

2006 UNI Football Preseason Prospectus



2005 I-AA National Championship Game Participant

2001, 2003, 2005 Gateway Conference Champions

2005 - 11-4 & Ranked No. 2 in the Nation

2004 - 7-4 & Ranked No. 25 in the Nation

2003 - 10-3 & Ranked No. 5 in the Nation

2001 - 11-3 & Ranked No. 4 in the Nation





2006 University of Northern Iowa Football



GENERAL FACTS

Name of School: University of Northern Iowa
 City, State, Zip Code: Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0314
 Founded: 1876
 Enrollment: 12,955
 Nickname: Panthers
 School Colors: Purple and Old Gold
 Stadium: UNI-Dome
 Capacity: 16,324
 Affiliation: NCAA I-AA
 Conference: Gateway Football (22nd Season)
 President: Dr. Benjamin Allen
 Athletics Director: Rick Hartzell
 NCAA Faculty Rep.: Anne Woodrick
 Athletic Dept. Phone: (319) 273-2470
 Ticket Office Phone: (319) 273-DOME
 UNI-Dome Press Box Phone: (319) 273-6311

HISTORY

First Year of Football: 1895
 All-time Record: 565-363-47
 I-AA Playoff Appearances: 12 (1985, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005)
 I-AA Semifinal Appearances: 6 (1985, 1987, 1992, 1996, 2001, 2005)
 I-AA Championship Game Appearances: 1 (2005)
 Last Postseason Appearance: 2005 (2nd)

ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mark Farley
 Alma Mater: UNI, 1986
 Record at UNI/years: 44-20/5 years
 Career record/years: Same
 Football office phone: (319) 273-5674
 Assistant Coaches: Bill Salmon (Assoc. Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/WRs), Rick Nelson (Offensive Line), Mario Verduzco (Quarterbacks), Atif Austin (Running Backs), Erik Chinander (Tight Ends), Jeremy Gold (Defensive Line), Brandon Hall (Linebackers), Chris Klieman (Defensive Backs), Craig Wederquist (Defensive Line), Antonio Mays (G.A.)

TEAM INFORMATION

Overall 2005 record: 11-4
 Off. Starters Returning: 6 Def. Starters Returning: 4
 Specialists Returning: 2
 Letterwinners returning/lost: 33/17
 Basic Offense/Defense: Multiple/4-3

KEY MEDIA OUTLETS

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Barrett Anderson	OG	6-3	313	Jr.	N/A
Cyrus Garrett	FB	6-1	246	Sr.	2 att., 2 yds., 6 rec., 23 yds.
Joe Lobdall	OT	6-6	277	Sr.	N/A
Tyler Rawlins	OG	6-3	301	Sr.	N/A
Chad Rinehart	OT	6-5	301	Jr.	N/A
Eric Sanders	QB	6-1	190	Jr.	213-312, 2,929 yds., 23 TD, 5 INT, 2 rush TD

DEFENSIVE STARTERS (RET.)	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	2005 Stats
Curtis Cooper	CB	5-10	191	Sr.	55 tackles (38 solos), 4 PBU, 1.0 TFL, 1 FF
Dre Dokes	CB	5-9	162	Sr.	68 tackles (52 solos), 7 PBU, 3 INT, 1.5 TFL
Chris Parsons	FS	6-1	183	Jr.	95 tackles (64 solos), 7 PBU, 3 FR, 2 INT
Everette Pedescleaux	DE	6-5	240	So.	9 tackles (5 solos), 0.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, 1 BK

SPECIAL TEAMERS RETURNING	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	2005 Stats
Adam Kos	P	6-0	204	Sr.	69 punts, 39.8 avg, 15 downed inside the 20
Brian Wingert	PK	6-1	183	Sr.	16-23 FG (50 long), 51-53 PAT, 99 pts. scored

