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Assistant Coaches: Julie Gerdes (UNI, '05), Destiny Willer
Manager: Mandy Kumamoto
Student Assistant Coach: Laura Michaelson
Strength and Conditioning Coach: Blake Palmer
Athletic Trainer: Ranae Able
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**QUICK FACTS**
- **THE UNIVERSITY**
  - Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa
  - Founded: 1876
  - Enrollment: 12,609
  - Nickname: Panthers
  - Colors: Purple and Old Gold
  - Facility: Robinson-Dresser Sports Complex
  - Conference: Missouri Valley
  - Affiliation: NCAA Division I
  - President: Dr. Benjamin Allen (Indiana, '69)
  - Athletics Director: TBD
  - SWA: Bobbi Petersen (UNI, '90)

- **COACHING STAFF**
  - Head Coach: Ryan Jacobs (UNI, '99)
  - Career Record: First season
  - Assistant Coaches: Julie Gerdes (UNI, '04), Destiny Willer
- Manager: Mandy Kumamoto
- Student Assistant Coach: Laura Michaelsen
- Trainer: Ranae Able
- Strength and Conditioning: Blake Palmer
- Softball Office Phone: 319-273-4487

- **TEAM INFORMATION**
  - 2007 Overall Record: 19-32
  - 2007 MVC Record (Finish): 5-17 (10th)
  - All-Time Record: 892-748-4 (.544)
  - Years in WCWS (Last): 3 (1977 - Champions)
  - Years in NCAA Regionals (Last): 1 (1990)

- **PROGRAM HISTORY**
  - First Year of Softball: 1974

- **CREDITS**
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- **EQUITY STATEMENT**
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Located at www.UNIPanthers.com, the UNI Athletics home page offers detailed and timely information about UNI softball, as well as all 18 of the Panthers’ athletic teams.

Visitors have access to updated statistics, game notes, rosters, schedules and student-athlete biographies, among other resources. The Web site is updated daily by UNI Athletics Media Relations. Fans also can take advantage of archived audio and video broadcasts as well as coverage of live events via UNI Panther All-Access.

The Missouri Valley Conference home page is located at www.mvc-sports.com and contains information regarding scores, standings, statistics, conference notes and MVC Athlete of the Week honors.

COVERING THE PANTHERS

Head coach Ryan Jacobs and team members are available for interviews in person or by telephone during the week. The best time to meet with a student-athlete is immediately before or after practice. Interviews must be arranged through Laurie Wild of UNI Athletics Media Relations.

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS: Please make all credential requests at least three days in advance through UNI Athletics Media Relations. Credentials may be requested by contacting Wild at (319) 273-3783 or lawild@uni.edu.

EVENT POLICIES: Head coach Ryan Jacobs and requested UNI student-athletes will be available for post-game interviews following the final game of the day. Statistics and recaps from all UNI games are posted as soon as possible at www.UNIPanthers.com.

MEDIA ACCOMMODATIONS: Members of the media are encouraged to cover the Panthers in person whenever possible. Press box seating is available for working media at Robinson-Dresser Sports Complex.

PRESS LUNCHEONS: When in town, head coach Ryan Jacobs will speak at the weekly UNI Press Luncheon, held at noon each Monday at Pepper’s Grill and Sports Pub on 18th Street in Cedar Falls. The press luncheons are archived by the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier at www.courierwebcasts.com.

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EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

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 individual attention, yet large enough to provide a variety of resources, including distinguished faculty.

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 12,609 in the fall of 2007. 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 Iowa State Normal School. It became Iowa State Teachers College in 1909. In 1961, the name was changed to the 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 AND HIGHLIGHTS

- U.S. News and World Report ranks UNI in the top two among public comprehensive universities in the Midwest.
- Kiplinger Personal Finance places UNI in the national top 50 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 Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner, as well as U.S. Senator 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.
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, 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
- Maintaining 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 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

SUPPORT STAFF

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 compliance program for UNI's 400 student-athletes. He also assists with UNI's student life initiatives.

Prior to UNI, Schofield has 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 Advisor

Jennifer Sell is in her third year as Academic Advisor for UNI athletics. In her role, she helps with academic planning and registration for 400 student-athletes. 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. She also has several years of experience as an elementary school teacher.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, she graduated cum laude in 1992 from Bowling Green State with a bachelor's degree in Education. She is married to Justin Sell, UNI's Senior Associate Athletic Director. The couple have four children.
**PRESIDENT BEN ALLEN**

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.

Most recently, 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.

From 1988 to 1990 he served as Director of the Midwest Transportation Center, a research consortium consisting of Iowa State University and The University of Iowa.

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 earned his bachelor's degree in business economics from Indiana University, and his master's and doctorate in economics from the University of Illinois.
Robinson-Dresser Sports Complex
The New Home of Panther Softball

The University of Northern Iowa softball team begins a new era in 2008. In addition to a new head coach in first-year mentor Ryan Jacobs, the Panthers begin play this season at their new home, Robinson-Dresser Sports Complex. The facility, located along West 12th Street just northwest of the UNI campus, replaces Panther Park, which had served as the Panthers' home field for 30 seasons, beginning with the 1978 campaign.

Robinson-Dresser boasts many of the amenities lacking at Panther Park, including a press box, permanent seating and on-site restrooms and concessions facilities. Fans also will enjoy an upgrade in parking, as Robinson-Dresser features a large, paved parking lot immediately adjacent to the softball field. The field, which has been used by Cedar Falls High School since its completion in the summer of 1989, was upgraded over the summer and fall of 2007 with improvements made to the turf, drainage system, scoreboard and outfield fence. The facility also features a lighting system for night games and large bullpen areas for both the home and visiting teams.

Softball Locker Room

Recently renovated as part of the Richard O. Jacobson Human Performance Complex project adjacent to the UNI-Dome, the softball team's locker room offers a large, comfortable space for the Panthers. In addition to large locker spaces for each UNI player, the locker room offers a comfortable meeting space for the team before and after games and practice. The room also features a television with DVD player and is the preferred place for many players to spend their down time between classes and workouts.

Robinson-Dresser Sports Complex

- Dimensions: 190' (foul lines), 220' (center field)
- Capacity: 250
- Year Opened: 1989
- First Scheduled UNI Game: March 21 vs. Evansville (noon)

THE UNI-DOME

Completed in 1976, the multipurpose facility with 78,000 square feet of floor space provides the Panthers an outstanding site for workouts during the winter months and also serves as home to the Ramada UNI-Dome Classic softball tournament. The Dome, with fixed seating for 16,324, is the home of Panther football and track & field and also has played host to numerous concerts and other major events, including the 1997 NCAA Wrestling Championships.
STRENGTH PROGRAM
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 conditioning than any other aspect of their game. During the off-season, athletes work on strength improvement, speed, power, agility and conditioning. The in-season program is devoted to continuation of strength gains and performance-related conditioning.
Throughout an athlete's first year on campus, baseline measurements of strength, speed, power, agility, flexibility and endurance are collected. With this information, goals are set for development and maintenance. Programs are established for each athlete.

SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM
The UNI Sports Medicine Program features top-rate facilities and 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 capacity and outline programs to improve an athlete's flexibility.

Support Staff

DON BISHOP
- Director of Athletic Training Services

Don Bishop is in his seventh year as head of UNI's athletic training department. He is directly responsible for the health care of the men's basketball team, oversees nine certified athletic trainers on the UNI athletic training staff and serves as an instructor in the UNI Athletic Training Education Program.

JED C. SMITH
- Strength and Conditioning Coach

Jed C. Smith is in his third season as the strength and conditioning coach for the UNI Panthers. Smith joined the UNI coaching staff in June 2005.

Prior to his work with the Panthers, Smith served as the explosive strength training coach for the National Football League's Minnesota Vikings.

Smith has a wide and varied background in strength and conditioning training. In addition to his work with the Vikings, he also assisted the Minnesota Wild of the National Hockey League, the Minnesota Thunder of the United Soccer League and Penn State football in an effort to incorporate explosive strength training into their individual programs.

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in social science from Minnesota-Morris in 1994 and a second bachelor's degree in psychology in 1995. He received his master's in education with an emphasis in strength and conditioning from Hamline University in 2003.

He was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and his wife's name is Tammy.
Cedar Falls, part of a metro area consisting of more than 100,000 residents, has become a popular destination for visitors due to the city’s warm and welcoming residents and the wide variety of experiences to be enjoyed.

In addition to College Square Mall and its 12-screen movie theater, and the city’s multitude of dining and nightlife destinations, Cedar Falls offers plenty of unique experiences for those who live within and visit the vibrant community.

Annual events, performing and visual arts, permanent attractions, and year round outdoor recreation provide guests to the area with a multi-tude of leisure activities.

Among the city’s most popular events are the Sturgis Falls Celebration and Cedar Basin Jazz Festival held during the last full weekend in June. Parades, music, food, craft shows and children’s activities attract more than 150,000 people for these events each year.

The College Hill Arts Festival, held in July on the university’s campus, showcases the works of more than 75 juried artists from around the Midwest. The Festival’s recent recognition by Sunshine Magazine is testament to the popularity and success of the event.

Bicycling, roller blading, dog walking, hiking and jogging are enjoyed throughout much of the year on the community’s outstanding hard-surfaced recreational trail system. You’ll weave through Cedar Falls’ nationally recognized Great American Main Street, past museums, parks and the university campus, and alongside lakes and streams and the majestic Cedar River. Krieg’s Crossing is the longest recreational trail bridge in the Midwest and, during the winter months, much of the trail is groomed for cross country skiing.

Cedar Falls also has a wide variety of city parks, including the innovative Paw Park devoted to dogs. Black Hawk County Park and George Wyth State Park offer camping, boating, fishing and more. Hartman Reserve Nature Center provides a relaxing respite in the heart of the metro area and its ongoing educational programs assure a continued respect for these natural wonders.

Visitors can experience the area’s history first hand by visiting the Cedar Falls Historical Society’s Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum, George Wyth House and Viking Pump Museum, Little Red School House Museum, Behrens Rapp Information Station and Ice House Museum for guided tours. The University Museums provide a window to the world through their many permanent and traveling exhibits.

The UNI-Dome has become a city landmark and is home not only to the UNI Panthers’ outstanding athletic teams, but it annually welcomes great events like the Iowa Boat Show, the Antique and Collectibles Show, Eastern Iowa Sports Show, Hawkeye Farm Show, and American Youth National Basketball Tournament, as well as a number of concerts, trade shows and special athletic events.

Cedar Falls is proud to be listed among travel writer John Villani’s One Hundred Best Small Art Towns in America. Visual arts are displayed in the galleries of the Hearst Center for the Arts, UNI’s Kamerick Art Gallery and the streets of downtown Cedar Falls through the Garden’s to Main Street Public Art Exhibit. The Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center is an extremely popular destination, offering more than 300 performances each year.
The University of Northern Iowa strives for success. Panthers push to excel not only on their athletic fields, but in the classroom, as well. The UNI athletic department sponsors 18 intercollegiate sports, eight men's programs and 10 women's programs.

UNI fields teams in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, track and field and wrestling on the men's side, while supporting basketball, cross country, track and field, soccer, softball, swimming and volleyball for women.

All programs are members of division I, with football competing at the FCS level. Sixteen of UNI's sports belong to the Missouri Valley Conference, except football which is a member of the Gateway Football Conference, and wrestling, which recently entered the Western Wrestling Conference.

Academically, UNI student-athletes are near the top of the Missouri Valley Conference in overall grade point average, and regularly graduate at a higher rate than the general student population.

None of this would be possible without Panther supporters. Ask any coach or student-athlete and they will agree: UNI student and faculty, along with the cedar valley, are integral parts of Panther success.
A NEW ERA DAWNS
WITH NEW COACH AND NEW HOME FIELD, PANTHERS BEGIN 2008 WITH NEW ATTITUDE

Fresh faces are everywhere around the University of Northern Iowa softball program. From an entirely new coaching staff to the five newcomers who will take the field this season, the Panthers bring a fresh approach to 2008. Along with a nucleus of experienced returners that includes four seniors, the goal of these newcomers is singular: to help build the Panther softball program into one of the Missouri Valley Conference's best.

With a balance of veteran leadership and talented newcomers UNI hopes improve upon a disappointing 2007 season that saw the Panthers finish 19-32 overall and in 10th place in The Valley. The rebuilding of UNI's softball program begins with its new coaching staff, as Ryan Jacobs enters his first year as head coach for the Panthers.

Jacobs, most recently the head softball coach at Cedar Falls (Iowa) High School, will take over the reigns alongside first-year assistant coaches Julie Gerdes and Destiny Willer. Neither Jacobs or Gerdes are strangers to UNI athletics, as Jacobs served as an assistant baseball coach for the Panthers from 2001 to 2005 and Gerdes played for the Panthers on the softball field from 2002 to 2004.

Along with fresh coaching faces, UNI also brings in a talented group of newcomers that includes three freshmen and two junior college transfers. The Panthers also return 12 letterwinners — including eight starters — from their 2007 squad.

INFIELD
The Panthers return five letterwinners from last season on the infield, but also will mix in four newcomers to ignite the UNI defense. Leading the pack are senior Stephanie Aguero, junior Morgan Paulson and sophomore Jen Larsen. Aguero, who has never missed a start in 149 career games, will begin her second season as the Panthers' starting shortstop after playing third base for the first two seasons of her UNI career. The Muscatine, Iowa, native comes off a 2007 campaign that saw her set career highs for batting average, hits, slugging percentage, walks and on-base percentage. Her 12 doubles were seventh-best of any MVC player, while her nine-game hit streak was a team high. Paulson returns to first base after a solid season in 2007 in which she committed only six errors in 44 starts, where she will split time with Larsen. As a freshman Larsen drove in 26 runs and posted a team-high .326 average, along with nine home runs. Sophomore Sarah Bakey will also see time at third base for UNI.
THE PANTHERS OPPONENTS YEAR IN REVIEW HISTORY

2008 OUTLOOK

The Panther infield will also look for production from a pair of junior college transfers in Brittany Balduf and Crystal Keiper. Balduf comes to UNI after hitting .393 with 48 RBIs and 10 home runs last season at North Iowa Area Community College, while Keiper drove in 20 runs and tallied 13 extra-base hits for Kirkwood Community College in 2007. Freshman Jessica Magnuson, a product of Waterloo, Iowa, and Michelle Phillips, of Waukee, Iowa, look to join the mix, as well.

