster By Class

#### Seniors
- Raven Blackwell
- Jillian Carroll
- Shanon Dechant
- Sarah Huffer
- Brooke Orcutt
- Kaitlin Stimpson
- Michelle Young

#### Sophomores
- Jenna O’Hara
- Heidi O’Mara
- Meghan Schoebert
- Amy Seubert
- Allie Sowell
- Krista Thorley

#### Juniors
- Kira Anderson
- Candice Divoky
- Sarah Otten
- Aimee Rasmusson

#### Freshmen
- Lindsay Daugherty
- Sydney deVictoria-Michel
- Kimberly Jaeger
- Gretchen Orcutt

### Roster By State

#### Colorado
- Lindsay Daugherty
- Iowa
  - Kira Anderson
  - Raven Blackwell
  - Shanon Dechant
  - Candice Divoky
  - Kimberly Jaeger
  - Sarah Otten
  - Aimee Rasmusson
- Holly Winter
- Kansas
  - Jillian Carroll
  - Allie Sowell

#### Minnesota
- Sydney deVictoria-Michel
- Sarah Huffer
- Kaitlin Stimpson
- Meghan Schoebert
- Amy Seubert
- Heidi O’Mara
- South Dakota
- Brooke Orcutt
- Gretchen Orcutt
- Texas
  - Michelle Young
- Canada
  - Jenna O’Hara
  - Krista Thorley

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THE PANTHERS

UNI is led offensively by senior Shannon Dechant (Marion, Iowa) who already holds school career records for goals (17), shots (137) and points (37). She was named first team all-conference last year, tallying six goals.

"If you give Sharon the ball, she will undoubtedly do something with it," Kakoyianni-Bering said.

When Dechant is in sync with senior forward co-captain Sarah Huffer (Austin, Minn.) and junior midfielder Candice Divoky (Solon, Iowa), the trio will be a serious threat to opposing defenses.

[Dechant, Huffer and Divoky] work beautifully together. They are all masterful with their technique and tactically very experienced," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "Having them work together as a unit is going to be very important for us to win."

Divoky is expected to play a key role for the Panthers, linking the entire field together through her position in the core midfield.

"Candice can hold the ball for us no matter how many people are on her," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "She can see the plays before they happen which is very important."

Sophomore Aimee Rasmusson (Cedar Falls, Iowa) will split time on the attacking line as the top forward. According to Kakoyianni-Bering, Rasmusson is very good at reading off the ball as well as on the ball and has the ability to do something dangerous with the ball.

Meghan Schoebel (Apple Valley, Minn.) will split time between being an outside back and on the front line.

"I am going to look to put her up front a little because she has her speed back and more confidence with one year under her belt," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "Putting her in there will infuse a lot of excitement up front."

Kakoyianni-Bering wants her team to be more offensive minded this season.

"I want them to be more creative this year. It is a matter of being more offensive - being in the right frame of mind to go for the goal every time," she said.

UNI will rely on its experienced midfield to control the offensive opportunities.

"Experience in the midfield is very important," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "Everything has to go through the midfield. We are going to play possession style soccer."

Senior Kaitlin Stimpson (Veeders Heights, Minn.) is a three-year starter and had two goals last year as an outside midfielder.

"Stimpson has the ability to run the line forever and she has the speed and the touch on the ball," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "We are looking for a little more from her on the outside - a few more crosses in and runs into the box."

Junior Sarah Ottan (Marshalltown, Iowa) started six games in the midfield last year and her speed is expected to be important for the Panthers. Senior Jillian Carroll (Leawood, Kan.), junior Kira Anderson (Cedar Falls, Iowa), senior Michelle Young (San Antonio, Texas) and sophomore Allie Sowell (Overland Park, Kan.) also will operate mainly in the midfield.

Carroll scored four points off the bench last year and may see time in the attacking line.

"Carroll's foot is very dangerous, especially on set plays," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "Anderson also can run forever and is able to fight off anyone. She will be very important with man-making. She will be shutting down whoever we need to extinguish."

Senior co-captain Raven Blackwell (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) is one of many players who will spend time at multiple positions.

"Raven will be playing up top sometimes as well as the outside," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "Her leadership is imperative. She will play a vital role on and off the field."

Sophomore Amy Seubert (Minnetonka, Minn.) may play fullback or offensive midfield.

"Amy Seubert is one player who has more presence on the field. She can win the ball out of the air and go through anyone to gain an advantage. She is a player we really need on the field and we need her to do well," Kakoyianni-Bering.

With one year of experience, sophomore Jenna O'Hara (London, Ontario) will take on outside fullback duties.

"Jenna is a very tactically advanced player, knowing what needs to be done to win a ball to prevent any scoring opportunities," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "She is just really smart about her body positioning. Her fitness and technical proficiency add another element to our game from the back."

Senior co-captain Brooke Orcutt (Sioux Falls, S.D.) will head up the defenders as the middle fullback.

"Brooke is really important because she is a smart player and has command of the back line. Everyone looks to Brooke for leadership on the field," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "Defensively we are solid with our back line and our two goalkeepers."

Goalkeepers Heidi O'Mara (Stillwater, Minn.) and Krista Thorley (Ajax, Ontario) are back for their sophomore campaigns. Thorley started the majority of games (12) last season, tallying 121 saves. However, the two may split time in the net if both produce results early.

"The great news is that we have two goalkeepers back who are still fighting for the starting position," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "They are progressing at a great rate. They will anchor the back for us."

Five freshmen round out UNI's lineup: Lindsey Daugherty (Loveland, Colo.), Sydney deVictoria-Michel (Minneapolis, Minn.), Kimberly Jaeger (Swinister, Iowa), Gretchen Orcutt (Sioux Falls, S.D.) and Holly Winter (West Des Moines, Iowa).

Kakoyianni-Bering is excited about the lineup possibilities within the Panthers' team.

"The players we have are very interchangeable and that gives me a lot of options," she said "There is not a weak link on our field. More so than ever, we will be able to substitute and not have a change in the level of play."

SCHEDULE

UNI begins its regular season schedule at home against Furman and Minnesota State. It continues its non-conference schedule with nine games, including playing Delaware and Towson in the Blue Hen tournament and Iowa at the Cedar Valley Soccer Complex. Last season, the Panthers broke attendance records when they hosted the Hawkeyes.

The Panthers begin conference play on the road at Drake, Missouri State and Creighton. The Bluejays took top honors at the 2004 MVC tournament while the Bulldogs were regular season champions. UNI then returns home for its final three conference and regular season games against Indiana State, Evansville and Illinois State.