OTHER KEY RETURNEES	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	2005 Stats
Curt Bradley	WR	5-8	160	Sr.	14 rec., 176 yds., 1 TD
Johnny Gray	WR	5-9	185	So.	1 rec., 15 yds., 22 PR, 11.7 avg., 1 TD
Ross Hannam	TE	6-3	232	Sr.	4 rec., 27 yds.
Eric Hoffman	C	6-4	284	Jr.	N/A
Mark Huygens	DE	6-6	267	So.	19 tackles (6 solos), 3 TFL, 3 sacks, 1 FR
Jordan Lacy	DE	6-3	244	Jr.	32 tackles (17 solos), 4.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 1 FF
Corey Lewis	RB	6-0	187	So.	52 att., 282 yds., 2 TD, 1 rec., 13 yds.
James Lindgren	WR	6-0	196	Sr.	27 rec., 336 yds., 1 TD
Matt Tharp	FS	6-1	208	Sr.	31 tackles (20 solos), 1 INT, 1 PBU, 1 FF, 1 FR

KEY LOSSES	2005 Stats
Jason Breeland, WR	24 rec., 274 yds., 24 att., 168 yds.
Brian Cutright, TE	23 rec., 328 yds., 3 TD
Terrance Freeney, RB	172 att., 656 yds., 9 TD, 13 rec., 144 rec. yds., 1 TD
Jamie Goodwin, WR	27 rec., 576 yds., 4 TD
Darin Heideman, LB	132 tackles (68 solos), 13 TFL, 3.5 sacks, 2 FR, 1 FF, 1 PBU
John Hermann, LB	83 tackles (46 solos), 20.5 TFL, 13 sacks, 9 PBU, 3 FR, 1 FF
David Horne, RB	241 att., 1,141 yds., 17 TD, 34 rec., 299 yds., 2 TD
Patrick Hunter, WR	35 rec., 652 yds., 5 TD
Charles Johnson, NT	53 tackles (28 solos), 7 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 1 PBU
Brett Koebecke, LB	115 tackles (56 solos), 7 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 2 INT, 2 PBU, 1 FR
Michael Matthes, DE	30 tackles (16 solos), 7.5 TFL, 3 sacks, 3 PBU
John Schabilion, C	N/A
Kevin Stensrud, NT	29 tackles (15 solos), 7 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 PBU
Justin Surrency, WR	47 rec., 663 yds., 7 TD
Tanner Varner, SS	102 tackles (69 solos), 13.5 TFL, 11 PBU, 4 sacks, 3 INT, 2 FR, 2 FF



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2006 UNI Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thurs., Aug. 31	at Drake (Casey's General Store Classic)	Des Moines, Iowa	7:08 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 9	North Dakota	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 16	South Dakota State (Family Day)	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 30	at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	Missouri State* (Homecoming)	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	at Indiana State*	Terre Haute, Ind.	3:35 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 21	at Youngstown State*	Youngstown, Ohio	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 28	Western Illinois*	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 4	Western Kentucky*	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 11	at Southern Illinois*	Carbondale, Ill.	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 18	Illinois State*	UNI-Dome	4:35 p.m.

* - indicates Gateway Conference Football Game

Home games in bold

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

2005 UNI Football Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conference Record	Time	Attend
09-01-05	DRAKE	W 52-17	1- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	3:02	10385
09-10-05	MINNESOTA DULUTH	W 49-14	2- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	2:45	8893
09-17-05	at Iowa	21-45 L	2- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:05	70585
* 10-01-05	at Western Illinois	W 41-24	3- 1- 0	1- 0- 0	3:20	14603
* 10-08-05	at Missouri State	21-24 L	3- 2- 0	1- 1- 0	3:05	10778
* 10-15-05	INDIANA STATE	W 31-10	4- 2- 0	2- 1- 0	3:10	12449
* 10-22-05	at Illinois State	3-38 L	4- 3- 0	2- 2- 0	2:43	12626
* 10-29-05	#11 YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W 21-7	5- 3- 0	3- 2- 0	3:00	11242
* 11-05-05	at #6 Western Kentucky	WO 23-20	6- 3- 0	4- 2- 0	3:37	12364
* 11-12-05	#4 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W 25-24	7- 3- 0	5- 2- 0	3:20	15536
11-19-05	NORTHERN ARIZONA	W 41-17	8- 3- 0	5- 2- 0	2:47	8142
^ 11-26-05	#15 EASTERN WASHINGTON	W 41-38	9- 3- 0	5- 2- 0	3:25	7746
^ 12-03-05	at #1 New Hampshire	W 24-21	10- 3- 0	5- 2- 0	3:20	8448
^ 12-09-05	at #4 Texas State	WO 40-37	11- 3- 0	5- 2- 0	3:25	15712
^ 12-16-05	vs #5 Appalachian State	16-21 L	11- 4- 0	5- 2- 0	3:25	20236