OUTFIELD

The Panthers will look to replace Mandy Kumamoto, who put together a career season in 2007 with 41 hits, including seven extra-base hits, and ranked third on the team with a .295 average. The Panthers return Ashley Lepley, who was voted the team's most valuable player after infusing the Panther offense with a team-best 10 home runs and 32 RBIs. Lepley again looks to jump-start the Panthers' lineup after posting a .565 slugging percentage a year ago.

Joining Lepley in the outfield are juniors Stefany Shalla and Brittany Ruzicka, and sophomore Rachel Gerking and Megan Machovec. Gerking will look to build upon her successful freshman campaign after registering 41 hits and 22 RBIs, while Ruzicka seeks to build upon the hot start to 2007 that was halted by a broken finger.

Machovec provides another threat for the Panthers following a productive freshman season. She was UNI's most consistent bat down the stretch last season, leading the team with a .320 average and .400 on-base percentage over the team's final 25 games. She also was the Panthers' top base stealer, grabbing 12 in 15 attempts. Magnuson also may see action in the outfield for the Panthers.

PITCHERS

An experienced core of pitchers will likely determine how successful the Panthers can be in the 2008 season. The Panthers return all four pitchers that saw action at the circle in 2007, including sophomores Jen Larsen and Sarah Bakey and seniors Lepley and Liz Adams.

The duo of Larsen and Lepley started 49 of the Panthers’ 51 games a season ago, throwing a combined 275 innings. Adams will look to have a bigger role at the circle this season after appearing in just eight games in 2007 due to the lingering effects of a knee injury that occurred late in the 2006 campaign. Bakey, the Panthers' key reliever a season ago, will again be asked to contribute solid innings for the Panthers after appearing in 22 games in her freshman season.

Highly-regarded freshman Melissa Tillett, who ranks second on the all-time strikeout list among high school pitchers in San Diego, will redshirt this season due to an injury that will keep her sidelined for the duration of the spring.

Catchers

UNI will have plenty of experience behind the plate this season with the return of two veteran catchers in junior Kelly Papesch and senior Heather Tarter. The two combined to start in all of UNI's 51 games a season ago, with Papesch starting 31 before being sidelined near the end of the season after suffering a broken finger, leaving Tarter to serve as the Panthers' primary catcher.

Not only will the Panthers have the advantage of two veteran catchers behind the plate, but Papesch and Tarter will be working with essentially the same pitchers as the previous season.

SCHEDULE

The Panthers will once again kick off the season by hosting the Ramada UNI-Dome Classic Feb. 8-10. This will mark the second consecutive season the Panthers have hosted an invitational in the Dome, a facility which hosted an annual softball tournament in 10 of the 11 seasons between 1987 and 1997. The Panthers will play an exhibition game against Grand View College on Feb. 8 and then take on Dayton, South Dakota State and North Dakota over the course of the weekend.

UNI will then travel to Minneapolis, Minn., for its first road trip of the season to take part in the Metrodome Classic. The event includes games against Tennessee Tech, Western Illinois, Arkansas, Iowa and host team Minnesota from Feb. 14-16.

Following a short break in the action, UNI will travel to Martin, Tenn., for their first outdoor action, taking part in the Tennessee-Martin Tournament. There, the Panthers will face Minnesota again, along with fellow MVC foe Indiana State and host Tennessee-Martin. Other competitors in Martin are Dartmouth and Ball State. UNI will then once again head west for its annual spring break trip, participating in the National Invitational Softball Tournament hosted by San Jose State in Hayward, Calif. The Panthers will face host San Jose State along with Nevada, Boston College, Tennessee State and California.

The Panthers return to the Midwest to open the MVC slate in against Southern Illinois in Carbondale, March 15-16. The Panthers will then travel to Louisville, Ky., for another big-game matchup with Louisville on March 18.

UNI then returns home for Cedar Falls for the Panthers' debut at Robinson-Dresser Sports Complex, taking on Evansville in MVC play the weekend of March 21-22. The Panthers will host in-state rival Iowa State on March 28 before taking to the road again three days later to face defending Valley champion Creighton in a weekend series in Omaha, Neb.

UNI then hit the road for a single-game contest in Peoria against Bradley on April 2 before returning home for a three-game series Drake (April 5-6). The Panthers will then make a road trip to Madison, Wis., to tangle with Wisconsin on April 9 before returning home for a four-game homestand against two MVC foes in Missouri State (April 12-13) and Bradley (April 15).

The Panthers then hit the road for a series of contests, first traveling to Indiana State (April 19-20), and then down Interstate 380 to Iowa City to face Iowa (April 23) before wrapping up the road trip in Wichita, Kan., against Wichita State.

The Panthers close out the regular season at home, hosting Illinois State (May 3-4) before the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament gets underway from May 8-10 at Charlotte West Stadium in Carbondale.
Ryan Jacobs enters his first season at the helm of the University of Northern Iowa softball team, but Jacobs is no stranger to Panther athletics. The Cedar Rapids native played two seasons for UNI's baseball team, from 1997 to 1998, helping the Panthers to a then-school record 32 wins and then best-ever second-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Most recently, Jacobs served as the head softball coach at Cedar Falls High School from 2004 to 2007, guiding the Tigers to a 32-10 mark — the second-best in school history — and was ranked as high as fifth in Iowa’s Class 4A. In Jacobs’ tenure at CFHS, he guided one conference player of the year, five first-team all-district players and four all-state players.

After a season of playing professional baseball for the Richmond Roosters of the Frontier League and assistant baseball coaching stints at Cornell College and Cedar Rapids Xavier High School, Jacobs returned to Cedar Falls and UNI in 2001.

He served as an assistant coach on the Panther baseball staff, specializing in coaching the catchers and hitters. He also coordinated Panther camps and clinics and served as the team’s first base coach. UNI recorded an average of 29 wins per season while Jacobs was on staff, including a school-record 35 victories and an NCAA tournament appearance in 2001.

Jacobs coaching philosophy revolves around pushing players to their maximum potential and being able to outwork the opposing team. Jacobs looks to focus on playing the game “the right way” and hustling to outplay opponents.

Jacobs was a standout prep baseball player at Cedar Rapids Regis High School, being named both Mississippi Valley Conference Player of the Year and the Iowa Legion Player of the Year in 1994.

Jacobs and his wife Kelley, a UNI assistant women’s basketball coach, reside in Cedar Falls with their two daughters, Haley (2) and Emma (born May 2007).

“OUR GOAL AND PHILOSOPHY IS TO OUT-HUSTLE AND OUT-PLAY OUR OPPONENT, AND PLAY THE GAME THE RIGHT WAY. WINS AND LOSSES WILL THEN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.”

- HEAD COACH RYAN JACOBS
ASSISTANT COACHES

JULIE GERDES

» ASSISTANT COACH  
» FIRST SEASON  
» PITCHING  
» UNI, '05

Former University of Northern Iowa standout pitcher Julie Gerdes joins the Panther softball staff as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator for 2008. Gerdes comes to the Panther staff after serving as pitching coach at Wartburg College from 2005 to 2007 and also assisting first-year head coach Ryan Jacobs at Cedar Falls High School from 2004 to 2007.

As an assistant coach at Wartburg, Gerdes helped lead the Knights to a combined 102-23 record and two Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament championships, as well as the 2006 IIAC regular season title. Gerdes focused on pitching at Cedar Falls High School, as well, and helped lead the Tigers to a 32-10 record and No. 5 ranking in Iowa's Class 4A last season.

A 2000 graduate of Burlington High School, Gerdes began her collegiate softball career at Kirkwood Community College, where she earned first team All-NJCAA Region XI honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and also was named to the NFCA-Louisville Slugger All-America first team. Gerdes pitching record at Kirkwood was an impressive 41-10 over two seasons, helping Kirkwood to an 84-29 team record.

Following her career at Kirkwood, Gerdes joined the Panther pitching staff and tallied a 12-6 pitching record in her first season. She threw more than 100 innings in each of her years as a Panther and posted 17 complete games, including 12 as a junior. Gerdes graduated from UNI in 2005 with a degree in mathematics and was a teacher in the Cedar Falls Community School District prior to her appointment at UNI.

DESTINY WILLER

» ASSISTANT COACH  
» FIRST SEASON  
» OUTFIELD / HITTING

Destiny Willer joins the Panthers' coaching staff after serving as an assistant coach at Linn-Mar High School in Marion, Iowa, last season.

Willer is no stranger to sharing the field with UNI head coach Ryan Jacobs, as Willer coached against the former Cedar Falls High School coach in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Willer will be responsible for working with outfielders and improving hitting techniques.

Before joining the Panthers, Willer attended Kirkwood Community College, where she earned first team all-conference honors her sophomore year. She then transferred to Grand View College and earned All-Midwest Collegiate Conference and All-NJCAA Region XII honors along with academic all-conference honors.

The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, native attended Cedar Rapids Prairie High School and earned second team All-Mississippi Valley Conference and first team all-metro honors.

Last season, Willer helped lead Linn-Mar to a 33-15 season record and a fourth-place finish at the Iowa state tournament while assisting the varsity coaches with infielders. Willer coached both Jaye Hutcheson and Hannah Borschel at Linn-Mar, with the duo set to join the Panthers as part of the 2009 recruiting class.
# Roster Breakdown

## By Class

- **Seniors (4):** Liz Adams, Stephanie Aguero, Ashley Lepley, Heather Tarter
- **Juniors (6):** Britney Balduf, Crystal Keiper, Kelly Papesh, Morgan Paulson, Brittany Ruzicka, Stefaney Shalla
- **Sophomores (4):** Sarah Bakey, Rachel Gerking, Jen Larsen, Megan Machovec
- **Freshmen (3):** Jessica Magnuson, Michelle Phillips, Melissa Tillett

## By Position

- **Infield (8):** Stephanie Aguero, Sarah Bakey, Britney Balduf, Crystal Keiper, Jen Larsen, Jessica Magnuson, Morgan Paulson, Michelle Phillips
- **Outfield (6):** Rachel Gerking, Ashley Lepley, Megan Machovec, Jessica Magnuson, Brittany Ruzicka, Stefaney Shalla
- **Pitchers (5):** Liz Adams, Sarah Bakey, Jen Larsen, Ashley Lepley, Melissa Tillett
- **Catchers (2):** Kelly Papesh, Heather Tarter

## By State

- **Iowa (13):** Liz Adams, Stephanie Aguero, Sarah Bakey, Britney Balduf, Rachel Gerking, Crystal Keiper, Ashley Lepley, Megan Machovec, Jessica Magnuson, Morgan Paulson, Michelle Phillips, Brittany Ruzicka, Stefaney Shalla
- **Illinois (3):** Jen Larsen, Kelly Papesh, Heather Tarter
- **California (1):** Melissa Tillett

## In-Season Birthdays

- **February (1):** Melissa Tillett (11th)
- **March (1):** Stefaney Shalla (25th)
- **April (1):** Brittany Ruzicka (1st)
- **May (2):** Morgan Paulson (1st), Megan Machovec (2nd)
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LIZ ADAMS
» SENIOR » 3 LETTERS » PITCHER
» MARION, IOWA (LINN-MAR)

2007
Saw limited action due to knee injury suffered late in 2006 season. Made five pitching appearances, including one start. Played in one game as a pinch-runner, scoring a run against Evansville (May 5).

2006
Saw action in 23 games, starting 16 overall. Played sparingly in second half of season due to knee injury. Missed final month of season because of injury. Made eight pitching appearances, including one start. Started nine games at first base and five as designated player. Batted .159 in 44 at-bats and recorded two RBIs. Posted .966 fielding percentage. Tied for team low with two defensive errors.

2005
Made 17 pitching appearances, including eight starts. Posted a strong freshman campaign in the circle with a 5-3 record and team-best 2.70 ERA. Threw 62.1 innings, including three complete games, giving up 61 hits. Held opponents to a .261 average and struck out 28 while walking 22. In all, saw playing time in 24 of team’s 47 games. Earned back-to-back complete-game wins against San Jose State (March 15) and Missouri State (March 19), allowing a combined two earned runs on 11 hits. Threw 10.1 total innings in the series against Missouri State (March 19-20), giving up no earned runs and just nine hits while striking out eight.

HIGH SCHOOL

PERSONAL
Born in Lancaster, Pa. Daughter of Dave and Mary Jo Adams. Majoring in exercise science. Hobbies include playing sports and hanging out with friends. Most important influence is “My family, because they are always there for me and are my biggest supporters.”

CAREER HIGHS
At-bats 3
(nine times; last: Missouri, 3/15/06)
Runs 2
(Lipscomb, 3/11/06)
Hits 2
(Lipscomb, 3/11/06)
RBIs 2
(Charleston Southern, 2/12/06)
Doubles 1
(Charleston Southern, 2/12/06)
Walks 1
(twice)
Strikeouts 1
(10 times)
Steals 1
(three times)
Sacrifice hits 1
(twice)

PITCHING HIGHS
Innings pitched 7.0
(twice; last: Missouri St., 3/19/06)
Runs allowed 5
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STEPHANIE AGUERO

SENIOR » 3 LETTERS » INFIELD
MUSCATINE, IOWA (MUSCATINE)

2007
Started all 51 games... Moved from third base to shortstop, where she made 51 starts... Raised on-base percentage 55 points to career-best .356... Led team and set career high with 12 doubles, seventh-most of any MVC player... Also set career highs for average (.293), hits (43), slugging percentage (.395) and walks (14)... Had 11 multi-hit games and seven multi-RBI games... Recorded team-best nine-game hit streak (Feb. 24 to March 4), during which time she hit .615 with five doubles and a home run to lead UNI to 6-3 record... Led Panthers to 4-1 start in Arkansas Invitational (March 2-4), going 10-for-14 with four doubles, five RBIs and a 1.214 slugging percentage... Drove in three runs against Cal-Riverside (March 10)... Ran streak of consecutive starts to 149, having started every game of her three-year career.