"We can be at the top of the MVC," Kakoyianni-Bering said. "The MVC has gotten so close in skill level; so many games are won by one goal. As a team, we need to determine our own destiny from the beginning."
Katherina Kakoyianni-Bering is in her first season as the head coach of the UNI women's soccer team. She is entering her sixth season overall with the Panthers and is the only coaching staff member who has been with the UNI soccer program since the inaugural 2000 campaign. Kakoyianni-Bering was named interim coach in 2005 after the resignation of Linda Whitehead.

She brings experience as a former two-sport student-athlete at Fanshawe College from 1995-97, receiving her diploma in Recreation and Leisure Services. She obtained her Bachelor of Health Sciences from the University of Western Ontario in 2001. Kakoyianni-Bering is completing her graduate degree at UNI in Physical Education with an emphasis in Teaching/Coaching.

Kakoyianni-Bering also received her Advanced National diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA) this past summer after completing her National diploma in 2004. She is an avid promoter of soccer throughout the Cedar Valley as a co-founder and co-President of the Cedar Valley Adult Soccer Association, which was established in 2004 and is growing rapidly. She also was the head coach for the Denver (IA) High School boys' soccer team for three years.

Kakoyianni-Bering brings a wealth of knowledge from her athletic endeavors on a national scene. She was invited to try out for the Greece Women's National soccer team for the 2004 Olympics in Greece and attended the Olympic trials in 2002. She trained with the Toronto Inferno women's league team in the summer of 2003.

The London, Ontario native played a variety of positions on the field during her college career but found much success as a goalkeeper. Kakoyianni-Bering served as team captain at Fanshawe and led the West Region in shutouts in 1997. Her accomplishments include being a member of the Ontario Colleges gold medalist team and finishing fourth at the Canadian Colleges National Championship. She was the recipient of the Les Zolti Award, which is given to Fanshawe's Outstanding Athlete, and was nominated Female Athlete of the Year.

Kakoyianni-Bering also achieved success in the classroom and was honored with the Student Training Leadership Award, which is given to a student-athlete that shows excellence in their studies as well as on the field. In addition to playing soccer, she played basketball from 1995-97 at Fanshawe, where she was the starting point guard.

Prior to this season, her primary duties were working with the Panther goalkeepers. Under Kakoyianni-Bering, former UNI goalkeeper Anne-Marie Witko broke the Missouri Valley Conference record for career saves (602).

She and her husband, Chris Bering, reside in Waterloo.

Before arriving at UNI, Brian Bahl served as the head women's soccer coach at Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids. During his tenure at Mount Mercy, Bahl turned around what was once a dismal Mustang program. His team set numerous school records, he had recruiting classes ranked at the top of the conference and he became the winningest coach in school history.

Bahl has had stints as an assistant at Wartburg College and Upper Iowa University. He also has held various high school coaching positions in the Cedar Valley, including being head coach of the Denver (IA) girls' soccer team. Presently, he is head coach of the Waterloo West boys' soccer team.

During his eight-year tenure at Waterloo West, his teams have averaged 11 wins per season and have been one of Iowa's top high school programs, winning six district championships, two sub-state titles and earning two trips to the state tournament. Bahl ranks as Waterloo West's all-time winningest boys' soccer coach and recently was inducted into the West Soccer Hall of Fame.

Bahl, who has spent 24 years either playing or coaching soccer, has been a club coach with the Cedar Valley Youth Soccer Association, Midwest United Soccer Association and the Dubuque Soccer Club. He holds national coaching licenses from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). Currently, he is the Iowa High School Coaches Association's representative to the NSCAA.

Bahl and his wife, Jamie, reside in Cedar Falls with their daughter, Aubrey.
2004: Played in 17 games ... Had three shots, two on goal ... Had two shots against Tulsa (9/23).
2003: Played in 15 games ... Had one shot against Eastern Washington (10/3).
2002: Played volleyball at Indian Hills Community College.

High School: A 2001 graduate of Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School ... Played under Robert Kolar and Sarah Kiefer ... Two-time scoring and assist leader ... Four-year letter winner and starter ... Two-year co-captain ... Three-year first team all-Metro ... One year second team all-Metro ... Two-time first team all-conference ... Voted team MVP her senior year ... 11 years club soccer experience ... Honorable mention all-state in volleyball, two-time Hustle Award Recipient ... Also played basketball, softball and ran track ... Member of National Honor Society and graduated with Distinction (3.85 and above GPA).

Personal: Full name is Raven Elizabeth Blackwell ... Daughter of Rick and Michael Ann Blackwell ... Has one sister, Erica ... Chose UNI because the campus is beautiful and the people are great ... Best advice ever received is "How you feel, how you think and who you believe you are is what matters - not how everyone else feels, how everyone else thinks and who everyone else thinks you are" ... Odd superstition is she tapes her wrists and writes "words of inspiration" on them ... Favorite soccer player is Julie Foudy and favorite sports teams are the Chicago Cubs and Real Madrid ... Her second cousin (Tim Blackwell) was a major league catcher for the Chicago Cubs and Montreal Expos from 1974 to 1983 ... Future career goals are to become a teacher and coach along with venturing into Sports Administration ... Majoring in Elementary/Middle Level Education ... Goals for 2005 are to make a positive impact on the field and push her teammates to play to the best of their ability.

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2004: Second team all-conference ... Started 18 games on defense ... Took one shot against Tulsa (9/23) and Evansville (10/1), each on goal.
2003: Played in all 19 games, starting nine ... Recorded one shot against Western Illinois (9/14).  
2002: Saw action in 14 games, starting one ... Had one shot against Colorado College (9/13).

High School: During her four years at O’Gorman High School, the team had a record of 60-5-4 ... They were two-time state champs and runner-up twice ... Scored 21 goals in her career ... Named Outstanding Female Athlete in 2002 ... Honored as Coca-Cola’s Unsung Hero in volleyball and was the Gatorade Player of the Game in 2002 ...

As a senior, the volleyball team was state champion ... Spent eight years playing club soccer and was the captain the last two seasons ... South Dakota Challenge Cup champs four years and won the Regional Sportsmanship Award at the 2001 Regional Tourney ... She also was a member of the basketball, softball and swimming teams ... A member of the Honor Roll.