^ indicates NCAA I-AA Playoff Game

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2006 UNI Numerical Football Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Year	Hometown/HS/Previous School
1	Corey Lewis	6-0	187	RB	So.	St. Paul, Neb./St. Paul HS
3	Dre Dokes	5-9	162	CB	Sr.	Springfield, Mo./Kickapoo HS
4	Johnny Gray	5-9	185	WR	So.	Deerfield Beach, Fla./Deerfield Beach HS
8	Nick Nelson	5-11	193	QB	So.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls HS
9	Curtis Cooper	5-10	191	CB	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo./Blue Springs HS
10	Chris Parsons	6-1	183	FS	Jr.	Moore, Okla./Moore HS
12	Eric Sanders	6-1	190	QB	Jr.	Oelwein, Iowa/Oelwein HS
13	Patrick Grace	6-2	205	QB	R-Fr.	Sioux City, Iowa/Bishop Heelan HS
14	Luke Warren	6-3	186	P/WR	R-Fr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Northern University HS
15	D.P. Eyman	6-1	175	QB	R-Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa/Iowa City High HS
16	Nathan Rausa	5-8	175	PK	R-Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa/Columbus HS
19	Jake Holmes	5-10	165	WR	Sr.	La Porte City, Iowa/Union HS
21	Alphonso Key	6-0	178	CB	Sr.	Lawton, Okla./Eisenhower HS
22	Curt Bradley	5-8	160	WR	Sr.	Columbia, Mo./Rock Bridge HS
24	Terrell McMoore	6-1	172	FS	So.	Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn HS
25	Matt Tharp	6-1	208	FS	Sr.	Webster City, Iowa/Webster City HS
27	Nick Alvarez	5-8	162	CB	Jr.	Pompano Beach, Fla./Ely HS
28	Brad Cole	6-2	190	WR	R-Fr.	Kansas City, Mo./North Kansas City HS
29	Sean McMoore	6-1	166	CB	So.	Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn HS
30	Araf Evans-Sykes	5-9	205	OLB	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Jefferson HS
32	Derrick Law	6-1	215	RB	R-Fr.	Newton, Iowa/Newton HS
34	Josh Firstley	5-11	230	FB	Sr.	New Orleans, La./Centennial Alph HS/Ellsworth CC
35	Ryan Manahl	5-10	196	FS	Sr.	Hudson, Iowa/Hudson HS
36	Derrick Shinn	6-1	197	WR	R-Fr.	Reinbeck, Iowa/Gladbrook-Reinbeck HS/Iowa State Univ.
37	Clifford Waters	6-0	191	SS	Jr.	Kirkwood, Mo./Kirkwood HS
38	Jash Mahoney	6-1	220	FB	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./O'Gorman HS
39	Brannon Carter	6-3	219	OLB	Jr.	St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell North HS
40	Brandon Keith	6-6	310	OL	Jr.	McAlester, Okla./NE Okla. A&M JC/Univ. of Oklahoma
42	Grant Zielinski	6-1	218	FB	Sr.	Franklin, Wis./Franklin HS
44	James Ruffin	6-4	235	DL	R-Fr.	Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville HS
45	Adam Kos	6-0	204	P	Sr.	Kalona, Iowa/Mid-Prairie HS
47	Matt Garvin	6-1	218	FB	Jr.	Walcott, Iowa/Davenport Assumption HS
48	Cyrus Garrett	6-1	246	LB	Sr.	Bolingbrook, Ill./Romeoville HS/Univ. of Illinois
49	Brian Wingert	6-1	183	PK	Sr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls HS
50	Nick Davis	5-10	207	OLB	Sr.	Eldon, Iowa/Cardinal of Eldon HS
51	Justin Kirk	6-3	228	ILB	So.	Bixby, Okla./Bixby HS
52	Josh Briggs	6-3	238	ILB	Jr.	Waukee, Iowa/Waukee HS
53	Nate Lane	6-3	237	LB	R-Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa/West HS
55	Andrew Williams	6-2	224	LB	Sr.	Kirkwood, Mo./Kirkwood HS
56	Dave Schratz	6-0	229	OLB	Sr.	Garfield, N.J./Garfield HS/Iowa Central CC
57	Matt Mackey	6-2	255	DE	Sr.	Swisher, Iowa/Cedar Rapids Prairie HS/Iowa Central CC
58	Osayi Ehigiamusoe	6-1	221	LB	R-Fr.	Concordville, Pa./Glen Mills HS
60	Jordan Limbaugh	6-3	275	OL	R-Fr.	Algona, Iowa/Algona HS
62	Eric Hoffman	6-4	284	C	Jr.	St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud Tech HS
64	Codie Fetters	6-4	250	OL	R-Fr.	Eldora, Iowa/Eldora-New Providence
67	Adam Falk	6-3	290	G	Jr.	Lodi, Wis./Lodi HS
68	Levi Whitmire	6-5	258	OL	So.	Parkersburg, Iowa/Aplington-Parkersburg HS
69	Barrett Anderson	6-3	313	G	Jr.	Rochester, Minn./Mayo HS
70	Joe Lobdell	6-6	277	T	Sr.	Lena, Ill./Lena-Winslow HS
71	Bob Swift	6-6	306	T	So.	Manchester, Iowa/West Delaware HS
72	Matt Adams	6-2	272	OL	R-Fr.	Breda, Iowa/Carroll-Kuemper HS
73	Brett Bergman	6-3	325	OL	R-Fr.	Union, Iowa/BCLW HS/Iowa State Univ.



