



2007 UNI MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD HIGHLIGHTS

TOP-10 FINISH

The Panthers finished the NCAA Indoor Championships in ninth place, ahead of the likes of Baylor, Tennessee, LSU and Louisville.

NCAA QUALIFIERS

The 2007 track and field season was unparalleled in UNI school history. The Panthers qualified 17 individual events and 3 relays for the NCAA Division I Championships. UNI was the only school to qualify a 4x400 and Distance Medley Relay.

ALL-AMERICANS

The Panthers crowned 19 All-Americans during the 2007 indoor and outdoor track and field seasons.

TEAM TITLES

The Panthers claimed the Missouri Valley Conference indoor and outdoor championships, setting conference records for team points scored in both meets.

DRAKE RELAYS

The Panther men wowed the hometown crowd with four titles in four days and narrowly missed winning a fifth. The Distance Medley Relay won, with true freshmen Dorian Ulrey pulling away from South Alabama in the last 200 meters. The 4x800 dominated the field, leading start to finish with an impressive 7:19.74 clocking. Andrej Poljanec was a crowd favorite in the Pole Vault with his 17'-8.5" clearance in very tough conditions. Raven Cepeda defeated his coach and defending champion Travis Geopfert in the Decathlon with a score of 7,641 points, and the Panther Sprint Medley Relay team nearly beat Baylor to the stripe with a strong finish from sophomore Tyler Mulder.

RECORD-SETTING RELAYS

The Distance Medley Relay and both the indoor and outdoor 4x400 Relays each earned All-America honors. The DMR finished in fourth place at the indoor national meet with a season-best time of 9:35.53. The 4x400 with -- all Iowa talent -- finished sixth both indoors and outdoors, finishing off the season with an impressive 3:04.13 clocking

MVC CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTS & SEASON-BEST PERFORMANCES

POLE VAULT :: 1-2-3-5

Panthers dominated the indoor Pole Vault with a 1-2-3-5 finish indoors and a 1-2-5-6 outdoor campaign.
2007 Season Bests: Poljanec 18'4.5" :: Kivioja 17'8.5" :: Cepeda 16'11" :: Beese 16'6"

800 METERS :: 1-2-3-4

The Panther middle distance crew dominated the 800 Meters with a sweep of positions 1 through 4 indoors and backed that up at the outdoor conference meet going 1-2-5-7.
2007 Season Bests: Smith 1:48.51 :: Mulder 1:48.69 :: Davis 1:50.52 :: Ulrey 1:50.78 ::
Fulton 1:50.80 :: Ogden 1:51.98

400 METERS :: 1-2-4-5

The Panthers went 1-2-4-5 in the 400 Meters at the MVC Indoor Championships.
2007 Season Bests: Reid 46.20 :: Grenko 46.97 :: Goos 47.82 :: Harris 47.87

400 HURDLES :: 1-3-6

Two freshmen and a sophomore led the Hurdles charge with a 1-3-6 finish at the MVC Outdoor Championships.
2007 Season Bests: Goos 51.04 :: Offerman 52.14 :: Hammel 53.32

HIGH HURDLES :: 1-3

Newcomer Jarrel Anderson and decathlete Raven Cepeda earned all-conference honors in the indoor season, going first and third. Cepeda and true freshmen Wojciech Jurkowski went 3-4 outdoors.
2007 Indoor/Outdoor Season Bests: Anderson 7.81 / 13.96 :: Jurkowski 8.35 / 14.36 ::
Cepeda 8.11 / 14.37

LONG JUMP :: 1-3

Senior Cody Eichmeier and freshmen Rozle Bucalo went 1-3 in the Long Jump outdoors. 2007 Season Bests:
Eichmeier 24'9" :: Bucalo 24'1"

HIGH JUMP :: 1-3

True freshmen Ehi Oamen and Josh Bradley went first and third in the outdoor High Jump. They also went 2-3 at the MVC Indoor Championships.
Personal Bests: Oamen 7'1" :: Bradley 6'10"

1500 METERS :: 2-4

Dorian Ulrey and Dylan Davis went 2-4 in the 1500 Meters at the MVC meet in a race that featured five All-Americans. Davis also took the 3000 Meter Steeplechase crown in a regional qualifying time of 9:04.41 and Ulrey stole the 5000 Meters title indoors in a sit and kick 14:55.61
2007 Season Bests: Ulrey 4:02.40 mile :: Davis 4:12.49 mile

DECATHLON :: 1-2-5

Panther multi-eventers continue to dominate the MVC, finishing 1-2-5 outdoors and 1-2-6 indoors in the Heptathlon.
2007 Indoor / Outdoor Season Bests: Cepeda 5864 / 7838 pts. :: Clark 5237 / 7072 pts. ::
Dodd 4872 / 6222 pts.