Personal: Full name Brooke Elizabeth Orcutt ... Daughter of Mark and Evelyn ... Siblings include Ben, Gretchen and Paige ... Best advice is “Work Hard, Play Hard” ... Most admires Tiffanie Van Eimerson, former soccer coach, because she motivated her to step up her game ... Odd superstitition is before games she has to listen to Under Pressure by Queen and David Bowie ... Best sports memory is defending the state championship with one player down for 75 minutes and winning 2-1 ... Chose UNI because she wanted to play soccer and she liked the campus and the fitness center ... Favorite book is Black Beauty, favorite movie is and her favorite soccer player is T.J. Rolfing ... Hobbies include scrapbooking, softball, weight lifting and singing ... Majoring in English with a minor in Professional Writing.

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2004: Played in all 18 games, started 17 ... Had two assists, one against Western Illinois (8/27) and one against Tulsa (9/23) ... Recorded nine shots.
2003: Started in 18 games and played in all 19 ... Scored three goals, including one game-winning goal and assisted one assist ... Had 17 shots total ... Scored two goals in the first 11 minutes of play in the 3-0 win over Evansville on October 12.
2002: Played in all 19 games, starting 17 ... Recorded one goal, one assist and three points ... Had 11 shots on the season ... Scored the game-winner against Indiana State (10/18).

High School: Scored 19 goals and had 14 assists in her career at Mounds View HS ... Captain as a senior ... Was the leading scorer as a freshman and had the most assists as a junior and senior ... Coached by Sharon Swallen and John Bfin ... Honored as all-state and all-conference honorable mention ... Named to the all-state tournament team and Gatorade “Will to Win” Athlete ... Played club ball with the Twin Cities Fire ... Graduated in the top 10 of her class ... Honored as Mathme.com’s Student of the Year as a senior ... Academic Athlete of the Year as a senior ... Received the Academic Excellence Award four times and was academic all-conference twice ... Relay team took sixth place at the Minnesota State Track Meet ... Named MVP as a senior in track, as the second highest point scorer ... Anchored sixth-place 4x800 at state ... Recognized as the Academic Athlete of the Year.

Personal: Full name is Kaitlin Marie Stimpson ... Daughter of Dave and Marsha Stimpson ... Has one brother, Jeremy, and sister-in-law, Sara ... Chose UNI because she was excited by the academic opportunities as well as the future of the UNI soccer team ... The person she admires the most is her older brother for his commitment to everything he does ... Best sports memories include winning the state championship with one player down for 75 minutes and winning 2-1 ... Favorite books are To Kill a Mockingbird and Harper Lee ... Favorite actress is Kate Hudson and favorite soccer player is Kristine Lilly ... Talent most comparable to is Amos Magee of the Minnesota Thunder ... Majors are Biology and Chemistry ... Future goals include attending graduate school to obtain a PhD and become a professor ... Hobbies include running, traveling, hiking, camping and watching movies ... Goal for this season is to make it to the Field of Four in the MVC tournament.
2004: Played in 17 games, started 11 ... Had one goal at Western Illinois (8/27) ... Had one assist at Evansville (10/1) ... Tallied four shots, two on goal.

2003: Played in 16 games and started one against Centenary (8/29) ... Had seven shots, three on goal for a .429 shots on goal percentage ... Delivered the game-winning assist to Shanon Dechant in the final minutes to beat Drake (10/24).

2002: Saw action in 13 games, starting two ... Had four shots on the year.

High School: Two-time all-district and all-region ... Selected to the Woodland’s all-tournament team in 2001 ... Captain of the team for three years ... State tournament finalists as a senior ... Played for the ‘84 Classic team that won the STYSA State Games in 1997-98 and 2001 and placed two other times ... Named Player of the Year twice while playing club ball ... A member of the National Honor Society, she was on the Honor Roll throughout high school ... Received TASS test national recognition in 2000 and was named one of the district’s Technology Students of America.

Personal: Full name is Michelle Marie Young ... Daughter of Alan Young ... Has two siblings, Jonathan and Chris ... Chose UNI because of the size and because it is close to family and friends ... Best advice ever received is anything from her mother ... The person she admires most is her father because of all he has had to go through ... Odd superstition is if her opponent is stretching in a circle, the opponent is going to lose ... Favorite book is The Puritans, favorite professional sports team is the Spurs and favorite soccer player is Michelle Akers ... Hobbies include playing the piano, drawing and playing wallball ... Majoring in Physical Education with an emphasis in Exercise Science, going to physical therapy school ... Future goals are to become a physical therapist or an elementary teacher.
2004: Started 18 games ... Had one goal against Wisconsin-Green Bay (9/10) and one against Tulsa (9/23) ... Tallied an assist against Loyola (9/15) ... Took 33 shots, 14 on goal.

2003: Saw action in all 19 games and started 18 ... Scored five goals, including two game-winning goals ... Recorded two assists and 28 shots ... Scored an unassisted goal in her only shot in the 2-0 win over IPFW on Sept. 7 ... Scored the team's only two goals in the 2-0 decision over Western Illinois on Sept. 14.

2002: Played in one game and tallied one assist against Colorado College (9/13) before going down with a season-ending injury.

High School: A 2002 graduate of Iowa City West. She played for the Trojans as a junior and a senior after transferring from Solon High School. Selected first team all-conference and second team all-state as a senior. While at Solon, was a captain for three years and a two-time MVP. As a freshman, led the team in goals and had the record for most goals and assists for the school and the district as a sophomore. Five-year letter winner. Spent six years playing club soccer, most recently for the Iowa Invasion. Was also a member of the Iowa Region II ODP team for five years. Has a National "D" License and worked for the 2002 ODP soccer camp.

Personal: Full name is Candice JoAnn Divoky. Daughter of Mark and Julie Divoky. Has one sister, Danielle. Chose UNI because it gave her the opportunity to continue playing soccer. The people she admires most are her parents. Best sports memory is winning the State Cup. Odd superstition includes wearing the same socks for every game. Favorite book is Harry Potter. Favorite actor is Dean Cain and favorite soccer player is Tiffany Milbret. Majoring in Elementary Education and hopes to be a teacher and a soccer coach.

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2004: Played in 13 games, started six ... Had two assists and five shots ... Had one assist in the win against Drury (10/8), the other against Illinois State (10/21).

2003: Saw action in seven games before being sidelined for the rest of the season with a severe ankle injury. Recorded two shots.

High School: Four-time varsity letter winner in soccer. Led her team in assists three years in a row. Received second team all-conference her freshman year. Honored with first team all-conference for her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. Finished her high school career with 49 goals and 30 assists. Ran track for three years, participating in the Drake Relays for two years and the state meet three years. Also participated in cross country her junior and senior years.