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74	Austin Steichen	6-3	295	OL	R-Fr.	Remsen, Iowa/Saint Mary's HS
75	Kyle Newlin	6-5	283	T	Sr.	Armstrong, Iowa/Armstrong-Ringsted HS
77	Chad Rinehart	6-5	310	T	Jr.	Boone, Iowa/Boone HS
78	Tyler Rawlins	6-3	301	G	Sr.	Newton, Iowa/Newton HS
79	Jason Fiacco	6-2	305	OL	R-Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis./Arrowhead HS/Iowa State Univ.
80	Austin Howard	6-6	260	TE	R-Fr.	Davenport, Iowa/Central HS
81	Sam Peterson	6-5	240	TE	R-Fr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls HS
82	Joel Gilson	6-5	235	TE	R-Fr.	Urbandale, Iowa/Urbandale HS
83	James Lindgren	6-0	196	WR	Sr.	Odebolt, Iowa/Odebolt-Arthur HS
84	Ross Hannam	6-3	232	TE	Sr.	St. Ansgar, Iowa/St. Ansgar HS
86	Brian Fertig	6-4	245	DL	So.	Odebolt, Iowa/Odebolt-Arthur HS
89	Tyler Reagan	5-9	170	WR	So.	Urbandale, Iowa/Dallas Center-Grimes HS
90	Nathan Herrig	6-4	245	DL	R-Fr.	Clinton, Iowa/Clinton HS
91	David Bohnstengel	6-5	230	DE	So.	Hudson, Iowa/Gladbrook-Reinbeck HS
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94	Nick Pauly	6-3	258	DE	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier HS
95	Everette Pedescleaux	6-5	240	DE	So.	Plymouth, Minn./Armstrong HS/Univ. of Minnesota
96	Mark Huygens	6-6	267	DE	So.	Sergeant Bluff, Iowa/Sergeant Bluff HS
98	Charles Kinney	6-3	255	DL	R-Fr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa/Lincoln HS
99	Jordan Lacy	6-3	244	DE	Jr.	Jefferson City, Mo./Jefferson City HS
	Matt Asman	6-2	200	P/PK	R-Fr.	Estherville, Iowa/Estherville Lincoln Central HS
	Kris Dietrich	5-11	185	WR	R-Fr.	Muscatine, Iowa/Muscatine HS
	Tim Downing	5-7	210	FB	So.	Iowa City, Iowa
	Jake Enderton	6-0	240	LB	So.	Graettinger, Iowa/Graettinger HS
	Tony Fischer	6-5	255	TE	So.	Rockford, Iowa/Rockford HS/NIACC
	Shane Hammen	6-0	190	WR	R-Fr.	Fonda, Iowa/Newell-Fonda HS
	Travis Hansen	5-11	190	DB	R-Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa
	J.P. Helgens	6-2	225	TE	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier HS/Hawkeye CC
	Darren Hudak	6-4	195	WR	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier HS/Kirkwood CC
	Drew Kreman	5-11	190	DB	R-Fr.	Tipton, Iowa/Tipton HS
	Deric Mickens	5-11	200	DB	R-Fr.	Marion, Iowa/Linn-Mar HS
	Freddrick Moore	6-1	190	WR	So.	Denver, Colo.
	Dustin Morrow	6-2	225	LB	So.	Deep River, Iowa/Muscatine HS
	Devin Rohner	6-4	225	TE	R-Fr.	Westfield, Wis./Pioneer Westfield HS
	Ben Schmidt	5-11	185	DB	R-Fr.	Thornburg, Iowa/Tri-County HS
	Travis Steffen	6-1	210	LB	R-Fr.	Muscatine, Iowa/Muscatine HS