2007 PANTHER ALL-AMERICANS

Dorian Ulrey

The freshmen from Port Byron, Ill., had a stellar freshmen season. Ulrey anchored the DMR to a fourth-place finish at the NCAA meet. He also ran a personal best of 4:02.40 in the indoor mile, setting a new UNI school record and shattering his high school personal best of 4:09.33. Ulrey qualified for the NCAA Outdoor meet in the 1500 by finishing fourth at the regional meet in a time of 3:41.77 -- also a new UNI school record. Ulrey was the top-ranked freshmen miler in the country for 2007.

Raven Cepeda

The junior from Beloit, Wis., stamped himself as the No. 1 decathlete in UNI school history and arguably the best-ever decathlete in the Missouri Valley Conference. Cepeda won the indoor and outdoor conference crowns setting MVC and UNI records in both with scores of 5864 and 7838 points. Cepeda's indoor score is currently No. 7 all-time in NCAA history. The junior was also MVC indoor high point scorer and Indoor Field Event Athlete of the Year. In all, Cepeda is a three-time MVC Athlete of the Meet, a five-time MVC champion, four-time NCAA qualifier, three-time All-American and 10-time All-MVC performer. Cepeda was ranked 18th in the world indoors in 2007.

Kyle Smith

The senior from Ontario, Canada, had a year to remember. A member of the winning 4x800 squad at the Drake Relays, Smith qualified in the open 800 for both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor championships, finishing third at the NCAA indoor meet. His personal-best time of 1:48.51 ranks him No. 2 on the all-time UNI list. Smith finished his UNI career a two-time All-American, three-time NCAA qualifier, four-time MVC champion and seven-time All-MVC honoree.

Terrence Reid

The sophomore from Davenport, Iowa, had a terrific sophomore season. Reid was an integral part of the Panthers' sixth-place finish in the 4x400 relay at both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor championships. His 44.9-second split at NCAA's helped the Panthers to yet another All-America finish in the 4x400. Reid anchored the all Iowa quartet to a time of 3:04.13. He was also an individual NCAA qualifier, running 46.20 at regional and was the MVC Track Athlete of the Year at the conference outdoor meet, winning both the 200 and 400 meters. Reid is a five-time NCAA qualifier, five-time MVC champion and four-time All-American.

Tyler Mulder

The sophomore from Orange City, Iowa, had a breakout sophomore season, running a personal best of 1:48.69 in the 800 meters to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Indoor Championships. He was part of the All-American distance medley relay indoors and was also on the All-American 4x400 relay outdoors. In only two years, Mulder is now a two-time MVC champion, six-time All-MVC honoree, three-time NCAA qualifier and three-time All-American.

Ryan Grenko

The sophomore out of City High in Iowa City, Iowa, has been a mainstay on the Panther 4x400 relay the last two seasons. Grenko ran a 45.3-second split on the outdoor relay that helped carry UNI to All-America status. Grenko has a personal best of 46.83 in the open 400 meters and is a two-time regional qualifier in that event. He is now a two-time MVC Champion, two-time NCAA qualifier, two-time All-American and six-time All-MVC performer.

Cory Goos

The redshirt freshman from West Liberty, Iowa, had an outstanding Panther debut. The converted 800 meter runner ran 51.04 in the 400 hurdles, qualifying for the NCAA regional meet and winning the MVC Championships. He also split a 45.2-second leadoff leg in the Panthers' All-American 4x400 relay. The freshman is already an MVC champion, two-time NCAA qualifier and a two-time All-American.

Andrej Poljanec & Jarno Kivioja

The pole vaulting duo were always crowd favorites, often competing with each other at the conference and NCAA meets. The two combined to finish 1-2 at both the indoor and outdoor MVC Championships. Poljanec and Kivioja finished sixth and eighth, respectively, at the NCAA Indoor Championships, earning All-America honors. Poljanec also won the prestigious Drake Relays title. In total, they have combined for seven NCAA qualifiers, six MVC championships and five All-America honors. The two finished with personal bests of 18'4.5" and 17'8.5"

UNI TRACK AND FIELD SUCCESS: PAST AND PRESENT

UNI Track and Field is rich in tradition with 62 All-Americans, 131 NCAA Qualifiers, two NCAA national champions and one NCAA runner-up finish.

In the past three seasons alone, the Panthers have had 63 NCAA qualifiers and 37 All-Americans.

Panther Track and Field Athletes have had continued success at the USA Championships, World Championships, European Championships, Olympic Trials and Olympic Games.