Personal: Daughter of James and Ellen Otten. Full name is Sarah Ann Otten. Has one brother, Joshua. Majoring in Elementary Education, minor in Coaching. Played for the Marshalltown Trouble, as well as her high school team, the Bobcats. Chose UNI for its beautiful campus and its size. Best advice ever received is “Give 100 percent in everything you do.” Most admires her mother for everything she has done for her and her brother. Favorite book is Echoes. Favorite movie is Bring It On. Favorite actress is Julia Roberts.

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2004: Played in 18 games, started four ... Had two goals, one against Loyola (9/15) and another against Drury (10/8) ... Recorded five points and 22 shots, 14 on goal.

2003: Played in 17 games as a true freshman and started vs. Louisiana-Monroe (8/31) ... Tallied seven shots.

High School: Received all-Metro honors her senior year ... First team all-conference in 2003 ... Captain 2003 ... Female Athlete of the Year at Cedar Falls High 2002-03 ... Awarded first team all-conference in 2000 and 2001 ... Voted Most Valuable Player in 2003 ... Member of Cedar Valley Blaze soccer club team ... Coached by Tracy Johns and Beth Huber ... Member of Honor Roll each semester ... State of Iowa Scholar ... Ranked in the top five percent of her graduating class.

Personal: Full name is Aimee Jo Rasmusson ... Daughter of Lori and Dave Rasmusson, sister to Dan ... Hobbies include water skiing, rollerblading, biking and reading ... Majoring in Biology with Biomedical emphasis and minoring in Chemistry ... Chose UNI because it has a very good science department and it has all the benefits of a state school in her hometown ... Best advice is “If you’re not tired, you’re not working hard enough” ... Best sports memory is defeating her high school team’s biggest rival for the first time in a shootout ... Favorite book is The Partner by John Grisham ... Favorite actress is Julia Stiles ... Goals for 2005 season are to place in the MVC tournament and to have the best record in the history of UNI soccer.

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2004: Played in seven games ... Picked up 49 saves and had a 2.69 goal against average ... Recorded a season-high 16 saves against Loyola (9/15) ... Played the full 120 minutes in the 1-1 tie against Loyola.

High School: Came to UNI out of Stillwater Area High School ... High school coach was Andy Olson ... Named to all-conference team in 2002 and 2003 and also was named to the all-section team and all-state honorable mention ... Has played club soccer for Coach Cameron O’Malley of the Twin Cities Fire ... Participated in track, basketball and snowboarding.

Personal: Full name is Heidi Marie O’Mara ... Has one sister, Molly ... Best sports memory was playing in the Metrodome in the Twin Cities for the Soccer State Championship game ... Person she would most like to meet is Lance Armstrong, because he has overcome a lot and is one of the most successful athletes ... Favorite actor is Adrian Brody ... Majoring in Biomedical Sciences.

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2004: Earned the starting goalie spot in her first season as a Panther ... Led the MVC with 121 saves and had a .801 save percentage ... Played in 12 games ... Debuted against Western Illinois (8/27) and had 11 saves in the 1-1 tie ... Collected nine saves against Indiana State (8/3) to shut out the Sycamores ... Had a season-high 15 saves against Creighton (8/15) ... Had 11 crucial saves in the 3-2 overtime victory versus Drury (8/8).

High School: Played at J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate High School ... Played club soccer for Coach Rick Pudwella and Coach Nixon Bernardino of the Oakville Explosion OYSL and the Pickering Pythons OYSL ... Named Senior Athlete of the Year ... Also a silver medalist in LOSSA for senior basketball and volleyball.

Personal: Full name is Krista Marie Thorley ... Daughter of Richard and Carol Thorley ... Has one brother, Andrew ... Chose UNI because the campus is nice and the programs are good ... Best advice ever received was from her mom who said, "Never give up on your dreams" ... Most admires her mom ... Best sports memory is when her team went to the USA Cup and won the quarterfinal game in shootouts ... Has an odd superstition of spitting on the goal line before every game ... Favorite professional team is the Toronto Maple Leafs ... Future career goal is to work in the medical field ... Majoring in Biology with a biomedical emphasis, minor Chemistry ... Goal for 2005 is to play to the best of her abilities 100 percent of the time.

Thorley's Career Statistics

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High School: Team was conference champion twice, section runner-ups once ... Five-year varsity letterwinner ... Captain senior year ... Five-year all-conference selection ... all-state honorable mention senior year ... Coached by Amy Carderelle at South HS and Dan Savage at Washburn ... National Honor Society member ... Graduated with Highest Honors ... Helped with Habitat for Humanity and Silver Ribbon Campaign.

Personal: Full name is Sydney deVictoria-Michel ... Parents are Scott Michel and Denise deVictoria ... Chose UNI for academics, location and soccer ... Also recruited by Winona State, Northern Michigan and North Park ... Hobbies are biking, writing, drawing, photography and listening to music ... Biggest influence are her parents and Diane Manley ... Goals for 2005 season are to build a solid defense that can put the ball back up for attack and also to get to know her teammates and have fun.

High School: Member of Heartland club soccer team ... Was captain and earned all-Metro, all-conference and MVP awards ... Coached by Larry Reutzel ... Received NCYL Honor award.

Personal: Daughter of Susan and Randy Jaeger ... Siblings Melissa and Nicholas ... Best advice is "Get Involved" ... Favorite movie is The Notebook ... Favorite soccer players are Mia Hamm and Kristine Lilly ... Hobbies include running, biking and swimming ... Plans to major in Communications ... Goal for the 2005 season is to make the starting lineup.
GRETCHEN ORCUTT

Midfielder/Defender
Freshman - 5' 8"

Soyl Fall, SD
O'Gorman

High School: All-state honorable mention 2002 ... All-state second team 2003 ... All-state first team 2004 ... Captain of the team 2004 ... Academic all-state volleyball 2004 ... Coached by Jeff Dixon, Pat Beckman and Ryan Beier ... On the Honor Roll all four years ... Regents' Scholar ... Received Presidents Scholar Award ... Yearbook photo editor ... Played for Dakota Gold Express soccer club for five years and the Dakota Gold Inferno three years.

Personal: Full name is Gretchen Marie Orcutt ... Daughter of Mark and Evelyn Orcutt ... Has three siblings, Brooke, Ben and Paige ... Chose UNI for the academic opportunities, size, location of campus and the soccer program ... Listens to Jesus Walks by Kayne West before every soccer game ... Favorite soccer player is her teammate and sister, Brooke ... Hobbies include reading and photography.

HOLLY WINTER

Midfielder/Forward
Freshman - 5' 3"

W. Des Moines, IA
Valley

High School: Graduated in 2005 from Valley High School ... Coached by Rob Chapman ... Played on West Des Moines Invasion club soccer team for six years, first place in Great Plains Tournament in 2000.