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70	Joe Lobdell	6-6	277	T	Sr.	Lena, Ill./Lena-Winslow HS
57	Matt Mackey	6-2	255	DE	Sr.	Swisher, Iowa/Cedar Rapids Prairie HS/Iowa Central CC
38	Jash Mahoney	6-1	220	FB	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./O'Gorman HS
35	Ryan Manahl	5-10	196	FS	Sr.	Hudson, Iowa/Hudson HS
29	Sean McMoore	6-1	166	CB	So.	Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn HS
24	Terrell McMoore	6-1	172	FS	So.	Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn HS
	Deric Mickens	5-11	200	DB	R-Fr.	Marion, Iowa/Linn-Mar HS
	Freddrick Moore	6-1	190	WR	So.	Denver, Colo.
	Dustin Morrow	6-2	225	LB	So.	Deep River, Iowa/Montezuma HS
8	Nick Nelson	5-11	193	QB	So.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls HS
75	Kyle Newlin	6-5	283	T	Sr.	Armstrong, Iowa/Armstrong-Ringsted HS
10	Chris Parsons	6-1	183	FS	Jr.	Moore, Okla./Moore HS
94	Nick Pauly	6-3	258	DE	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier HS
95	Everette Pedescleaux	6-5	240	DE	So.	Plymouth, Minn./Armstrong HS/Univ. of Minnesota
81	Sam Peterson	6-5	240	TE	R-Fr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls HS
16	Nathan Rausa	5-8	175	PK	R-Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa/Columbus HS
78	Tyler Rawlins	6-3	301	G	Sr.	Newton, Iowa/Newton HS
89	Tyler Reagan	5-9	170	WR	So.	Urbandale, Iowa/Dallas Center-Grimes HS
77	Chad Rinehart	6-5	310	T	Jr.	Boone, Iowa/Boone HS
	Devin Rohner	6-4	225	TE	R-Fr.	Westfield, Wis./Pioneer Westfield HS
44	James Ruffin	6-4	235	DL	R-Fr.	Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville HS
12	Eric Sanders	6-1	190	QB	Jr.	Oelwein, Iowa/Oelwein HS
	Ben Schmidt	5-11	185	DB	R-Fr.	Thornburg, Iowa/Tri-County HS
56	Dave Schratz	6-0	229	OLB	Sr.	Garfield, N.J./Garfield HS/Iowa Central CC
36	Derrick Shinn	6-1	197	WR	R-Fr.	Reinbeck, Iowa/Gladbrook-Reinbeck HS/Iowa State Univ.
	Travis Steffen	6-1	210	LB	R-Fr.	Muscatine, Iowa/Muscatine HS
74	Austin Steichen	6-3	295	OL	R-Fr.	Remsen, Iowa/Saint Mary's HS
71	Bob Swift	6-6	306	T	So.	Manchester, Iowa/West Delaware HS
25	Matt Tharp	6-1	208	FS	Sr.	Webster City, Iowa/Webster City HS
14	Luke Warren	6-3	186	P/WR	R-Fr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Northern University HS
37	Clifford Waters	6-0	191	SS	Jr.	Kirkwood, Mo./Kirkwood HS
68	Levi Whitmire	6-5	258	OL	So.	Parkersburg, Iowa/Aplington-Parkersburg HS
55	Andrew Williams	6-2	224	LB	Sr.	Kirkwood, Mo./Kirkwood HS
49	Brian Wingert	6-1	183	PK	Sr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls HS
42	Grant Zielinski	6-1	218	FB	Sr.	Franklin, Wis./Franklin HS