2006
Started all 51 games... Led team with 27 RBIs... Recorded team-best nine multiple-RBI games... Hit out of cleanup or fifth position in UNI lineup in 40 games... Had 10 extra-base hits, including seven doubles... Set career highs for at-bats (150), hits (10) and average (.340)... Served as Panthers' everyday third baseman (46 starts)... Recorded .924 fielding percentage... Snagged line drive to initiate triple play turned against Iowa State (April 12)... Matched season-high with three hits and two RBIs to lead UNI to its first conference win, 8-6 over Creighton (April 2)... Went 3-for-3 with two RBIs in Panthers' 8-6 loss to Southern Illinois (March 18).

2005
Started all 47 games... Posted a .244 batting average with 31 hits and six RBIs... Sparkled in the field with a .976 fielding percentage... Also saw limited pitching action, throwing 14 innings in six appearances, including two starts... Finished with 1-1 record and 3.00 ERA... Went 2-for-3 and batted in winning run to give Panthers 1-0 victory over Indiana State (April 23) in opener of a three-game sweep of the Sycamores.

HIGH SCHOOL
Earned first team all-Mississippi Athletic Conference honors four times... Named to the all-district team four times... Second team all-state honors in freshman, sophomore and junior years, first team all-state honors her senior year... Threw 161.1 straight innings without giving up an earned run and 139 straight innings without giving up any runs in 2001, both national records... Broke her own school record for strikeouts in a season with 252 in 2004... Ended her high school career with a 109-23 record and 878 strikeouts... Batted .385 with 288 hits in her career... Team captain in softball, volleyball, basketball and golf her senior year... Was class president and student council vice president her senior year... Graduated with a 4.0 GPA and Valedictorian honors.

PERSONAL
Born in Laredo, Texas... Daughter of Rodolfo (Rudy) and Lory Aguero... Majoring in exercise science and pre-physical therapy... Hobbies include playing golf and reading... Considers parents her biggest influence in life... Favorite sports team is the St. Louis Cardinals... Favorite movies are Mean Girls and Billy Madison... Favorite book is Three Nights in August... Person she would most like to meet is Jackie Robinson... Best life lesson is “Every day is a new beginning. True champions believe in themselves when nobody else will.”

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ASHLEY LEPLEY

» SENIOR » 1 LETTER » PITCHER / OUTFIELD
» ALBIA, IOWA (ALBIA / INDIAN HILLS C.C.)

2007
Named UNI's Most Valuable Player... Started 49 games including 25 at pitcher and 14 in right field... Led the team in home runs (10), RBIs (32), slugging percentage (.565) and batters struck out (83)... Had eight multiple-hit games with 10 multiple-RBI games... Hit .316 with 12 extra-base hits and 20 RBIs in Missouri Valley Conference play... Ranked second in the MVC in slugging percentage at .772... Set school record for most times hit by a pitch in a single season (7)... Her 10 home runs made her fifth player in UNI history to produce a double-digit home run season... Had a six-game hitting streak (March 24-April 7)... Hit two doubles against Missouri State (April 7) and two home runs against Bradley (April 17)... Pitched career-high seven strikeouts against IUPUI (Feb. 25).

2006
At Indian Hills, named to NFCA Midwest all-Region second team... Selected to NJCAA all-Region XI first team for second straight season... Also named to Region XI all-Academic second team... Selected for team's Most Valuable Player award... Hit .423 with 14 doubles and 10 home runs... Posted 1.43 ERA in 88 innings pitched.

2005
At Indian Hills, named to NJCAA all-Region XI first team as a freshman... Posted a 14-0 record in the pitching circle with 1.29 ERA... Selected as Indian Hills' Newcomer of the Year... Hit .414 with 10 doubles and four homers... Team posted 62-5 record.

HIGH SCHOOL
Five-year starter... Selected to all-South Central Conference and all-region teams all five seasons... Class 2A all-State first team selection as a senior (2004)... Second team all-State as a freshman (2001), sophomore (2002) and junior (2003)... Team posted 62-5 record.

PERSONAL
Born in Albia, Iowa... Daughter of Dave and Shari Lepley... Textile and apparel major... Transferred to UNI because of teammates, comfortable atmosphere and location close to home... Hobbies include photography, scrap booking, fishing and camping... Favorite movie is A League of Their Own... Favorite sports memory is qualifying for first softball state tournament in Albia High School history: "It was amazing..."... Considers her parents the biggest influence in her life: "They've taught me to have respect and how to be such a hard worker."
INTRODUCTION

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COACHING

MEET THE PANTHERS

HEATHER TARTER

» SENIOR » 1 LETTER » CATCHER
» FAIRBURY, ILL. (PRAIRIE CENTRAL / KANKAKEE C.C.)

2007
Played in 35 games including 24 starts, 20 of them coming at catcher…Recorded nine hits, including one double and one home run…Recorded a fielding percentage of .982…Hit first career home run and also doubled against Bradley (April 17)…Scored two runs against Drake (Feb. 11).

2006
Was part of 49-9 season at Kankakee Community College…Team finished No. 4 in final NJCAA poll…Hit .304 with two home runs and 39 RBIs.

2005
At Kankakee, posted .393 batting average as a freshman…Had 13 doubles, two home runs and 39 RBIs…Team finished with 40-14 record.

HIGH SCHOOL
Played four seasons as catcher at Prairie Central High School…Two-time all-Cornbelt Conference selection…Team won two regional championships and two sectional titles…Named MVP of Pantagraph All-Star Game…Hit .471 as a senior with nine doubles, 11 triples and 23 RBIs…Also played volleyball and basketball and was member of the band.

PERSONAL
Born in Bloomington, Ill…Daughter of John and Valerie Tarter…Majoring in exercise science and coaching…Transferred to UNI because of the campus, facilities and teammates…Hobbies include playing the trombone and listening to music…Favorite movie is Hardball…Favorite book is The Softball Coaching Bible.

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**KELLY PAPESH**

» JUNIOR » 2 LETTERS » CATCHER

» MINOOKA, ILL. (MINOOKA)

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**2007**

Started 40 games, including 31 starts at catcher...Recorded 29 hits, including seven doubles and six home runs with 16 RBIs...Recorded 106 put-outs and 22 assists with only one error...Ranked third on the team in slugging percentage (.495)...Had two multiple-RBI games...Suffered a broken finger in the Panthers' second game against Western Illinois (April 18) and missed the remaining eight games of the season.

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**2006**

Played in 50 of 51 games, starting 48...Served as Panthers' primary catcher, making 45 starts...Threw out a league-best 19 baserunners attempting steals...Recorded .970 fielding percentage...Hit .175 with four doubles, three home runs and 12 RBIs, fifth most among UNI hitters...Hit first career home run against Wartburg (March 22), a two-run homer that helped propel Panthers to 7-6 win...Hit game-winning solo home run in 4-3, nine-inning victory at Indiana State (April 22).

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**HIGH SCHOOL**

Earned four varsity letters in softball and was a four-time suburban Prairie South all-conference selection...As a catcher, was named to Joliet Herald News' all-area second team in 2004, and was a special mention to the list in 2002, 2003 and 2005...Was named to the Chicagoland Area Top 100 Players list in 2005...Was named to high honor roll scholar athlete list all four years and participated in National Honor Society.

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**PERSONAL**

Born in Joliet, Ill. Daughter of Pat and Karen Papesh...Majoring in physical education-teaching and a minor in health education...Chose UNI because of the campus, academics and softball teammates: "It was the best overall fit for me"...Favorite movie is "Dirty Dancing"...Enjoys reading the Harry Potter series...Favorite actor is Matthew McConaughey...Favorite athlete is Derek Jeter...Best life lesson: "Nothing reveals so much about a person as how they play the game."

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2007
Played in all 51 games, starting 44 at first base. Led the team in sacrifices (10). Recorded seven doubles and one home run. Hit two doubles against Illinois State (March 17). Finished the season with 312 putouts and 23 assists and only six errors. Had a four-game hit streak (Feb. 10-24). Recorded two multiple-RBI games and seven multiple-hit games.

2006
Played in 49 of 51 games, starting all 49. Was Panthers’ primary first baseman, making 40 starts. Also made five starts at third base. Posted .986 fielding percentage. Recorded just four errors in 277 chances. Usually hit from middle of lineup, making 40 starts in either third, fourth or fifth spots. Hit .266 with seven doubles and a home run. Drove in 25 runs, third-best among Missouri Valley Conference freshmen. Hit .266 with seven doubles and a home run. Drove in 25 runs, third-best among Missouri Valley Conference freshmen. Went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBIs in 6-1 win over Iowa State (April 12). Combined to go 11-for-20 with six RBIs in six-game stretch against Wichita State, Iowa State and Drake (April 8-15). Tallied seven multiple-hit games and six multi-RBI games.

HIGH SCHOOL
Hit .484 as a senior and was a Class 4A first team and Elite Team all-state selection in 2005. As a junior, earned Elite Team all-state honors in 2004 with .424 batting average and was named Class 4A offensive and defensive player of the year. Was named to Class 3A all-state first team as a utility player in 2002 (.406 average) and 2003 (.397). Won four district titles and made four state tournament appearances with Fort Dodge in career spanning from 2001-2005, during which time team posted a 210-40 overall record. Finished career with .410 average, 82 doubles, 30 triples and 232 RBIs. Also earned multiple all-conference and all-region selections in volleyball and basketball. Second on all-time basketball scoring list at Fort Dodge High.

PERSONAL
Born in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Daughter of Terry and Norine Paulson. Majoring in exercise science. Nickname is “Bug.” Sister, Megan, plays softball at Winona State. Cousin Ben Lamaak, plays football at Iowa State. Cousin Corey Schultz (golf), aunt Maryann Schultz (basketball) and uncle Kevin Schultz (baseball) all previously played for Iowa State. Enjoys spending time with family and friends, shopping, scrapbooking and sports. Favorite movie is Grease. Favorite athlete is Minnesota Twins’ Joe Mauer. Best life lesson: “If you work hard, you will be successful.”

CAREER HIGHS
At-bats
25 (Drake, 3/24/07)
Runs
2 (four times)
Hits
3 (five times)
RBIs
3 (Iowa State, 4/12/06)
Doubles
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Walks
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Strikeouts
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Hit by pitch
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BRITTANY RUZICKA

» JUNIOR » 2 LETTERS » OUTFIELD
» CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA (JEFFERSON)

2007
Played in 28 games, starting 11... Was sidelined for 19 games after fracturing a finger in warm-ups for game against Arkansas (March 2)... Started team's first nine games and posted .467 average over that span... Went 10-for-15 in four games in season-opening UNI-Dome Softball Invitational... Scored career-best 10 runs and had career-high three RBIs... Finished with .400 average and .447 on-base percentage.

2006
Saw action in 50 of 51 games, starting 34... Split time between designated player (21 starts) and left field (12 starts)... Led team with .271 average in Missouri Valley Conference play... Hit .260 overall and drove in one run... Tied for team lead with 11 steals in 13 attempts, third-most among MVC freshmen... Was successful on first nine steal attempts... Went 4-for-5 at the plate as leadoff hitter in 8-6 win over Creighton (April 2).

HIGH SCHOOL
Named first team all-Metro all four years... Four-time Mississippi Valley Conference selection... Appeared on the third team all-state ballot three years and second team all-state once... Selected first team all-district two years... Under coach by Larry Niemeyer, finished second in 2005 state softball tournament... Also, was recruited by Iowa... Also participated in track and cross country for four years.

PERSONAL
Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa... Daughter of Guy and Tina Ruzicka... Siblings include Shawna, 16, and Connor, 14... Majoring in elementary education... Hobbies include shopping, hanging out with friends and watching movies... Favorite movie is Save the Last Dance... Favorite book is A Child Called It... Favorite actors are Channing Tatum and Julia Roberts... Favorite sports memory is placing second at the state softball tournament her senior year... Best life lesson: “Don’t let today's disappointments cast a shadow on tomorrow's dreams.”

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2007
Played in 43 of 51 games, starting 35...Made 30 starts at right field and five as designated hitter...Hit two game-winning home runs, including a three-run walk-off homer against South Dakota State (Feb. 10) and a grand slam against Santa Clara (March 14)...Recorded one double and two home runs.

2006
Played in 41 of 51 games, starting 39...Made 29 starts in left field, but also saw time at catcher (five starts)...Hit .222 with three doubles and tied for second on the team with three home runs...Tallied 11 RBIs...Hit first career home run, a three-run homer, in second inning of 10-6 loss to Missouri State (March 26) and added a solo home run in the fourth inning.

HIGH SCHOOL
Was a five-year softball letterwinner at Mid-Prairie High School...Two time all-Eastern Iowa Conference and all-state selection...Wendy's High School Heisman nominee...As a senior, finished with .405 batting average, .618 slugging percentage, 70 hits, 53 runs and 31 stolen bases...Four-year letterwinner in volleyball, basketball and track...Received all-conference, all-district and special mention all-state in volleyball...Qualified for the state track meet in the sprint medley, 4x100 and 4x200...Named to honor roll all four years...Participated in school activities such as Win With Wellness, Hawks Nest and Student Council.

PERSONAL
Daughter of Doug and Connie Shalla...Majoring in real estate...Has two brothers, Nic, 27, Jason, 25, and a sister, Courtney, 11...Hobbies include spending time with friends, shopping, playing sports and watching TV...Favorite movie is Days of Thunder...Favorite book is Danielle Steel's The Gift...Favorite song is Secret Garden by Bruce Springsteen...Lists parents as biggest influence in life: "They are the ones who push me every day to be the best I can be."