Personal: Full name is Holly Alicia Winter ... Daughter of Dave and Jana Winter and has one brother, Brad ... Chose UNI because of the soccer program and the class options ... Goal for 2005 season is to do her best to contribute to the team ... Best sports memory was when her high school team won state ... Favorite book is The Notebook ... Favorite actress is Julia Stiles ... Favorite sports team is the Green Bay Packers ... Favorite soccer player is Mia Hamm ... Hobbies include making scrapbooks ... Major is undecided.
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August 26 - 6:00 p.m.
Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Minnesota State**
August 28 - 1:00 p.m.
Cedar Falls, Iowa

**South Dakota State**
September 2 - 7:00 p.m.
Brookings, S.D.

**North Dakota State**
September 4 - 12:00 p.m.
Fargo, N.D.

**Minnesota**
September 9 - 6:00 p.m.
Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Western Illinois**
September 11 - 1:00 p.m.
Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Delaware**
September 16 - 6:30 p.m.
Newark, Del.

**Towson**
September 18 - 10:30 a.m.
Newark, Del.

**Tulsa**
September 23 - 3:00 p.m.
Tulsa, Okla.

**Oral Roberts**
September 25 - 11:00 a.m.
Tulsa, Okla.

**Iowa**
September 29 - 6:00 p.m.
Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Drake**
October 2 - 1:00 p.m.
Des Moines, Iowa
Missouri State
October 8 - 12:00 p.m.
Springfield, Mo.

Creighton
October 12 - 3:00 p.m.
Omaha, Neb.

Location
Springfield, Mo.

Conference
Missouri Valley

Stadium
Cooper Sports Complex

Head Coach
Rick Brewer

Record at school
67-78-10 (9 yrs)

Assistant Coach
Lane Davis

2004 Record
8-4-4

Letterwinners Returning/lost
16-5

Soccer SID
LeAna Wetherell

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Website
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Series Record
Missouri State leads 5-2

Location
Omaha, Neb.

Conference
Missouri Valley

Stadium
Morrison Stadium

Head Coach
Bruce Erickson

Record at school
68-54-16 (9 yrs)

Assistant Coach
Eric Sanders

2004 Record
9-8-1

Starters Returning/Lost
9/2

Soccer SID
Rob Anderson

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randerson@creighton.edu

Fax
(402) 280-2495

Website
www.gocreighton.com

Series Record
Creighton leads 6-0-1

Indiana State
October 16 - 1:00 p.m.
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Location
Terre Haute, Ind.

Conference
Missouri Valley

Stadium
ISU Soccer Complex

Head Coach
Vernon Croft

Record at school
3-59-5

Assistant Coaches
Kodi Bell, Bock Thompson

2004 Record
1-10-0

Starters Returning/Lost
7/4

Soccer SID
Kodi Bell

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(812) 237-4158

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Website
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Series Record
Series tied at 3-3

Evansville
October 21 - 6:00 p.m.
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Location
Evansville, Ind.

Conference
Black Beauty Field

Head Coach
Gills Pflau

Record at school
15-1-1

Assistant Coach
Kris Merrick

2004 Record
6-13-1

Starters Returning/Lost
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Soccer SID
Gill Boxwell

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(812) 479-2090

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bb3@evansville.edu

Website
www.gopurpleaces.com

Series Record
Evansville leads 3-1-1

Illinois State
October 23 - 1:00 p.m.
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Location
Normal, Ill.

Conference
Missouri Valley

Stadium
Adelaide Street Field

Head Coach
Pete Kowall

Record at school
90-77-3

Assistant Coaches
Stacy Warm, Jenny Kohl

2004 Record
16-6-1

Starters Returning/Lost
9/3

Soccer SID
Krisen E. Ehrhardt

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kegreen@ilstu.edu

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**INDIVIDUAL GOALS BY PERIOD**

- UNI: 177 goals
- Opponent: 44 goals

**2004 Final Results**

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**GOALS BY PERIOD**

- UNI: 177 goals
- Opponent: 44 goals

2004 Year in Review

The 2004 University of Northern Iowa women’s soccer season was full of change. The Panthers were welcomed to the Cedar Valley Youth Soccer Complex (CVYSC) for their first season at the new site. They also came to the playing field without five invaluable players who had graduated at the top of the UNI record books.

UNI went 2-14-2 overall and 2-5 in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC). It qualified for the MVC Tournament, winning back-to-back at the top of the UNI record books.

Despite nagging injuries, junior forward Shanon Dechant led the team offensively in shots (38), goals (6), shots on goal percentage (.684) and points (13). She was tied for sixth in the MVC in goals per game (.33). For her efforts, she was named a first team all-conference selection.

Freshmen Heidi O’Mara and Krista Thorley battled for the goaltending role, but the latter staked her claim by midseason. Thorley ranked first in the Valley with 121 saves, although she played in fewer games than the other ranked goal tenders.

The Panthers’ first regular season game ended in a 1-1 tie with Western Illinois. Freshman Michelle Young scored her first collegiate goal and Thorley picked up 11 saves in her first outing.

UNI went on a slight scoring drought for the next three games, as it was shut out by Minnesota, Pacific and Idaho State. It then played its first home regular season game against Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Panthers outshot the Phoenix 19-15 but could not climb back from an early 2-0 deficit, losing 3-1. They fell to North Dakota State 2-1 and tied Loyola 1-1 at the CVYSC before heading on the road again.

The Panthers lost two more non-conference games to DePaul and Tulsa prior to the start of MVC play. UNI scored three goals against Evansville, but lost its first conference game 5-3 to the Purple Aces.

On October 3rd, the Panthers clinched their first victory and first defensive shutout, defeating Indiana State 1-0 in Terre Haute, Ind. Freshman Amy Szyrbert recorded UNI’s goal at 78:10 and Thorley tallied nine saves. UNI returned home and handed Drury a 3-2 loss in double overtime. Dechant connected on a penalty kick in the first period and knocked in the game-winning goal, while sophomore Aimee Rasmusson came off the bench to place one through the posts.

The Panthers lost their next six contests, including a 2-1 defeat at the State Farm MVC Tournament against Indiana State. It was the fourth consecutive year UNI had made a post-season trip. UNI played its final regular season game at the CVYSC against instate rival Iowa and hosted a record breaking crowd of 575 fans.

“We are so fortunate to be able to play at such a fine facility,” former head coach Linda Whitehead said. “The support we received from the CVYSA was exceptional.”