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OFFENSE

Wide Receiver

- 4 Johnny Gray (5-9, 185, So., Deerfield Beach, Fla.)
- 88 Everett Roberts (6-2, 187, Jr., Waterloo, Iowa)

Tight End

- 84 Ross Hannam (6-3, 232, Sr., St. Ansgar, Iowa)
- 80 Austin Howard (6-6, 260, R-Fr., Davenport, Iowa) OR
- 81 Sam Peterson (6-5, 240, R-Fr., Cedar Falls, Iowa)

Left Tackle

- 77 Chad Rinehart (6-5, 310, Jr., Boone, Iowa)
- 67 Adam Falk (6-3, 290, Jr., Lodi, Wis.)

Left Guard

- 78 Tyler Rawlins (6-3, 301, Sr., Newton, Iowa)
- 74 Austin Steichen (6-3, 295, R-Fr., Remsen, Iowa)

Center

- 62 Eric Hoffman (6-4, 284, Jr., St. Cloud, Minn.)
- 64 Codie Fetters (6-4, 250, R-Fr., Eldora, Iowa)

Right Guard

- 69 Barrett Anderson (6-3, 313, Jr., Rochester, Minn.)
- 71 Bob Swift (6-6, 306, So., Manchester, Iowa)

Right Tackle

- 70 Joe Lobdell (6-6, 277, Sr., Lena, Ill.)
- 68 Levi Whitmire (6-5, 258, R-Fr., Parkersburg, Iowa)

Wide Receiver

- 83 James Lindgren (6-0, 196, Sr., Odebolt, Iowa)
- 19 Jake Holmes (5-10, 165, Sr., LaPorte City, Iowa)

Quarterback

- 12 Eric Sanders (6-1, 190, Jr., Oelwein, Iowa)
- 8 Nick Nelson (5-11, 193, So., Cedar Falls, Iowa)

Fullback

- 47 Matt Garvin (6-1, 218, Jr., Walcott, Iowa)
- 42 Grant Zielinski (6-1, 218, Sr., Franklin, Wis.)

Running Back

- 1 Corey Lewis (6-0, 187, So., St. Paul, Minn.)
- 32 Derrick Law (6-1, 215, R-Fr., Newton, Iowa)

Place Kicker

- 49 Brian Wingert (6-1, 183, Sr., Cedar Falls, Iowa)
- 16 Nathan Rausa (5-8, 175, R-Fr., Waterloo, Iowa)

Punter

- 45 Adam Kos (6-0, 204, Sr., Kalona, Iowa)
- Matt Asman

Holder

- 45 Adam Kos (6-0, 204, Sr., Kalona, Iowa)
- 8 Nick Nelson (5-11, 193, So., Cedar Falls, Iowa)

DEFENSE

Defensive End

- 99 Jordan Lacy (6-3, 244, Jr., Jefferson City, Mo.)
- 53 Nate Lane (6-3, 237, R-Fr., Waterloo, Iowa)

Defensive Tackle

- 98 Charles Kinney (6-3, 255, R-Fr., Council Bluffs, Iowa)
- 57 Matt Mackey (6-2, 255, Sr., Swisher, Iowa)

Defensive Tackle

- 93 Wes Lane (6-4, 255, R-Fr., Waterloo, Iowa)
- 90 Nathan Herrig (6-4, 245, R-Fr., Clinton, Iowa)

Defensive End

- 96 Mark Huygens (6-6, 267, So., Sergeant Bluff, Iowa)
- 44 James Ruffin (6-4, 235, R-Fr., Burnsville, Minn.)

Outside Linebacker

- 48 Cyrus Garrett (6-1, 246, Sr., Bolingbrook, Ill.)
- 39 Brannon Carter (6-3, 219, Jr., St. Charles, Mo.)

Inside Linebacker

- 51 Justin Kirk (6-3, 228, So., Bixby, Okla.)
- 55 Andrew Williams (6-2, 224, Sr., Kirkwood, Mo.)