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BRITTNEY BALDUF
»JUNIOR »INFIELD
»MASON CITY, IOWA (MASON CITY / NIACC)

2007
At North Iowa Area Community College, finished the season with a .393 batting average and 48 RBIs along with 10 home runs...Was 10th in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference with a .403 batting average, tied for fourth with 19 stolen bases, fifth in home runs with nine in conference play and seventh with 44 RBIs...Was named ICCAC Athlete of the Week (May 2)...Landed a spot on the All-Region second team.

HIGH SCHOOL
Earned four letters in softball...Named first team all-CIML Iowa (2004, 2005), all district and special mention all-state in 2005...Member of National Honor Society and dean's list.

PERSONAL
Born in Staten Island, N.Y...Daughter of Barry Balduf and Jean Bruesewitz...Chose UNI because of the great atmosphere and being close to home...Was the co-head coach for Nora Spring-Rock Falls varsity softball team...Lists mother as her biggest influence in life: "She always works hard and has a positive attitude towards life."

CRYSTAL KEIPER
»JUNIOR »INFIELD
»CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA (JEFFERSON / KIRKWOOD)

2007
At Kirkwood, played in 50 games...Tallied 42 hits, 10 doubles, two triples and one home run with 20 RBIs and seven stolen bases.

HIGH SCHOOL

PERSONAL
Daughter of Stan and Cheryl Keiper
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SARAH BAEKY

» SOPHOMORE » 1 LETTER » INFIELD / PITCHER
» WEST DES MOINES, IOWA (VALLEY)

2007
Played in 19 games, starting six... Made five starts at third base and one as pitcher... Made 22 pitching appearances over the course of the season... Recorded a home run against Iowa State (March 28)... Pitched 43.2 innings with a record of 1-2.

HIGH SCHOOL
Named to Class 4A all-state first team and all-tournament team as a senior (2006)... Posted 24-2 pitching record as a senior... All-state special mention as a junior on team that won 2005 Class 4A state title over current teammate Brittany Ruzicka's Cedar Rapids Jefferson team, 1-0... Team went 136-19 between 2004 and 2006... Father, Tom, was head coach at West Des Moines Valley... Named to honor roll each semester... Member of National Honor Society.

PERSONAL
Born in Des Moines, Iowa... Daughter of Tom and Kim Bakey, both of whom attended UNI... Majoring in movement and exercise science... Nickname is "Bake"... Lists father, Tom, as biggest influence in her life: "He taught me how to play softball"... Favorite movie is Love and Basketball... Best lesson learned in life: "Hard work pays off."

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RACHEL GERKING

» SOPHOMORE » 1 LETTER » OUTFIELD
» SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA (SPIRIT LAKE)

2007
Played in 49 of 51 games, starting 47... Made 38 starts in left field, seven in right field and two in center... Led the team in at-bats (148) and sacrifice flies (3)... Recorded 41 hits, with 10 doubles and two home runs... Had six multiple-RBI games and eight multiple-hit games... Had 22 RBIs, ranking fourth on the team... Posted six-game hit streak from March 13-17... Hit two doubles and recorded four RBIs in the Panther win over Saint Louis (Feb. 25).

HIGH SCHOOL
Won Class 3A state championship as a sophomore (2004) and finished runner-up as a junior (2005)... Named Class 3A Offensive Player of the Year in 2005... Won state championship in tennis as a senior (2006)... Went undefeated in league play in tennis all three years.

PERSONAL
Born in Spirit Lake, Iowa... Daughter of Todd and Jill Gerking... Nickname is "Gerk"... Majoring in English... Favorite book is the Bible... Favorite historical figure is Jackie Robinson.

GERKING'S CAREER STATISTICS

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WWW.UNIPANTHERS.COM
MEET THE PANTHERS

JEN LARSEN

» SOPHOMORE » 1 LETTER » INFIELD / PITCHER » MOLINE, ILL. (MOLINE)

2007
Played in 49 of 51 games, starting 48. Made 24 starts at pitcher and seven at first base. Led the team in runs scored (32), total bases (77), and hits (45). Ranked second on the team with a .326 batting average, .558 slugging percentage, 26 RBIs, nine home runs and a .411 on-base percentage. Recorded six stolen bases in seven attempts. Had a five-game hitting streak (March 13-17). Produced five multiple-RBI games and a team-high 14 multiple-hit games. Recorded five doubles and nine home runs. Hit two home runs against Illinois State (March 17). Sealed Panthers’ victory over North Dakota State with a walk-off homer (April 9).

HIGH SCHOOL
Won 2006 Illinois Class AA state championship as a senior at Moline. Team finished with 40-0 season record. Went 24-0 in the circle with a .22 ERA. Allowed just 30 hits in 126 innings while recording 186 strikeouts. Also hit .434 with 24 RBIs and 11 stolen bases. Named MVP of the Illinois State Tournament. Earned first team All-State, first team all-conference and first team Chicago Tribune All-State honors. Quad Cities Player of the Year.

PERSONAL

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MEGAN MACHOVEC

» SOPHOMORE » 1 LETTER » OUTFIELD » DeWITT, IOWA (CENTRAL)

2007
Played in 50 of 51 games, making 50 starts at second base. Led the team in stolen bases with 12 in 15 attempts. Recorded 34 hits, including one triple, and had five RBIs. Had a six-game hit streak (March 24-April 7) and 10 multiple-hit games. Had four hits in three games against Drake (March 24-25), sparking a strong finish to the season in which she posted team highs in average (.320) and on-base percentage (.400) over the final 25 games. Voted team’s Most Improved Player.

HIGH SCHOOL

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
JESSICA MAGNUSON

17

» FRESHMAN » THIRD BASE / OUTFIELD
» WATERLOO, IOWA (EAST)

HIGH SCHOOL
Was a five-year softball letterwinner at East, two-year letterwinner in volleyball and one in soccer. Also involved in show choir and dance team.

PERSONAL
Born in Waterloo, Iowa. Daughter of John and Marlene Magnuson. Chose UNI because it was close to home. Also was recruited by Missouri State. Lists father as biggest influence in life: “He pushes me to do my best and to never give up.”

MICHÉLLE PHILLIPS

3

» FRESHMAN » INFIELD
» WAUKEE, IOWA (WAUKEE)

HIGH SCHOOL

PERSONAL
Daughter of Mike and Sandy Phillips. Nickname is “Chelle.” Majoring in accounting and pre-optometry. Lists her aunt, Deb Leonard, as her biggest influence in life.

MELISSA TILLETT

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» FRESHMAN » PITCHER
» SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (MIRA MESA)

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OPPONENTS

DAYTON

Ramada UNI-Dome Classic
February 9

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Location: Dayton, Ohio
Nickname: Flyers
Colors: Blue and Red
Conference: Atlantic 10
Head Coach: Carla Clark
Record (Years): 131-126-16
Assistant: Tiffany Redding, Aly Sartini
Letterwinners R/L: 15/2
Home Field: Mary Ellen McKee Stadium
Softball SID: Deanna Werner
SID Phone: 605-624-3700
SID E-Mail: dwerner@uark.edu
Web site: www.uarkathletics.com
Press box: 612-624-3924

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

Ramada UNI-Dome Classic
February 9 / February 10

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Location: Brookings, S.D.
Nickname: Jackrabbits
Colors: Yellow and Blue
Conference: Summit League
Head Coach: Joanne Lane
Record (Years): 96-121-12
Assistants: Tracie Adix, Megan Meyer
Letterwinners R/L: 7/5
Home Field: Jackrabbit Softball Stadium
Softball SID: Deanna Werner
SID Phone: 605-624-3700
SID E-Mail: dwerner@uark.edu
Web site: www.uarkathletics.com
Press box: 612-624-3924

NORTH DAKOTA

Ramada UNI-Dome Classic
February 10

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Location: Grand Forks, N.D.
Nickname: Fighting Sioux
Colors: Purple and Gold
Conference: North Central
Head Coach: Sami Striez
Record (Years): 23-62 (2)
Assistant: Randy Ward
Letterwinners R/L: 12/6
Home Field: Aderholt Field
Softball SID: Deanna Werner
SID Phone: 612-624-3700
SID E-Mail: dwerner@uark.edu
Web site: www.fightingsioux.com
Press box: 612-624-2992

TENNESSEE TECH

Minnesota Metrodome Classic
February 14

Minneapolis, Minn.

Location: Cookeville, Tenn.
Nickname: Golden Eagles
Colors: Purple and Gold
Conference: Ohio Valley
Head Coach: Tony Acheson
Record (Years): 61-287-1 (14)
Assistant: Terry Acheson
Letterwinners R/L: 5-0
Home Field: Tech Softball Field
Softball SID: Thomas Wehner
SID Phone: 931-372-6139
SID E-Mail: twheiner@tntech.edu
Web site: www.nitt.edu
Press box: N/A

WESTERN ILLINOIS

Minnesota Metrodome Classic
February 14

Minneapolis, Minn.

Location: Macomb, Ill.
Nickname: Westerwinds
Colors: Purple and Gold
Conference: Summit League
Head Coach: Holly Van Vlymen
Record (Years): 45-46-1 (3)
Assistant: Christine Steines
Letterwinners R/L: 12/13
Home Field: Lady'Back Yard
Softball SID: Michael LaPlaca
SID Phone: 605-695-5625
SID E-Mail: jason.hove@sdstate.edu
Web site: www.jackrabbits.com
Press box: 605-688-4623

ARKANSAS

Minnesota Metrodome Classic
February 15

Minneapolis, Minn.

Location: Fayetteville, Ark.
Nickname: Lady Razorbacks
Colors: Cardinal and White
Conference: Southeastern
Head Coach: Jamie Pinkerton
Record (Years): 1, 136-529-5128
Assistants: Lisa Bernstein and Julie Standen
Letterwinners R/L: 12/6
Home Field: Jane Sage Cowles Stadium
Softball SID: Ryan Maus
SID Phone: 319-335-9296
SID E-Mail: jason.hove@sdstate.edu
Web site: www.uarkathletics.com
Press box: 621-624-2992

MINNESOTA

Minnesota Metrodome Classic
February 15 / March 1

Minneapolis, Minn. / Martin, Tenn.

Location: Minneapolis, Minn.
Nickname: Golden Gophers
Colors: Black and Gold
Conference: Big Ten
Co-Head Coaches: Lisa Bernstein and Julie Standen
Record (Years): 529-399-3 (16)
Assistant: Randy Ward
Letterwinners R/L: 5-0
Home Field: Jane Sage Cowles Stadium
Softball SID: Ryan Maus
SID Phone: 319-335-9296
SID E-Mail: jason.hove@sdstate.edu
Web site: www.uarkathletics.com
Press box: 621-624-2992

IOWA

Minnesota Metrodome Classic
February 16 / April 23

Minneapolis, Minn. / Iowa City, Iowa

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Nickname: Hawkeyes
Colors: Black and Gold
Conference: Big Ten
Head Coach: Gary Blevins
Record (Years): 1, 136-529-5 (28)
Assistant: Michelle Ventrella, Shane Bouman
2007 Record: 37-21
2007 Postseason: NA
Letterwinners R/L: 14/3
Home Field: Pearl Field
Softball SID: Aaron Blau
SID Phone: 319-335-9411
SID E-Mail: aaron-blau@hawkeyesports.com
Web site: www.hawkeyesports.com
Press box: 319-335-9226

OPPONENTS
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**INDIANA STATE**

**Tennessee-Martin Tournament**

March 1 / April 19-20

Martin, Tenn. / Terre Haute, Ind.

Location: Terre Haute, Ind.
Nickname: Sycamores
Colors: Royal Blue and White
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Brenda Coldren
Record (Years): 180-246 (10)
2007 Record: 21-26
Assistant: Stephanie Spychaj
2007 Record: 21-26
2007 Postseason: NA
Letterwinners R/L: 13/6
Home Field: Price Field
Softball SID: Katie Gaal
SID Phone: 812-237-4145
SID E-Mail: kgaal@mymail.indstate.edu
Web site: www.gosycamores.com
Press box: N/A

**DARTMOUTH**

**Tennessee-Martin Tournament**

March 1

Martin, Tenn.

Location: Hanover, N.H.
Nickname: Big Green
Colors: Dartmouth Green and White
Conference: Ivy League
Head Coach: Christine Vogt
Record (Years): 40-72 (3)
Assistant: Ron Rivera
2007 Record: 16-24
2007 Postseason: N/A
Letterwinners R/L: 14/5
Home Field: Sachem Softball Field
Softball SID: Heather Croze
SID Phone: 603-646-2468
SID E-Mail: heather.croze@dartmouth.edu
Web site: www.dartmouthsports.com
Press box: N/A

**BALL STATE**

**Tennessee-Martin Tournament**

March 2

Martin, Tenn.

Location: Muncie, Ind.
Nickname: Cardinals
Colors: Cardinal and White
Conference: Mid-American
Head Coach: Craig Nicholson
Record (Years): 745-124 (12)
2007 Record: 22-34
Assistant: Stephanie DeFeo
2007 Record: 22-34
2007 Postseason: N/A
Letterwinners R/L: 9/2
Home Field: BSU Softball Complex
Softball SID: Kit Stetzel
SID Phone: 765-285-8242
SID E-Mail: cbstetzel@bsu.edu
Web site: www.ballstatesports.com
Press box: 260-450-2370

**SAN JOSE STATE**

**National Invitational Tournament**

March 7

Hayward, Calif.

Location: San Jose, Calif.
Nickname: Spartans
Colors: Gold, White and Blue
Conference: Western Athletic
Head Coach: Peter Turner
Record (Years): 23-27 (1)
Assistant: Vicky Galindo
2007 Record: 23-27
2007 Postseason: N/A
Letterwinners R/L: 13/6
Home Field: SJSU Field
Softball SID: Richard Stern
SID Phone: 408-924-1208
SID E-Mail: rstern@email.sjsu.edu
Web site: www.sjsupartians.com
Press box: N/A

**NEVADA**

**National Invitational Tournament**

March 8

Hayward, Calif.