UNI lost one senior, midfielder Abby Luensman, who was named to the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District Team and MVC Scholar Athlete team. She played in 17 games, firing six shots, three on goal.
2004 MVC Womens Soccer Standings

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Player of the Year: Andrea Schmitz, Drake
Defensive Player of the Year: Sarah Guenther, MSU
Freshman of the Year: Lauren Podolski, Indiana State
Co-Coach of the Year: Corbin Stone, Drake; Vern Craven, Illinois State

Three points are awarded for a league win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

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2004 MVC Womens Statistical Leaders

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2004 All MVC Selections

First Team
Andrea Shaw, Illinois State
Sarah Guenther, MSU
Ivonne Valentin, Creighton
Lindsay Portincasa, Drake
Kanisha Campbell, Illinois State
Melissa Nelson, Drake
Ashlie Voerg, Indiana State
Andrea Schmitz, Drake
Lauren Podolski, Indiana State
Robyn Brady, Illinois State
Shanon Dechant, UNI

Second Team
Alexis Stormo, MSU
Heather Forsyth, Illinois State
Kate Hercules, MSU
Brooke Orcutt, UNI
Tami Callison, Evansville
Emily Munn, Creighton
Rachel Sutcliffe, Drury
Sarah Foote, Drake
Nichole Tiggs, Indiana State
Franny Hylock, Creighton
Heidi Gray, Evansville

Honorable Mention
Jennie Brown, Drake
Karisa Vandeloo, Drake
Lauren Kahlenbeck, Illinois State
Eric Willie, Indiana State
Candice Divokey, UNI
Kate Blair, MSU
Angela Parsons, SMS

All-Freshman Team
Lauren Podolski, Indiana State
Kristine Willrett, Creighton
Tristen Moser-Beil, Creighton
Sarah Foote, Drake
Shanon Duggan, Illinois State
Rachel Rudzis, Indiana State

Amy Seubert, UNI
Kate Blair, MSU
Lauren Heck, MSU

All-Tournament Team
Shanon Dechant, UNI
Kate Hercules, MSU
Andrea Shaw, Illinois State
Joyce Kleinheinz, Illinois State
Nichole Tiggs, Indiana State
Callie McDonough, Indiana State
Andrea Schmitz, Drake
Bailey Walkup, Drake
Sarah Foote, Drake
Tristen Moser-Beil, Creighton
Ivonne Valentin, Creighton
Valerie Zimmerer, Creighton
Katie Brennen, Creighton, MVP
TEAM SINGLE GAME RECORDS

MOST GOALS
6 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)

MOST GOALS IN FIRST HALF
3 vs. Indiana State (10/18/02)
3 vs. Nebraska-Omaha (9/10/00)
3 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)

MOST GOALS IN SECOND HALF
3 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/01)

MOST ASSISTS
4 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/01)
3 vs. Drury (10/6/02)
3 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)
3 vs. Indiana State (10/10/03)

MOST TOTAL POINTS
15 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)
12 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/01)

MOST SHOTS IN A HALF
21 vs. Morningside 2nd (8/31/00)

MOST SHOTS IN A GAME
33 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)

MOST SHOTS ON GOAL, HALF
13 vs. Morningside 2nd (8/31/00)
12 vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay 2nd (9/28/02)

MOST SHOTS ON GOAL, GAME
21 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)
14 vs. Southern Utah (10/12/01)
14 vs. Tulsa (9/23/04)

MOST CORNER KICKS
11 vs. Drury (10/8/04)
10 vs. Creighton (10/26/03 & 11/02/03)
10 vs. Southern Utah (10/12/01)

MOST FOULS
21 vs. Western Illinois (8/27/04)
19 vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay (9/21/03)
18 vs. SMS (10/4/02)
17 vs. Illinois State (10/21/04)

FEWEST FOULS
1 vs. Illinois State (10/22/00)
3 vs. SMS (10/6/00)
3 vs. Loyola-Chicago (9/22/00)
3 vs. Ball State (9/5/03)

MOST YELLOW CARDS
4 vs. Western Illinois (8/27/04)
3 vs. UW-Green Bay (9/21/03)
3 vs. St. Bonaventure (9/17/00)
3 vs. Indiana State (10/10/03)

TEAM SINGLE SEASON RECORDS

POINTS
61 2003
54 2000
50 2001

GOALS
25 2003
19 2001
20 2002

GOALS PER GAME
1.26 2003
1.16 2000
1.12 2001

ASSISTS
14 2001
13 2003
12 2004

SHOTS
242 2003
205 2002
193 2004

SHOTS ON GOAL
120 2003
102 2004
93 2000

SHOTS AGAINST
472 2000
414 2004

GOALS AGAINST
63 2000
48 2004

WINS
10 2003
5 2002

LOSSES
14 2004
14 2000

SHUTOUTS
5 2003
4 2002

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME RECORDS

MOST GOALS
7 Shanon Dechant vs. Creighton
(10/26/03)
7 Candice Divoky vs. Indiana State
(10/10/03)
7 Jane Masteller vs. Western Illinois
(8/31/01)
7 Jane Masteller vs. Morningside
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MOST SHOTS ON GOAL
6 Shanon Dechant vs. Morningside
(8/31/00)
6 Jane Masteller vs. Morningside
(8/31/00)

MOST SHOTS
8 Jenny Scheller vs. Morningside
(8/31/00)

MOST GOALS IN FIRST HALF
6 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)

MOST GOALS IN SECOND HALF
5 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/01)

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3 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/01)
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RECORDS
3 vs. Drury (10/6/02)
1.16 2000 (8/31/00)
17 Emily McCart (2001)

RECORDS
3 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)
120 2004 (8/31/00)
17 Emily McCart vs. Indiana State
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RECORDS
21 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)
2nd (8/31/00)
472 2000

RECORDS
33 vs. Morningside (8/31/00)
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(10/8/04)

RECORDS
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18 Anne-Marie Witko (2000)

RECORDS
10 vs. Creighton (10/26/03 & 11/02/03)
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120 2003

RECORDS
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RECORDS
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INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

MOST GOALS
17 Shanon Dechant (2002-Present)
12 Jane Masteller (2000-01)
9 Emily McCart (2001-02)
7 Candice Divoky (2002-Present)
5 Jenny Scheller (2000)
4 Lindsay Davis (2000-03)
4 Sarah Huffer (2002-Present)
4 Kaitlin Stimpson (2002-Present)
4 Jillian Carroll (2002-Present)
4 Sarah Lowe (2000-03)

MOST ASSISTS
7 Lindsay Davis (2000-03)
5 Emily McCart (2001-02)
4 Sarah Huffer (2002-Present)
4 Candice Divoky (2002-Present)
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MOST TOTAL POINTS
5 Emily McCart (2001-02)
4 Jenny Scheller (2000)
4 Kaitlin Stimpson (2002-Present)
4 Kate Shaw (2000-03)
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MOST SHOTS
5 Sarah Lowe (2000-03)
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MOST DISTANCE SHOTS
5 Sarah Lowe (2000-03)
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MOST OVERTIME GOALS
12 Kaitlin Stimpson (2002-Present)
7 Jane Masteller (2000-01)
5 Candice Divoky (2003-Present)
5 Emily McCart (2001-02)

MOST PENALTY KICKS MADE
10 Emily McCart (2001-02)
9 Jenny Scheller (2000)
8 Lindsay Davis (2000-03)
7 Sarah Huffer (2002-Present)
6 Emily McCart (2003-Present)

MOST PENALTY KICKS ALLOWED
10 Emily McCart (2001-02)
9 Jenny Scheller (2000)
8 Lindsay Davis (2000-03)
7 Sarah Huffer (2002-Present)
6 Emily McCart (2003-Present)

MOST GAME WINNING GOALS
6 Emily McCart (2001-02)
4 Sarah Huffer (2002-Present)
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73 Candice Divoky (2002-03)
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MOST MINUTES PLAYED IN GOAL
6430:26 Anne Marie Wirkot (2000-03)
1096:46 Krista Thorley (2004-Present)

2000

Coach: Linda Whitehead (1st Year)
Record: 3-14-2 (2-4-1 MVC, 6th place)
Arkansas State (9/27) L 1-2
Morningide (9/31) L 6-7
Creighton* (9/1) L 1-0
Eastern Illinois (9/3) L 0-1 (OT)
Nebraska-Omaha (9/10) W 3-1
# vs. Wright State (9/15) L 1-3
# vs. St. Bonaventure (9/17) L 1-4
at Loyola-Chicago (9/22) L 1-2
at Indiana State* (9/24) L 2-3 (OT)
at Western Illinois (9/29) L 0-4
Belmont (10/1) W 1-0
at Missouri State* (10/6) L 1-4
at Drury* (10/6) W 1-0
Evansville* (10/15) T 1-1 (2OT)
at Ws.-Green Bay (10/20) L 0-3
at Illinois State* (10/22) L 0-7
Ball State (10/27) L 1-5
at Missouri State L 0-5
# at Creighton Bluejay Classic
* Indicates MVC Matches
I Indicates MVC Tournament Match

2001

Coach: Linda Whitehead (2nd Year)
Record: 4-12-0 (6-6-4 MVC, 7th)
Western Illinois (8/31) W 4-0
at Iowa State (9/2) L 0-1
vs. Oklahoma State (9/7) L 0-3
vs. Temple (9/9) L 1-4
Loyola-Chicago (9/13) W 2-1 OT
Illinois State* (9/16) L 0-3
at #3 Nebraska (9/21) L 1-3
at Eastern Illinois (9/28) L 1-3
at Missouri State* (10/5) L 1-2
at Drury* (10/7) L 1-4
Southern Utah (10/12) W 3-0
Creighton* (10/14) L 0-2
at Evansville* (10/19) L 0-3
indiana State* (10/21) L 1-2 OT
Wisconsin-Green Bay (10/26) W 1-0
at Nebraska-Omaha (10/28) L 2-3
* Indicates MVC matches
# at Creighton Bluejay Classic

2002

Coach: Linda Whitehead (3rd Year)
Record: 5-13-3 (3-4 MVC, 5th)
at Western Illinois (8/30) T 2-2
at Iowa (9/1) L 0-1
at Iowa State (9/6) L 1-2
at Arizona* (9/6) L 0-5
at Colorado College (9/13) L 1-2
at Wyoming (9/15) L 0-3
at Illinois State* L 0-2
at Valparaiso L 0-3
Wisconsin-Milwaukee Missouri State* L 1-2
Drury* W 4-0
at Drake* W 2-1 OT
at Creighton* L 0-3
at Indiana State* W 4-0
at Evansville* L 0-2
Tech Texas W 1-0
IP-Fort Wayne L 2-0 OT
at Missouri State! W 2-0
cs. Creighton! L 0-2

2003

Coach: Linda Whitehead (4th Year)
Record: 10-8-1 (4-2-1 MVC, 4th)
Centenary* (8/29) W 2-1
Louisiana-Monroe* (8/31) W 1-0
at Ball State (9/5) W 3-2
at U-Fort Wayne (8/7) W 2-6
DePaul (9/12) L 0-1
Western Illinois (9/14) W 2-0
Valparaiso (9/19) W 2-1 OT
at Wisconsin-Green Bay (9/21) L 0-1
Illinois State* (9/20) L 0-1 OT
at Eastern Washington (10/3) L 0-2
at Gonzaga (10/5) L 0-1
Indiana State* (10/10) W 3-0
Evansville* (10/12) W 3-0
at Missouri State* (10/17) L 0-1
at Drury* (10/19) W 2-1 OT
Drake* (10/24) W 2-1
Creighton* (10/26) T 1-1 OT
at Iowa (10/31) L 0-4
vs. Creighton! (11/2) L 1-2 OT
# at UTEP Tournament (El Paso, TX)
* Indicates MVC matches
I Indicates MVC Tournament Match
The Missouri Valley Conference continues to lead by example as one of college athletics' most progressive conferences. One year shy of its centennial celebration, 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 1902, the Missouri Valley Conference has been regarded as a leader by its peers among today's collegiate athletic conferences.

While the Valley took center stage by hosting the NCAA Final Four in St. Louis in 2005, the overall performance of league teams in virtually every sport continues to raise the national profile of the conference.

Most noteworthy in 2004-05 was the success in the sport of men's basketball. For an amazing seventh consecutive Final Four in St. Louis in 2005, the overall performance of league teams in virtually every sport continues to raise the national profile of the conference.

The 2000-01 basketball season was highlighted by a Missouri Valley Conference team's appearance in the NCAA Final Four for the first time in Valley history. And for only the third time in league history — and the first since 1999 — three conference teams qualified for the Big Dance, two others qualified for the NIT, marking the first time in Valley history that five men's basketball teams qualified for post-season play.

There were plenty of other milestones for the Valley in the athletic arena in 2004-05. In women's basketball, Illinois State hosted the State Farm MVC Tournament at Redbird Arena and won the championship as No. 8 seed, marking the first time any team seeded fifth or lower has won a tournament in women's basketball. Missouri State became the second straight Valley team to win the WNIT, following Creighton in 2004.