Location: Reno, Nevada
Nickname: Wolf Pack
Colors: Navy Blue and Silver
Conference: Western Athletic
Head Coach: Michelle Gardner
Record (Years): 143-158 (6)
Assistant: Melanie Meuchel
2007 Record: 27-23
2007 Postseason: N/A
Letterwinners R/L: 9/2
Home Field: Hixson Softball Park
Softball SID: Chad Hartley
SID Phone: 775-882-9962
SID E-Mail: hartley@unr.edu
Web site: www.nevadawolfpack.com
Press box: N/A

**BOSTON COLLEGE**

**National Invitational Tournament**

March 9

Hayward, Calif.

Location: Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Nickname: Eagles
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Conference: Atlantic Coast
Head Coach: Jen Finley
Record (Years): 407-309-1 (14)
Assistant: Jill Karwoski
2007 Record: 35-11
2007 Postseason: N/A
Letterwinners R/L: 10/6
Home Field: Shea Field
Softball SID: Meredith Cook
SID Phone: 617-552-2094
SID E-Mail: cookml@bc.edu
Web site: www.bceagles.com
Press box: 617-552-0488

**TENNESSEE-MARTIN**

**National Invitational Tournament**

March 2

Martin, Tenn.

Location: Martin, Tenn.
Nickname: Skyhawks
Colors: Navy Blue and Orange
Conference: Ohio Valley
Head Coach: Donley Canary
Record: 170-155-1
Assistant: Sarah Dawn, Kevin Creech
2007 Record: 35-25
2007 Postseason: N/A
Letterwinners R/L: 11/7
Home Field: Tiger Field
Softball SID: Zekeya Anderson
SID Phone: 615-963-1883
SID E-Mail: zanderson01@tnstate.edu
Web site: www.utmsports.com
Press box: 615-963-1883
### CALIFORNIA
- **National Invitational Tournament**
  - **March 9**
  - **Location**: Hayward, Calif.
- **Nickname**: Golden Bears
- **Colors**: Blue and Gold
- **Conference**: Pacific-10
- **Head Coach**: Diane Ninemire
- **Record (Years)**: 889-430 (20)
- **Assistants**: John Reeves, Tammy Lohmann
- **2007 Record**: 34-32
- **2007 Postseason**: NCAA Regional
- **Letterwinners R/L**: 12/5
- **Home Field**: Levine-Fricke Field
- **Softball SID**: Chris DeConna
- **SID Phone**: 510-643-4724
- **SID E-Mail**: deconna@berkeley.edu
- **Web site**: www.calbears.com
- **Press box**: N/A

### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
- **Missouri Valley Conference**
  - **March 15-16**
  - **Location**: Carbondale, Ill.
- **Nickname**: Salukis
- **Colors**: Maroon and White
- **Conference**: Missouri Valley
- **Head Coach**: Kerri Blaylock
- **Record (Years)**: 86-93 (8)
- **Assistants**: Mark Cosgrove, Christy Connoyer
- **2007 Record**: 17-7
- **2007 Postseason**: NCAA Regional
- **Letterwinners R/L**: 14/3
- **Home Field**: Charlotte West Stadium
- **Softball SID**: Kyle Herm
- **SID Phone**: 618-453-7236
- **SID E-Mail**: kherm@siu.edu
- **Web site**: www.siusalukis.com
- **Press box**: 618-536-4487

### LOUISVILLE
- **March 18**
- **Location**: Louisville, Ky.
- **Nickname**: Cardinals
- **Colors**: Red and Black
- **Conference**: Big East
- **Head Coach**: Sandy Pearshall
- **Record (Years)**: 543-517 (21)
- **Assistants**: Carol Bruggeman, Karen Martin
- **2007 Record**: 40-14-1
- **2007 Postseason**: NCAA Regional
- **Letterwinners R/L**: 15/4
- **Home Field**: Ulmer Stadium
- **Softball SID**: Lori Korte
- **SID Phone**: 502-852-3088
- **SID E-Mail**: lori.korte@louisville.edu
- **Web site**: www.uoflsports.com
- **Press box**: 502-852-2500

### IOWA STATE
- **March 26**
- **Cedar Falls, Iowa**
- **Nickname**: Cyclones
- **Colors**: Cardinal and Gold
- **Conference**: Big 12
- **Head Coach**: Stacy Gemeinhardt-Cesler
- **Record (Years)**: 200-144 (6)
- **Assistants**: Gary Hines, Crystal Turner
- **2007 Record**: 24-40
- **2007 Postseason**: NCAA Regional
- **Letterwinners R/L**: 9/14
- **Home Field**: Levine-Fricke Field
- **Softball SID**: Chris DeConna
- **SID Phone**: 510-643-4724
- **SID E-Mail**: deconna@berkeley.edu
- **Web site**: www.cyclones.com
- **Press box**: N/A

### CREIGHTON
- **Missouri Valley Conference**
  - **March 29-30**
  - **Location**: Omaha, Neb.
- **Nickname**: Bluejays
- **Colors**: Blue and White
- **Conference**: Missouri Valley
- **Head Coach**: Buddy Foster
- **Record (Years)**: 51-46-1 (2)
- **Assistants**: Renee Enos, Bridget Feinman
- **2007 Record**: 26-23
- **2007 Postseason**: NCAA Regional
- **Letterwinners R/L**: 15/4
- **Home Field**: Creighton Sports Complex
- **Softball SID**: Matt Steultz
- **SID Phone**: 515-294-1393
- **SID E-Mail**: msteultz@iastate.edu
- **Web site**: www.creighton.com
- **Press box**: 515-294-2007

### BRADLEY
- **Missouri Valley Conference**
  - **April 2 / April 15**
  - **Location**: Peoria, Ill. / Cedar Falls, Iowa
- **Nickname**: Braves
- **Colors**: Red and White
- **Conference**: Missouri Valley
- **Head Coach**: Rich Calvert
- **Record (Years)**: 121-142 (6)
- **Assistants**: Nicole Wood
- **2007 Record**: 6-17
- **2007 Postseason**: NCAA Regional
- **Letterwinners R/L**: 9/14
- **Home Field**: Laura Bradley Park
- **Softball SID**: Matt Steultz
- **SID Phone**: 515-294-1393
- **SID E-Mail**: msteultz@iastate.edu
- **Web site**: www.bubraves.com
- **Press box**: 515-294-2007

### DRAKE
- **Missouri Valley Conference**
  - **April 5-6**
  - **Location**: Des Moines, Iowa
- **Nickname**: Bulldogs
- **Colors**: Blue and White
- **Conference**: Missouri Valley
- **Head Coach**: Rich Calvert
- **Record (Years)**: 121-142 (6)
- **Assistant**: Nicole Wood
- **2007 Record**: 8-17
- **2007 Postseason**: NCAA Regional
- **Letterwinners R/L**: 9/14
- **Home Field**: Buel Field
- **Softball SID**: Amy Reynolds
- **SID Phone**: 515-271-3740
- **SID E-Mail**: amy.reynolds@drake.edu
- **Web site**: www.godrakebulldogs.com
- **Press box**: 515-208-8295

### OPPONENTS

#### EVANSVILLE
- **Missouri Valley Conference**
  - **March 21-22**
  - **Location**: Evansville, Ind.
- **Nickname**: Purple Aces
- **Colors**: Purple, Orange and White
- **Conference**: Missouri Valley
- **Head Coach**: Gwen Lewis
- **Record (Years)**: 467-402-1 (16)
- **Assistant**: Peg Boardman
- **2007 Record**: 33-20
- **2007 Postseason**: NCAA Regional
- **Letterwinners R/L**: 12/2
- **Home Field**: James & Dorothy Cooper Stadium
- **Softball SID**: Shanna Alexander
- **SID Phone**: 812-488-2350
- **SID E-Mail**: sa54@evansville.edu
- **Web site**: goypurpleaces.com
- **Press box**: 812-488-2633

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**NOTE**: The information provided includes details such as location, nickname, colors, conference, head coach, record, and various contact details for each team. This information is crucial for understanding the context and specifics of each team's performance and background.
THE PANTHERS » OPPONENTS YEAR IN REVIEW HISTORY

OPPONENTS

WISCONSIN
April 9
Madison, Wis.
Location: Madison, Wis.
Nickname: Badgers
Colors: Cardinal and White
Conference: Big Ten
Head Coach: Chandelle Schulte
Record (Years): 256-189-18
Assistants: Kim Martin, Julie Wright
2007 Record: 27-20
2007 Postseason: N/A
Letterwinners R/L: 10/5
Home Field: Goodman Softball Complex
Softball SID: Katie Jo Kuhens
SID Phone: 608-262-2311
SID Email: kk3@athletics.wisc.edu
Web site: www.uwbadgers.com
Press Box: 608-265-0750

MISSOURI STATE
April 12-13
Cedar Falls, Iowa
Location: Springfield, Mo.
Nickname: Bears
Colors: Maroon and White
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Holly Hesse
Record (Years): 501-479-21
Assistants: Sue Frederick, Beth Perine
2007 Record: 21-29
2007 Postseason: N/A
Letterwinners Returning: 12
Home Field: Missouri State Softball Field
Softball SID: Brent Milleson
SID Phone: 417-836-5402
SID Email: kmilleson1@missouristate.edu
Web site: www.missouristatebears.com
Press Box: N/A

WICHITA STATE
April 26-27
Wichita, Kan.
Location: Wichita, Kan.
Nickname: Shockers
Colors: Black and Yellow
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Mike Perniciaro
Record (Years): 107-79-14
Assistants: Chris Kuhlmeyer, Holly Burris
2007 Record: 37-28
2007 Postseason: N/A
Letterwinners R/L: 10/7
Home Field: Wilkins Stadium
Softball SID: Mike Ross
SID Phone: 316-978-5535
SID Email: mross@goshockers.com
Web site: www.goshockers.com
Press Box: 316-978-3543

ILLINOIS STATE
May 3-4
Cedar Falls, Iowa
Location: Normal, Ill.
Nickname: Redbirds
Colors: Red & White
Conference: Missouri Valley
Head Coach: Melinda Fischer
Record (Years): 765-500-42
Assistants: Tina Kramos, Bill Kennedy
2007 Record: 44-17-1
2007 Postseason: NCAA Regional
Letterwinners R/L: 11/5
Home Field: Redbird Softball Complex
Softball SID: Keith Trivitt
SID Phone: 309-438-5695
SID Email: katrivi@ilstu.edu
Web site: www.goredbirds.com
Press Box: 309-438-5695

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On the surface, the 2007 University of Northern Iowa softball team appeared to merely hover at or near the bottom of the Missouri Valley Conference standings, much as it had the season before. Dig a little deeper, however, and it becomes clear that, while the Panthers were relegated to a 10th-place finish in The Valley for a second consecutive year, the 2007 campaign served as one of great improvement for a very young UNI squad.

A team featuring just one senior and only two juniors with prior playing experience at the NCAA Division I level, the Panthers put together one of the greatest offensive campaigns in school history. UNI felt the immediate impact of an infusion of new talent, while a pair of veterans enjoyed their most productive years.

Together, those contributions led to an offensive season that saw the Panthers hit the second most home runs in school history, as they belted 38 longballs in 51 games just a season after managing 17 in the same amount of contests. Four players had at least five home runs, while six different players contributed at least a dozen RBIs. As a team, UNI increased its offensive output by 1.27 runs per game over the previous season while also seeing significant jumps in on-base percentage (a 27-point increase to .326) and slugging percentage (a 71-point jump to .389).

As the team’s lone senior, Mandy Kumamoto made the most of her move from role player to starting lineup staple in 2007, putting together a career season at the plate. Kumamoto, a career .189 hitter entering the season, posted the conference’s fifth-highest on-base percentage in league play with a .390 mark and finished the season with an impressive slugging percentage of .558. Larsen also was successful on six of her seven stolen base attempts.

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After no UNI player hit better than .289 in 2006, no fewer than four Panthers recorded batting averages above that mark in 2007. Along with Larsen and Aguero’s marks, Brittany Ruzicka hit .400, while freshman Megan Machovec posted a .296 average.

Machovec was the Panthers’ most consistent bat down the stretch of the season, as the freshman led the team with a .320 average and 400 on-base percentage over the Panther’s final 25 games. She also was UNI’s top base stealer, grabbing 12 in 15 attempts, and shared the team’s Most Improved Player honors with Kumamoto. Rachel Gerking also posted a strong campaign, racking up 10 double and a pair of home runs on her way to tallying 22 RBIs.

After starting the season with a split of four games in their own UNI-Dome Softball Invitational, the Panthers found themselves at 8-6 after three weekends of the season. That included a 13-4 win over Drake and a four-game win streak in which UNI outscored its opponents 26-7. A 14-2 win over Santa Clara to open the National Invitational Tournament had the Panthers 9-6 on the year, but a split of their next six games — including a come-from-behind win by No. 22 California — had UNI owning a 12-11 record entering MVC play.

The Panthers then dropped nine of 11 games before a walk-off home run by Larsen gave UNI a 5-4 win over North Dakota State on April 9, in the team’s first outdoor home series of the season. UNI won three of its next five games, including back-to-back wins over Valley foes Wichita State and Bradley, but then suffered consecutive three-game sweeps at the hands of No. 20 Southern Illinois and eventual league champion Creighton.

Because inclement weather led to the cancellation of UNI’s home series with Indiana State, the Panthers went into the season’s final weekend in need of a sweep of Evansville in order to qualify for the State Farm MVC Tournament. They managed to take just one of those final three games, however, and missed out on postseason play for the fifth consecutive year.