The 2004 cross country season marked the first in a series of-three-straight NCAA Championships hosted by Indiana State. The 2005 and 2006 national meets will also take place in Terre Haute. A Valley school (Indiana State, 2002; UNI-2003) will serve as host for the NCAA Cross Country Championship for five straight years.

In another historic first, three league men's soccer teams advanced to the third round of the NCAA Soccer Championship. Affiliate members SMU and Tulsa joined Creighton among the final 16 teams remaining in the field. Tulsa's run ended in the tournament after the Golden Hurricane beat SMU in the third round.

Led by Wichita State's regular-season tournament championship and first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, four Valley volleyball schools won 20 or more matches for the first time since 1996. The Shockers swept their first-round opponent (Nevada) in the NCAA Tournament. Illinois State became the first Valley school to sweep men's and women's golf titles in the same season since Tulsa swept three-straight titles in 1994-95-96. The Redbirds, with Wichita State, gave the Valley two teams in the NCAA Men's Golf Regional for the first time in league history.

For the first time ever, three Valley softball teams qualified for the NCAA Tournament, including Southern Illinois, Creighton and Wichita State.

In baseball, the Valley boasted its first-ever baseball title, edging Wichita State in the regular-season standings. Wichita State won the tournament and the league had two (Creighton and Wichita State) NCAA Tournament teams for the third time in four years.

In 2004-05, Wichita State captured a second consecutive MVC All-Sports Trophy behind a balanced performance by its programs, with nine of its sports programs finishing regular season play in first or second place. It was the Shockers' 11th overall All-Sports Trophy, the highest number for any Valley school.

Baseball in St. Louis since 1985, the league is assertive in its approach by hosting NCAA baseball 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.

During the tenure of Doug Elgin, the Valley's ninth commissioner, the Valley has been aggressive in hosting NCAA events in St. Louis. That role came to a spectacular climax in April 2005 as the conference collaborated with local partners to stage the Final Four at the Edward Jones Dome.

And while the Missouri Valley Conference has been progressive in pursuing NCAA events, it has continued to be a national leader in the athletic arena. The oldest Division I athletic conference west of the Mississippi River, the Valley has had numerous successes in its storied history, which includes a myriad of accomplishments since the turn of the century.

The 2000-01 basketball season was highlighted by a Women's Final Four appearance by Missouri State, while in 2001-02, the league produced four Sweet 16 teams, including Southern Illinois (men's basketball), UNI (volleyball), Southern Methodist (men's soccer), and Drake (women's basketball). A College World Series appearance by the MSU baseball team highlighted the 2002-03 season; while Southern Illinois' men's basketball team was one win shy of a perfect TCF conference season in 2003-04, falling at UNI on the final day of the regular season.

Starting in 1995-96, the Conference broke new ground by allowing league members to bid for hosting rights for select team sport championships. By establishing uniform host criteria, the Conferences is able to assist a host institution in a season-long promotional campaign and provide an avenue where hosts can acquire sponsors and achieve a profit for the event.

The 2003-04 season was a landmark season for the conference as State Farm Insurance and the league came to terms on an agreement that would provide State Farm with title sponsorship of the league's 18 championship events (ConAgra Foods retained the baseball tournament title sponsorship). The conference's progressive marketing and in-house television package has helped open doors to national and national sponsors outside of the realm of title sponsorships, as the league's men's basketball tournament women's division revenues were up by over 50 percent in 2005.

Meanwhile, the league has been progressive in other areas, as it took its merchandising program in-house, while offering e-commerce solutions for league apparel and for tickets to the men's basketball championship.

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, 1997. 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 1987, basketball became the first competitive sport in the Missouri Valley Conference. 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 & field (indoors and outdoors), men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis, and volleyball.

This season, the league will conduct its 95th outdoor track and field championship, its 88th tennis championship, its 52nd baseball tournament, and its 68th golf championship for men. Those programs, plus other current sponsored sports of cross country (47 years), indoor track (39), soccer (15) and swimming and diving (12), 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 Final Four, and a 1989 national baseball championship. In 2001, Missouri State added to the Valley women's accomplishments, as the Lady Bears advanced to the Women's Basketball Final Four in St. Louis. Creighton (2004) and MSU (2006) have claimed national championships (WNIT) in women's basketball, while MSU also has a 1992 NCAA Women's Final Four appearance, and Creighton (2003 and Drake (1999) have made semifinal trips to the WNIT postseason tournament.

Indeed, the inclusion of women's programs under the Valley banner — the nation's second-oldest collegiate athletic conference — 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 88-year 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. Herb Hervey 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, some 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 Award, given to the nation's top female collegiate athlete. In the sport of track and field, Indiana State's Holli Hyche captured seven national titles in the 1990s, and Southern Illinois' Darrin Plab won back-to-back NCAA outdoor high jump titles in 1991 and 1992. At the 2002 NCAA Indoor meet, Illinois State's Christian Goy won the mile run, becoming the 17th male national champion in league history. In the fall of 1997, Creighton's Johnny Torres was named the Honda Award winner. Johnson's Johnny Torres was named the Honda Award winner. In the fall of 1997, Creighton's Johnny Torres was named the Honda Award winner.
2005 SCHEDULE

AUG. 17 vs. UPPER IOWA [EXHIBITION] 4:00 P.M.
AUG. 21 vs. LORAS COLLEGE [EXHIBITION] 1:00 P.M.
AUG. 26 vs. FURMAN 6:00 P.M.
AUG. 28 vs. MINNESOTA STATE 1:00 P.M.
SEPT. 2 at SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 7:00 P.M.
SEPT. 4 at NORTH DAKOTA STATE NOON
SEPT. 9 vs. MINNESOTA 6:00 P.M.
SEPT. 11 vs. WESTERN ILLINOIS 1:00 P.M.
SEPT. 16 at DELAWARE 6:30 P.M.
SEPT. 18 at DELAWARE vs. TOWSON 10:30 A.M.
SEPT. 23 at TULSA 3:00 P.M.
SEPT. 25 at ORAL ROBERTS 11:00 A.M.
SEPT. 29 vs. IOWA 6:00 P.M.
OCT. 2 at DRAKE* 1:00 P.M.
OCT. 8 at MISSOURI STATE* NOON
OCT. 12 vs. CREIGHTON* 3:00 P.M.
OCT. 16 vs. INDIANA STATE* 1:00 P.M.

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OCT. 21 vs. EVANSVILLE* 6:00 P.M.
OCT. 23 vs. ILLINOIS STATE* 1:00 P.M.
OCT. 30 1ST ROUND MVC TOURNAMENT TBD
NOV. 4-6 MVC TOURNAMENT TBD

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