The season ended up being the last for head coach Christy Hebert, who resigned following the campaign. In five years as coach, Hebert posted a 98-149-1 overall record and went 38-84 in MVC play.
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**TOTALS**

| Team             | 7.49| 5-17| 22  | 22  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 139.1| 234| 164| 149| 70 | 79 | 41 | 7  | 34 | 620 | .377| 13  | 5  | 1   | 5  | 23 |
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PB - Team (3), Papesh 3, Opp (3). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Tarter (19-23), Lepley (16-22), Larsen (6-9), Papesh (6-9), Bakey (1-1).
### 2007 Statistical Leaders

#### Batting Average
- Jen Larsen: .326
- Megan Machovec: .296
- Mandy Kumamoto: .295

#### Slugging Percentage
- Ashley Lepley: .565
- Jen Larsen: .558
- Kelly Papesh: .495

#### On-Base Percentage
- Brittany Ruzicka: .447
- Jen Larsen: .411
- Ashley Lepley: .404

#### Runs Scored
- Jen Larsen: 32
- Ashley Lepley: 30
- Stephanie Aguero: 23

#### Hits
- Jen Larsen: 45
- Stephanie Aguero: 43
- Two tied: 41

#### Runs Batted In
- Ashley Lepley: 32
- Jen Larsen: 26
- Stephanie Aguero: 23

#### Doubles
- Stephanie Aguero: 12
- Rachel Gering: 10
- Ashley Lepley: 8

#### Home Runs
- Ashley Lepley: 10
- Jen Larsen: 9
- Kelly Papesh: 6

#### Walks
- Ashley Lepley: 22
- Jen Larsen: 20
- Two tied: 14

#### Hit by Pitch
- Ashley Lepley: 7
- Whitney Link: 4
- Megan Machovec: 3

#### SAC Bunts
- Morgan Paulson: 10
- Ashley Lepley: 6
- Three tied: 5

#### Stolen Bases
- Megan Machovec: 12
- Ashley Lepley: 9
- Two tied: 6

#### Steal Attempts
- Megan Machovec: 15
- Ashley Lepley: 11
- Brittany Ruzicka: 9

#### At Bats
- Rachel Gering: 148
- Stephanie Aguero: 147
- Mandy Kumamoto: 139

#### Games Played
- Stephanie Aguero: 51
- Morgan Paulson: 51
- Mandy Kumamoto: 51

#### Games Started
- Stephanie Aguero: 51
- Megan Machovec: 50
- Two tied: 49

#### Games as a Sub
- Brittany Ruzicka: 17
- Jessica Barkley: 13
- Sarah Bakey: 13

#### Pitching Earned Run Avg.
- Jen Larsen: 4.28
- Ashley Lepley: 5.07
- Sarah Bakey: 5.93

#### Opp. Batting Avg.
- Jen Larsen: 315
- Ashley Lepley: 327
- Sarah Bakey: 332

#### Wins
- Ashley Lepley: 9
- Jen Larsen: 9
- Sarah Bakey: 1

#### Opp. Batting Avg.
- Liz Adams: 8
- Sarah Bakey: 22
- Ashley Lepley: 50

#### Doubles Allowed
- Liz Adams: 3
- Sarah Bakey: 11
- Jen Larsen: 24

#### Home Runs Allowed
- Liz Adams: 2
- Sarah Bakey: 10
- Ashley Lepley: 12

#### Innings Pitched
- Ashley Lepley: 138.0
- Jen Larsen: 137.1
- Sarah Bakey: 43.2

#### Batters Struck Out
- Ashley Lepley: 83
- Jen Larsen: 61
- Sarah Bakey: 29

#### Appearances
- Jen Larsen: 39
- Ashley Lepley: 34
- Sarah Bakey: 22

#### Games Started
- Ashley Lepley: 25
- Jen Larsen: 24
- Two tied: 1

#### Games Finished
- Sarah Bakey: 21
- Jen Larsen: 15
- Ashley Lepley: 9

#### Wild Pitches
- Ashley Lepley: 13
- Sarah Bakey: 7
- Jen Larsen: 7

#### Hits Allowed
- Liz Adams: 20
- Sarah Bakey: 62
- Jen Larsen: 179

#### Walks Allowed
- Liz Adams: 8
- Sarah Bakey: 22
- Ashley Lepley: 50

#### Saves
- Jen Larsen: 3
- Sarah Bakey: 1
- Ashley Lepley: 1

## Win-Loss Summary

### Team Record
- Overall: 19-32
- Conference: 5-17
- Non-Conference: 14-15
- Home Games: 4-11
- Away Games: 8-18
- Neutral Site: 7-3
- Day Games: 18-32
- Night Games: 1-0
- vs. LHP Starter: 0-2
- vs. RHP Starter: 19-30
- 1-Run Games: 3-3
- 2-Run Games: 2-8
- 5+ Run Games: 6-15
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- Scoring 3-5 Runs: 8-12
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- Opp. Scores First: 8-23
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- After 5 Leading: 13-3
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- After 6 Leading: 14-1
- ... Tied: 2-25
- Out-Hit by Opp.: 13-3
- Out-Hit Opponent: 13-3
- Hits Tied: 2-2

### Record by Month
- February: 4-4
- March: 9-14
- April: 5-12
- May: 1-2

### Streaks
- Longest Win Streak: 4 (2/25 - 3/2)
- Longest Losing Streak: 7 (4/21 - 5/5)
THE MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Fresh off a centennial celebration in 2006-07, the Missouri Valley Conference begins its second century as a leader in college athletics as 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 Player 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.

Wichita State captured a fourth-consecutive MVC All-Sports Trophy during the 2006-07 school year. It was the Shockers' 16th overall All-Sports Trophy, the highest number for any Valley institution. The Shockers became just the third program in league history to win four-straight all-sport titles.

Three Missouri Valley Conference softball programs -- 2007 MVC Tournament champion Creighton, Illinois State and Southern Illinois -- represented the league in the 2007 NCAA Division I Softball Championship. It marked the fifth-consecutive year The Valley has earned multiple bids to the NCAA tournament and the third-straight season in which three teams have earned spots in the field. SIU hosted an NCAA regional, and each Valley team won a game in the tournament.

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.

During the tenure of Doug Elgin, The Valley's ninth and longest-tenured 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 Men's Final Four at the Edward Jones Dome.

This continuing involvement of the MVC in hosting NCAA events represents one of the most concentrated stretches of host opportunities for any university or conference in the 69-year history of the national championship tournament. The 2005 host opportunity was the sixth in eight years for The Valley in St. Louis.

The league had previously hosted men's regionals in 1998, 1999 and 2004; a men's first/second round event in 2002 and the Women's Final Four in 2001. The Valley hosted a men's basketball regional in 2007 and will host a Women's Final Four in 2009 and a men's basketball regional in 2010. Additionally, Creighton and The Valley will co-host a men's basketball first and second round in 2008 in Omaha.

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.

In the fall of 1907, basketball became the first competitive sport. Today, the Missouri Valley Conference sponsors the following sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country and track & field (indoor and outdoor), men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, women's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball. This season, the league will conduct its 97th outdoor track and field championship, its 90th tennis championship, its 54th baseball tournament, and its 70th golf championship for the men.

Indeed, the inclusion of women's programs 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.

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. Affiliate men's soccer members include Eastern Illinois University and Western Kentucky University.

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Mike Kern ... Associate Commissioner for Marketing and Television
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Mary Mulvenna ... Assistant Commissioner for Community Relations
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UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
2007 ALL-MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE SOFTBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

P Tara Oltman, Creighton
P Cassidy Scoggins, Southern Illinois
C T.J. Eadus, Creighton
1B Amber Smith, Illinois State
2B Alicia Garza, Southern Illinois
3B Kara Nelson, Illinois State
SS Britnee Barnett, Wichita State
OF Jessie Baker, Illinois State
OF Kelsey Warning, Illinois State
OF Laura Rather, Evansville
At-Large Jamie Reiss, Creighton
At-Large Stacy Birk, Illinois State
At-Large Margo Pruis, Wichita State
At-Large Brittany Herald, Evansville
At-Large Shannon Nicholson, Illinois State

SECOND TEAM

Jayme Wamsley, Southern Illinois
Michelle Koch, Creighton
Katie Martin, Missouri State
Meredith Simpson, Indiana State
Katie McGeevey, Wichita State
Tiffanie Dismore, Southern Illinois
Caillen Marcano, Creighton

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kara Nelson, Illinois State

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Tara Oltman, Creighton

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Tara Oltman, Creighton

COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR

Creighton (Brent Vigness, Jessica Draemel, Abby Johnson)

2007 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE WEEKLY AWARDS

WEEK PLAYER OF THE WEEK PITCHER OF THE WEEK
2/19 T.J. Eadus, Creighton Ashley Birdsong, Bradley
2/26 Lissa Fehlman, Evansville Ashley Hamby, Southern Illinois
3/5 Brittany Herald, Evansville Shannon Nicholson, Illinois State
3/12 Katie Wilson, Southern Illinois Stacy Birk, Illinois State
3/19 Jessie Baker, Illinois State Tara Oltman, Creighton / Cassidy Scoggins, SIU
3/26 Kristin Biorelli, Drake Cassidy Scoggins, Southern Illinois
4/2 Christine Cooney, Bradley Ashley Birdsong, Bradley
4/9 Ashley Lepley, UNI Margo Pruis, Wichita State
4/16 Amber Smith, Illinois State Ashley Hobbs, Evansville
4/23 Jayme Wamsley, Southern Illinois Ashley Bright, Wichita State
4/30 Amber Smith, ILS / Jessie Smith, MSU Tara Oltman, Creighton

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POSTSEASON RESULTS

STATE FARM MVC TOURNAMENT

May 10 Indiana State 3, Evansville 2 (8)

NCAA LINCOLN REGIONAL

May 18 Washington 5, Creighton 1

NCAA EVANSTON REGIONAL

May 18 Illinois State 2, Notre Dame 1

NCAA CARBONDALE REGIONAL

May 18 Missouri 8, Southern Illinois 0

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INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS

HITTING RECORDS

BATTING AVERAGE

1. .446 Lindsay Wood (83-186) 2002
2. .393 Jody Dean (55-140) 1998
3. .360 Deena Chipp (64-164) 1992

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

1. .757 Jody Dean (140 AB) 1998
2. .726 Lindsay Wood (186 AB) 2002
3. .676 Jody Dean (173 AB) 1997

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

1. .536 Lindsay Wood (186 AB) 2002
2. .473 Jody Dean (140 AB) 1998
3. .459 Deena Chipp (164 AB) 1997

STOLEN BASE PERCENTAGE

1. 1.000 (6 players)

GAMES PLAYED

1. 64 Heather Daters 1991
2. 64 Holly Harrison 1991
3. 64 Jennifer Peters 1991
4. 64 Cindy Franzen 1991

GAMES STARTED

1. 64 Heather Daters 1991
2. 64 Jennifer Peters 1991
3. 64 Cindy Franzen 1991
4. 64 Holly Harrison 1991

AT-BATS

1. 213 Lindsay Wood 2000
2. 207 Cindy Franzen 1991
3. 206 Connie Fangmann 1990

RUNS SCORED

1. 55 Lindsay Wood 2002
2. 48 Jen Dean 1997
3. 46 Jody Dean 1997

HITS

1. 83 Lindsay Wood 2002
2. 77 Lindsay Wood 2000
3. 66 Jody Dean 1997

DOUBLES

1. 19 Kylie Sloan 1999
2. 18 Vicki White 1990
3. 16 (3 players)

TRIPLES

1. 11 Laura Novotny 1992
2. 9 Teresa Kennedy 1990
3. 9 Lynell O'Connor 1989
9. 9 Amber Sampson 1997

SACRIFICE HITS

1. 33 Jenny Schultz 1988
2. 25 Pam Phipps 1986
3. 24 Jennifer Peters 1993

STOLEN BASES

1. 24 Kristi Johnson (24-31) 2001
2. 23 Lindsay Wood (23-29) 2002
3. 22 (2 players)

STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS

1. 31 Kristi Johnson (24-31) 2001
2. 29 Lindsay Wood (23-29) 2002
3. 25 (2 players)

PITCHING RECORDS

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

1. 0.35 Jennifer Berger (159.2 IP) 1982
2. 0.63 Krista Fosbinder (166.0 IP) 1986
3. 0.65 Kathy Gross (107.1 IP) 1981

OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE

1. .184 Malinda McClintock (128.0 IP) 2002
2. .219 Malinda McClintock (169.2 IP) 2001
3. .240 Dana Happel (126.2 IP) 1992

WALKS PER 7 INNINGS

1. 0.63 Lea Trenary (122.2 IP) 1981
2. 0.79 Lori Cook (150.2 IP) 1984
3. 0.97 Jeannine Soncin (195.2 IP) 1999

STRIKEOUTS PER 7 INNINGS

1. 9.47 Jennifer Berger (159.2 IP) 1982
2. 8.02 Malinda McClintock (169.2 IP) 2001
3. 5.63 Malinda McClintock (128.0 IP) 2002

Lindsay Wood (1999-2002) was a three-time Missouri Valley Conference batting champion and 2002 MVC Player of the Year. A native of Eldridge, Iowa, Wood set 11 school records during her career and was named a first team All-American in 2002, a first for a UNI player. She was later drafted by the Akron Racers of the National Pro Fastpitch league.
## INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS

### WINS
1. 21 Sarah O'Byrne (21-20) 1990
2. 19 (4 players)

### LOSSES
1. 21 Julie Phillips (19-21) 2002
2. 20 Sarah O'Byrne (21-20) 1990
3. 19 Monica Wright (7-19) 2006

### TEAM RECORDS

#### SINGLE-SEASON HITTING
- Batting Average: .297 1993
- Slugging Percentage: .435 1997
- On-Base Percentage: .360 1993
- Hits: 455 1997
- Runs Scored: 292 1997
- Doubles: 80 1997
- Triples: 31 1992
- Home Runs: 42 2002
- Walks: 154 2000
- Strikeouts: 374 2000
- Stolen Bases: 68 1996

#### SINGLE-SEASON PITCHING
- Earned Run Average: 1.25 1987
- Opponent Average: .189 1986
- Strikeouts: 326 1982
- Complete Games: 55 1988
- Shutouts: 17 1988
- Innings Pitched: 430.0 1991
- Most Hits Allowed: 276 2007
- Fewest Hits Allowed: 107* 1986
- Most Runs Allowed: 240* 1986
- Fewest Runs Allowed: 107* 1986
- Most Errors: 128 1992

#### MISCELLANEOUS
- Games Played: 64 1991
- Wins: 40 1994
- Conference Wins: 13 2001
- Fewest Wins: 12 2006
- Losses: 40 1991

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* NCAA Division I seasons only (1983-present)
### Hitting Records

#### Batting Average

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A 2007 inductee into the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89) owns UNI’s career records for innings pitched, shutouts and appearances. She also ranks second on the all-time win list, one victory behind teammate Sarah O’Byrne, and her remarkable 1.11 ERA is the best of any UNI pitcher with at least 500 career innings.
YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

1974

Jane Martesdorf (1st)

Luther 14-2, 2-0
Graceland 2-3, 2-1
Grand View 18-4, 9-1
Iowa State 6-5, 7-3
Luther 6-3, 7-6
Iowa 13-0, 34-1
Wartburg 4-3, 5-4

WARTBURG 7-3, 7-0
IAIAW CHAMPIONSHIPS (1ST)
William Penn 4-2
Iowa State 7-3
Mt. Mercy 7-2

1977

(30-2)

Jane Martesdorf (4th)

Wartburg 4-3, 9-1
Nebraska-Omaha 9-3, 7-2
Iowa 6-5, 7-0
Grand View 12-0, 12-2
Luther 6-1, 7-1

IAIAW DISTRICT TOURNAMENT (1ST)
Upper Iowa 13-0
Luther 3-2
Iowa State 2-0, 1-0
Wartburg 9-0, 10-3
Waldorf 12-0, 9-0
Luther 0-1, 13-0

IAIAW CHAMPIONS (3RD)
Graceland 9-2
Buena Vista 11-1
Luther 1-2
Iowa State 1-4

1978

(21-11)

Jane Martesdorf (5th)

Wartburg 2-1, 5-2
Luther 4-3, 0-1
Grand View 4-3, 5-1
Iowa 1-5
Luther 1-4
William Penn 5-3, 5-4
Drake 13-3, 10-3
Iowa State 2-4, 9-7
Loras 2-4, 0-5
Loras (Default 2)
Minnesota 9-2, 0-3

IAIAW CHAMPIONSHIPS (1ST)
Upper Iowa 13-4
Luther 7-5

1980

(31-15)

Jane Martesdorf (3rd)

Iowa 11-0
Luther 3-0
Wartburg 3-2, 8-1
Iowa State 7-4, 1-0
Luther 1-0
Graceland 8-0, 15-0
Wartburg 5-0, 1-0
Luther 1-0, 3-4
MSU-Mankato 10-0

1981

Wartburg 10-0, 4-0
Iowa 7-1, 1-0
NEBRASKA INVITATIONAL
Nebraska-Omaha 8-1
Nebraska 1-5
Northwest Missouri State 8-5
South Dakota 5-2
Wayne State 2-3
Luther 5-0, 2-0
Loras 2-0, 11-0
Central 7-0, 7-0
Mt. Mercy 5-3, 8-6
Upper Iowa ( forfeit 2)
Drake 6-3, 2-4
Clarke College 18-0 (6), 5-0

1982

Wartburg 10-0, 4-0
Iowa 7-1, 1-0
NEBRASKA INVITATIONAL
Nebraska-Omaha 8-1
Nebraska 1-5
Northwest Missouri State 8-5
South Dakota 5-2
Wayne State 2-3
Luther 5-0, 2-0
Loras 2-0, 11-0
Central 7-0, 7-0
Mt. Mercy 5-3, 8-6
Upper Iowa ( forfeit 2)
Drake 6-3, 2-4
Clarke College 18-0 (6), 5-0

Meredith Bakley (4th)

1982

(35-15-1)

Meredith Bakley (3rd)

Wartburg 10-0, 4-0
Iowa 7-1, 1-0
NEBRASKA INVITATIONAL
Nebraska-Omaha 8-1
Nebraska 1-5
Northwest Missouri State 8-5
South Dakota 5-2
Wayne State 2-3
Luther 5-0, 2-0
Loras 2-0, 11-0
Central 7-0, 7-0
Mt. Mercy 5-3, 8-6
Upper Iowa ( forfeit 2)
Drake 6-3, 2-4
Clarke College 18-0 (6), 5-0

MISSOURI STATE INVITATIONAL
Missouri State 2-7
Southern Illinois 1-0, 10-0
Minnesota 1-9

MISSOURI WESTERN INVITE (2ND)
Wayne State 4-0
Missouri Western 2-0
Nebraska-Omaha 2-0
Truman State 3-0

MISSOURI STATE INVITATIONAL
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Missouri Western 2-0
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Truman State 3-0

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Nebraska-Omaha 2-0
Truman State 3-0

Wartburg 10-2, 10-0
Iowa State 5-0, 3-0

IOWA STATE TOURNAMENT (4TH)
Grand View 1-0 (9)
Drake 1-5

1981

IOWA INVITATIONAL
Grand View 1-0 (9)
Drake 1-5

1982

IOWA INVITATIONAL
Grand View 1-0 (9)
Drake 1-5

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Grand View 1-0 (9)
Drake 1-5

1982
YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

1983

(31-15)

Meredith Bakley (5th)

CENTRAL STATE INVITATIONAL (2nd)
West Texas A&M 4-1
Wichita State 5-1
South Dakota State 8-1
Central Oklahoma 6-1
Northwestern State 2-1
Texas Wesleyan 1-2
Oklahoma Baptist 2-9,3-8
Oklahoma State 8-8,1-8
Missouri 3-9
Wyoming 9-4
Oklahoma City 9-1,8-0
Wartburg 10-1,4-3
Iowa 1-2,10
St. Ambrose 31,7-6
Minnesota 3-2,3-5
William Penn 7-1,6-0
Iowa State 2-3,2-0

MISSOURI WESTERN INVITATIONAL
Washburn 4-0
Nebraska-Kearney 2-3 (8)
Oklahoma Baptist 1-0 (9)
Nebraska-Omaha 2-5
Iowa 2-0,3-1
Drake 1-0,2-1

ILLINOIS STATE INVITATIONAL (1st)
Southern Illinois 3-0
Western Illinois 2-1
Kent State 6-2
Indiana State 7-1
Central Michigan 3-1
Grand View 2-3,5-1
Loras 1-0,9-8
Minnesota 9-5,4-0

GATEWAY CONF TOURNAMENT
Indiana State 2-3 (10)
Wichita State 0-1 (9)

1984

(23-22,1,8 8 Gateway)

Meredith Bakley (6th)

CENTRAL STATE INVITATIONAL
Texas Wesleyan 3-2
Central Oklahoma 2-5
Friends 1-0
Pittsburg State 5-2
Oklahoma Baptist 0-3
Arizona 0-1 (11)
Indiana 0-2
Oklahoma City 0-0 (26)

PITTSGURGH STATE INVITATIONAL
Nebraska-Omaha 3-2
Missouri Southern 9-2
Texas Wesleyan 0-1
Wartburg 11-0,3-4
*Illinois State 1-2 (13),0-9
*Indiana State 1-0,2-1

1985

(24-30,8-10 Gateway)

Meredith Bakley (7th)

SOUTHERN IOWA INVITATIONAL
Southern Illinois 3-0
Wichita State 3-1
Nebraska-Kearney 3-0

GATEWAY CONF TOURNAMENT
Indiana State 2-3 (10)
Wichita State 0-1 (9)

1986

(20-29,6-11 Gateway)

Meredith Bakley (8th)

SOUTHERN IOWA INVITATIONAL
Oklahoma State 1-5
Baylor 0-1 (9)
Creighton 0-1

UNI-DOME TOURNAMENT (4th)
South Dakota 1-2
Truman State 3-1
Missouri Western 1-3
Nebraska-Kearney 4-3 (9)
St. Xavier 2-0

Iowa State 4-5,5-0
*Southern Illinois 4-2,3-1
*Southern Illinois 2-1,0-4
Iowa 1-7,1-3
*Missouri State 1-0,1-0
*Wichita State 6-18,5-2

GATEWAY CONF TOURNAMENT
Bradley 0-7
Eastern Illinois 0-5

1987

(29-23,7-11 Gateway)

Meredith Bakley (9th)

SOUTHERN IOWA INVITATIONAL
Wichita State 2-1
New Mexico 0-4
Missouri 1-3
Iowa 7-2

*Missouri State 1-2 (13),0-9
*Indiana State 1-0,2-1

GATEWAY CONF TOURNAMENT
North Texas 8-4,6-4

1988

(35-25,11 7 Gateway)

Meredith Bakley (10th)

SOUTHERN IOWA INVITATIONAL
Missouri 1-2
Texas-Arlington 0-1
Baylor 2-1 (8)
Creighton 4-5 (11)

*Missouri State 3-0,2-1
*Western Illinois 0-1 (14),1-6
Iowa State 3-4,0-7

Drake 0-2,4-0
Wartburg 9-3,4-1
*Bradley 1-0,1-4

Iowa State 5-3,1-3

GATEWAY CONF TOURNAMENT
Drake 1-0
Illinois State 2-1
Indiana State 0-1
Missouri State 1-2 (6)

1989

(33-26,9-7 Gateway)

Meredith Bakley (11th)

SOUTHERN IOWA INVITATIONAL
Missouri 1-2
Texas-Arlington 0-1
Baylor 2-1 (8)
Creighton 4-5 (11)

Oklahoma State 1-0 (0),9-5
Texas-Arlington 1-0,6-2
Baylor 0-1,4-2
Sam Houston State 3-5,0-3
Stephen F. Austin 1-0,3-3

Wis.-Green Bay 7-0,6-1

GATEWAY CONF TOURNAMENT
Drake 3-1
Wisc.-Green Bay 8-0 (6)
Missouri 3-2
Wis.-Green Bay 3-0
Augustana 4-0
Missouri Southern 3-0
Western Illinois 1-2,3-0
Baylor 9-6,2-1
Drake 5-2,0
*Southern Illinois 4-5,2-4
*Indiana State 0-2,2-10
*Wichita State 2-1,0-10
Iowa 1-3 (8),3-9
*Missouri St. 21,10 (2)
*Wichita State 4-1,5-1

GATEWAY CONF TOURNAMENT
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YEAR-BY YEAR RESULTS

1996

34-22, 11-9 MVC

Meredith Bakley (18th)

MISSOURI INVITATIONAL

Indiana State 1-1
Missouri 1-0
St. Louis 5-6
Missouri State 0-0

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS INVITATIONAL

Drake 0-0
Butler 0-0
Western Illinois 0-0

FLORIDA STATE INVITATIONAL

Miami A&M 0-0

IOWA STATE INVITATIONAL

Central Conn. 0-0

ILLINOIS QUADRANGULAR

Northern Illinois 0-0

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS QUADRANGULAR

Drake 0-0

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIC

Evansville 0-0

SOUTHERN MISSOURI邀请

Evansville 0-0

1997

23-29, 8-8 MVC

Meredith Bakley (19th)

MISSOURI INVITATIONAL (2nd)

Indian State 4-0
Virginia Tech 4-0
Missouri State 0-0

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS INVITATIONAL

Missouri 0-0

FLORIDA STATE INVITATIONAL

South Florida 4-0

FLORIDA STATE CLASSIC

Miami A&M 0-0

2000

32-22, 9-9 MVC

Meredith Bakley (21st)

MISSOURI INVITATIONAL

Lake Forest 0-0

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS INVITATIONAL

Evansville 0-0

1999

32-22, 11-7 MVC

Meredith Bakley (20th)

MISSOURI INVITATIONAL

Norfolk State 0-0

SOUTHERN MISSOURI INVITATIONAL

Evansville 0-0

1998

26-22, 11-7 MVC

Meredith Bakley (19th)

MISSOURI INVITATIONAL

Tulsa 0-0

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS INVITATIONAL

Tulsa 0-0

SOUTHERN MISSOURI INVITATIONAL

Evansville 0-0

1997

23-29, 8-8 MVC

Meredith Bakley (18th)

MISSOURI INVITATIONAL (2nd)

Indian State 1-1
Missouri 0-0
2002

(33-26, 12-13 MVC)
Sara Hayes (2nd)

2003

(22-26, 10-14 MVC)
Christy Hefbert (1st)

Year-by-Year Results

2004

(17-32, 11-15 MVC)
Christy Hefbert (2nd)

Hilton Plaza Cougar Invitational
Baylor
Louisiana-Monroe
Sam Houston State
Houston
Texas A&M-CC

Kentucky Tournament
Ball State
Kentucky
Youngstown State
Kentucky

Arizona Wildcat Invitational
Indiana
Texas El Paso
Georgia Tech
North Texas

Florida Atlantic Tournament
Rhode Island
Florida Atlantic
Manhattan
Florida Atlantic
Miami (Ohio)

*Southern Illinois
*Missouri State
*UCLA
*Wichita State

North Dakota State

2005

(22-25, 10-17 MVC)
Christy Hefbert (3rd)

Minnesota Metrodome Classic
Drake
Wisconsin
Minnesota
Tulsa
Western Illinois

Arizona Wildcat Invitational
Hawaii

2006

(12-38, 2-21 MVC)
Christy Hefbert (4th)

Stetson Tournament

#14 DePaul
Syracuse
#14 DePaul
Charleston Southern
Bradley

Northern Illinois

Best Western-Tulsa Festival
Kansas
Tulsa
Stephen F. Austin
Notre Dame

#17 Nebraska

Smoky Mountain Classic

IUPUI
Lipscomb

SEMO Spring Classic

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2007

(19-32, 4-11 MVC)
Christy Hefbert (5th)

Un-Dome Invitational

Northern Illinois

Arkansas Invitational

Louisiana-Monroe
Arkansas
Arkansas
Louisiana-Monroe
Arkansas

National Invitational Tournament

Santa Clara

Outlook

#14 Illinois State
#17 Illinois State
#17 Illinois State
Drake
Drake

#19 Nebraska

*Bradley
*Missouri State
*Missouri State
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STOLEN BASES
2007 12 Megan Machovec
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2003 9 Stephanie Stratton
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1990 10 Deana Chipps
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1986 6 Laura McIntoy
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1984 8 Marshall Clark
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1980 8 Sheryl Schlader
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PITCHING LEADERS

EARNED RUN AVERAGE
2007 4.26 Jen Larsen
2006 4.56 Uju Imekwe
2005 2.70 Liz Adams
2004 2.66 Julie Phillips
2003 3.57 Julie Phillips
2002 1.59 Malinda McClintock
2001 2.15 Malinda McClintock
2000 2.33 Heidi Fromherz
1999 1.75 Jeannine Soncini
1998 1.41 Shelby Worms
1997 2.26 Jeannine Soncini
1996 1.63 Kandy Keiper
1995 2.56 Shelby Worms
1994 1.15 Desiree B.debout
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1991 0.75 Heather Daters
1990 1.92 Sarah O'Byrne
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1984 1.53 Lori Cook
1983 1.10 Jennifer Berger
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INNINGS PITCHED
2007 138.0 Ashley Lepley
2006 169.2 Monica Wright
2005 154.1 Amanda Hess
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2002 249.1 Malinda McClintock
2001 189.2 Malinda McClintock
2000 174.0 Heidi Fromherz
1999 195.2 Jeannine Soncini
1998 143.2 Shelby Worms
1997 125.0 Shelby Worms
1996 192.0 Kandy Keiper
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1994 151.0 Dana Happel
1993 151.0 Desiree B.debout
1992 223.2 Desiree B.debout
1991 192.0 Connie Fangmann
1990 172.2 Sarah O'Byrne
1989 103.0 Krista Fosbinder
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1978 80.2 Linda Whannel

APPEARANCES
2007 38 Jen Larsen
2006 30 Monica Wright
2005 27 Amanda Hess
2004 25 Malinda McClintock
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1998 24 Shelby Worms
1997 23 Two tied
1996 31 Kandy Keiper

STRIKEOUTS
2007 83 Ashley Lepley
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2004 48 Julie Gerdes
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1986 28 Two tied
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1984 20 Jennifer Berger
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1982 40 Jennifer Berger
1981 38 Kathy Gross
1980 20 Kathy Gross
1979 13 Kathy Gross
1978 25 Trish Kinley
ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

ALL-GATEWAY CONFERENCE

- 1983 Laura Norenberg OF
- 1985 Paula Evers 1B
- 1987 Chris Ehlert 3B
- 1988 Susan Mahoney 1B
- 1989 Paula Evers SS
- 1989 Krista Fosbinder P
- 1990 Sarah O'Byrne P
- 1991 Deena Chipp OF
- 1992 Deena Chipp OF

ALL-MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

- 1993 Deena Chipp OF (1st Team)
- 1994 Heather Daters OF (1st Team)
- 1995 Jaye Donlea UT (1st Team)
- 1996 Kandy Keiper P (2nd Team)
- 1997 Jackie Paulus 2B (1st Team)
- 1999 Jen Dean 3B (1st Team)
- 2000 Lindsay Wood OF (1st Team, At-Large)
- 2001 Lindsay Wood 3B (1st Team, At-Large)
- 2003 Angela Higgins C (2nd Team)
- 2004 Rachael Rogers SS (2nd Team)
- 2005 Tracy Davis P (2nd Team)
- 2007 Julie Phillips P (2nd Team)

Note: Only First Team honors awarded 1983-1988

ACADEMIC HONORS

MVC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE HONOREES

- 1993 Karen VandeVoort (1st Team)
- 1994 Karen VandeVoort (1st Team)
- 1996 Kari McLaughlin (1st Team)
- 1998 Jackie Paulus (1st Team)
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- 2001 Kristi Johnson (Honorable Mention)
- 2002 Stacey Sampson (1st Team)
- 2003 Erin Strelliner (Honorable Mention)
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- 2005 Erin Strelliner (1st Team)

POSTSEASON AWARDS

MVC ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTIONS

- 1993 Jennifer Peters P
- 1994 Karen VandeVoort C
- 1996 Kandy Keiper P
- 1997 Deanne Fick P
- 1998 Shelby Worms P
- 1999 Jackie Paulus 2B
- 1999 Jeannine Soncini P
- 1999 Jeannine Soncini P
- 2000 Lindsay Wood 3B
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ALL-AMERICANS

LINDSAY WOOD  JODY DEAN

NFCA FIRST TEAM
- Lindsay Wood (2002)

NFCA THIRD TEAM
- Jody Dean (1997)

CONFERENCE HONORS

LINDSAY WOOD  MEREDITH BAKLEY

MVC MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
- Lindsay Wood (2002)

MVC NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
- Lindsay Wood (1999)

MVC COACH OF THE YEAR
- Meredith Bakley (2000)

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

KAREN VANDEVOORT  KYLIE SLOAN

FIRST TEAM
- Karen VandeVoort (1992)

THIRD TEAM
- Kylie Sloan (2000)
ALL-TIME ROSTER

ACKERMAN, Peggy 1985-86
ADAMS, Liz 2005-Present
AGUIERO, Stephanie 2005-Present
ANDERSON, Gloria 1979-80
ANGSTMAN, Kris 1996
AUGUSTUS, Jerri 1982-83
BAKER, Sarah 2007-Present
Balduf, Brittney 2008
BARKLEY, Jessica 2007-80
BEAUCHAMP, Shelly 1982-87
BEITZEL, Joanne 1980
BENSON, Janeen 1976-77
BENSON, Terri 1983-86
BERGER, Jennifer 1982-84
BERNHARDT, Jan 1975-77
BERNHARDT, Joyce 1976-77
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BLAIR, Heather 1997-99
BRANDES, Cindy 1980
BRAUN, Diane 1975-76
BROOKS, Carin 1989
BROWN, Pat 1975-76
BUREN, Connie 1977-79
BRACKER, Sonya 1984-85, 87
COOK, Lori 1981-84
CORKREAN, Jenny 1978-79
CORKREAN, Jenny 1978-79
CURRAN, Jamie 1998
CUVA, Sarah 2000
DAILEY, Judy 1980-81
DALY, Kristen 1995-98
DATEST, Heather 1991-94
DAVIS, Betty 1981-83
DAVIS, Tracy 2002-05
DEAN, Jen 1994-97
DEAN, Jody 1996-99
DECASTER, Mary 1987-90
DONELA, Jaye 1982-95
DOWD, Amanda 2000
DRABBLE, Jocelyn 1976-80
DYKSTRA, Nancy 1989
EASON, Patricia 1982-84
EDWARDS, Linda 1978-79
EHLELT, Chris 1985-89
ENGEL, Amy 1997
EVERS, Paula 1985-88
FANGMANN, Connie 1990-93
FEATHER, Nikki 2005-07
FIDEL, Deanne 1994-97
FINN, Marcia 1975
FORBES, Vicki 1989
FRANKEN, Cindy 1989-91
FREITAG, Heidi 1990-91
FROHRIG, Diane 1988
FULTON, Vanessa 1977
GARNER, Karye 1996
GIBBS, Kim 1980
GROSS, Kathy 1979-82
HAPPEL, Dana 1992-94
HARRISON, Holly 1987-91
HAYES, Shawn 1989-90
HEISTERKAMP, Terri 1982-84
HENDRICKSON, Amy 1991-94
HARRISON, Sharon 1975-76
HARTWELL, Lori 1985
HATHAWAY, Lori 1985
HAYS, Shawn 1980-81
HEISKELL, Teri 1984-85
HICKMAN, Gayle 1980-81
HICKEY, Crystal 1990-92
HICKMAN, Enid 1980-81
HUFFY, Marcella 1979
IBEKWE, Uju 2003-06
JOHNSON, Kristi 2003-05
JOHNSON, Sharon 1975-77
JOHNSON, Robin 1989-90
JUHL, Jackie 1991
KEEGAN, Kelly 1984-85
KEPER, Crystal 1989-90
KEPER, Kandy 1993-94
KELLY, Jamie 2005-06
KELLEY, Laura 2004
KENDRICK, Teressa 1977-80
KING, Melissa 2002-05
KINLEY, Trish 1978-80
KRADEL, Wendi 2001
KRIPER, Jacki 2007-08
KUMAMOTO, Mandy 2004-07
KURTZ, Maria 1994
LAFLUR, Jacque 1999-00
LANG, Kari 1999
LARSEN, Jan 2001-04
LARSON, Melissa 2001-04
LEPEL, Ashley 2007-09
LINK, Whitney 2007
LYONS, Janie 1984
MACHOVEC, Megan 2007-09
MADGETT, Laura 1987-90
MAGNUSON, Jessica 2001
MAAYEN, Susan 1987-89
MARTIN, Kathy 1978-79
MATTER, Holly 1992
McBRIDE, Connie 1985-88
McCALL, Tanager 1992
MCARTNEY, Krista 1975-78
MCCAULAY, Melinda 1982
MCCLINTOCK, Malinda 2000-04
MCCORMICK, Gena 1994-95
McCoy, Kelli 1999-00
MEJIA, Jenny 1990-91
MENDEZ, Jenny 1986-88
MCLAUGHLIN, Kari 1995-96
MERCURIO, Tami 1989
METCALF, Kim 1976
MILLER, Tonya 2002-03
MOELLER, Jo 1975-76
MURKEN, Robyn 1981-82
NAVANTOFF, Melissa 1997-00
NEUMAN, Rhonda 1975
NELSEN, Jill 1979
NOLAN, Laura 1982-84
NOVOTNY, Laura 1990-93
OLSON, Julie 1976-78
OWEN, Lindsey 2001
O'BRYNE, Sarah 1987-90
O'CONNOR, Lynndel 1988-90
O'NEILL, Kathy 2008-09
OSBORNE, Laura 1982-84
PAULSON, Morgen 2006
PAULS, Jackie 1996-99
PERRY, Carie 1988
PETERS, Jennifer 1990-93
PETERSON, Diyann 2006
PETERSON, Jill 1979
PETERSON, Maria 1983-85
PEHL, Shelie 1982-84
PHILLIPS, Julie 2001-04
PHILLIPS, Michelle 2008
PHILPS, Pam 1983-96
FLATA, Kimbrel 2001
FAMILLON, Caroll 1977
RAWSON, Bonnie 1975-76
REBLING, Sara 2001-02
REYER, Pam 1985-87
REED, Krysta 2004-05
RHODA, Dana 1994-95
ROBINS, Joanelle 1977
ROGERS, Rachel 2003-06
RUZICKA, Brittany 2006-07
SAFDIE, Teri 2001
SACKETT, Nancy 1986-87
SALK, Linda 1981-83
SANDOVAL, Claudia 2002
SANTI, Kathy 1975-78
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For more on the Dugout Club, including membership information and a list of benefits for members, contact Assistant Coach Julie Gerdes at (319) 273-2520 or julie.gerdes@uni.edu.
## 2008 UNI SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

### Feb. 8
vs. Grand View (Exhibition)  
Cedar Falls, Iowa (UNI-Dome)

### RAMADA UNI-DOME CLASSIC
**Feb. 9**  
vs. Dayton  
Cedar Falls, Iowa (UNI-Dome)  
vs. South Dakota State  
Cedar Falls, Iowa (UNI-Dome)  
Feb. 10  
vs. South Dakota State  
Cedar Falls, Iowa (UNI-Dome)  
vs. North Dakota  
Cedar Falls, Iowa (UNI-Dome)

### METRODOME SOFTBALL CLASSIC
**Feb. 14**  
vs. Tennessee Tech  
Minneapolis, Minn. (Metrodome)  
vs. Western Illinois  
Minneapolis, Minn. (Metrodome)  
Feb. 15  
vs. Arkansas  
Minneapolis, Minn. (Metrodome)  
at Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn. (Metrodome)  
Feb. 16  
vs. Iowa  
Minneapolis, Minn. (Metrodome)

### TENNESSEE-MARTIN CLASSIC
**Mar. 1**  
vs. Minnesota  
Martin, Tenn.  
vs. Indiana State  
Martin, Tenn.  
vs. Dartmouth  
Martin, Tenn.  
Mar. 2  
vs. Ball State  
Martin, Tenn.  
at Tennessee Martin  
Martin, Tenn.

### NATIONAL INVITATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
**Mar. 7**  
vs. San Jose State  
Hayward, Calif.  
vs. Reno  
Hayward, Calif.  
Mar. 8  
vs. Boston College  
Hayward, Calif.  
vs. Tennessee State  
Hayward, Calif.  
Mar. 9  
vs. California  
Hayward, Calif.  
Mar. 15  
at Southern Illinois (DH)*  
Carbondale, Ill.  
at Southern Illinois*  
Carbondale, Ill.  
Mar. 16  
at Louisville  
Louisville, Ky.  
Mar. 21  
vs. Evansville (DH)*  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Mar. 22  
vs. Evansville*  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Mar. 26  
vs. Iowa State (DH)  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Mar. 29  
at Creighton (DH)*  
Omaha, Neb.  
Mar. 30  
at Creighton*  
Omaha, Neb.  
Apr. 2  
at Bradley (DH)*  
Peoria, Ill.  
Apr. 5  
vs. Drake (DH)*  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Apr. 6  
vs. Drake*  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Apr. 9  
at Wisconsin  
Madison, Wis.  
Apr. 12  
vs. Missouri State (DH)*  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Apr. 13  
vs. Missouri State*  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Apr. 15  
vs. Bradley*  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Apr. 19  
at Indiana State (DH)*  
Terre Haute, Ind.  
Apr. 20  
at Indiana State*  
Terre Haute, Ind.  
Apr. 23  
at Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa  
Apr. 26  
at Wichita State (DH)*  
Wichita, Kan.  
Apr. 27  
at Wichita State*  
Wichita, Kan.  
May 3  
vs. Illinois State (DH)*  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
May 4  
vs. Illinois State*  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

### STATE FARM MVC TOURNAMENT
May 8 - May 10  
vs. TBD  
Carbondale, Ill.

*Missouri Valley Conference opponent  
*All Times Central  
All Home Games at Robinson-Dresser Sports Complex, unless otherwise noted

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