Outside Linebacker

- 56 Dave Schratz (6-0, 229, Sr., Garfield, N.J.)
- 50 Nick Davis (5-10, 207, Sr., Eldon, Iowa)

Cornerback

- 3 Dre Dokes (5-9, 162, Sr., Springfield, Mo.)
- 27 Nick Alvarez (5-8, 162, Jr., Pompano Beach, Fla.)

Strong Safety

- 10 Chris Parsons (6-1, 183, Jr., Moore, Okla.)
- 37 Clifford Waters (6-0, 191, Jr., Kirkwood, Mo.)

Free Safety

- 25 Matt Tharp (6-1, 208, Sr., Webster City, Iowa)
- 35 Ryan Manahl (5-10, 196, Sr., Hudson, Iowa)

Cornerback

- 9 Curtis Cooper (5-10, 191, Sr., Kansas City, Mo.)
- 21 Alphonso Key (6-0, 178, Sr., Lawton, Okla.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Long Snapper

- 42 Grant Zielinski (6-1, 218, Sr., Franklin, Wis.)
- 83 James Lindgren (6-0, 196, Sr., Odebolt, Iowa)

Punt Returner

- 3 Dre Dokes (5-9, 162, Sr., Springfield, Mo.)
- 4 Johnny Gray (5-9, 185, So., Deerfield Beach, Fla.)

Kick Returner

- 3 Dre Dokes (5-9, 162, Sr., Springfield, Mo.)
- 4 Johnny Gray (5-9, 185, So., Deerfield Beach, Fla.)

UNI Overall Team Statistics (as of Jan 20, 2006)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS	UNI	OPP

SCORING.....	449	357
Points Per Game.....	29.9	23.8
FIRST DOWNS.....	298	312
Rushing.....	129	121
Passing.....	149	172
Penalty.....	20	19
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	2456	1907
Yards gained rushing.....	2971	2434
Yards lost rushing.....	515	527
Rushing Attempts.....	641	568
Average Per Rush.....	3.8	3.4
Average Per Game.....	163.7	127.1
TDs Rushing.....	32	15
PASSING YARDAGE.....	3552	3725
Att-Comp-Int.....	383-259-8	507-312-12
Average Per Pass.....	9.3	7.3
Average Per Catch.....	13.7	11.9
Average Per Game.....	236.8	248.3
TDs Passing.....	25	28
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	6008	5632
Total Plays.....	1024	1075
Average Per Play.....	5.9	5.2
Average Per Game.....	400.5	375.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	51-1018	36-805
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	36-307	28-275
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	12-131	8-45
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	20.0	22.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	8.5	9.8
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	10.9	5.6
FUMBLES-LOST.....	21-14	28-15
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	81-690	84-722
Average Per Game.....	46.0	48.1
PUNTS-YARDS.....	71-2763	79-3108
Average Per Punt.....	38.9	39.3
Net punt average.....	35.0	35.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	30:12	29:48
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	98/220	101/226
3rd-Down Pct.....	45%	45%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	13/21	4/20
4th-Down Pct.....	62%	20%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	42-316	38-265
MISC YARDS.....	23	80
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	58	46
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	16-23	12-16
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	51-53	43-44
ATTENDANCE.....	74393	145116
Games/Avg Per Game.....	7/10628	7/20731
Neutral Site Games.....		1/20236

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total

UNI.....	97	164	66	106	16	- 449
Opponents.....	51	152	78	66	10	- 357

UNI Overall Individual Statistics (as of Jan 20, 2006)
All games

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Horne, David	15	241	1211	70	1141	4.7	17	58	76.1
Freeney, T.	15	172	708	52	656	3.8	9	33	43.7
Lewis, Corey	15	52	292	10	282	5.4	2	35	18.8
Breeland, Jason	15	24	203	35	168	7.0	0	42	11.2
Sanders, Eric	13	88	316	237	79	0.9	2	68	6.1
Hill, Dexter	5	35	142	64	78	2.2	1	24	15.6
Lindgren, James	15	2	26	0	26	13.0	1	20	1.7
Shields, David	3	11	35	17	18	1.6	0	12	6.0
Goodwin, Jamie	15	1	9	0	9	9.0	0	9	0.6
Gray, Johnny	11	3	9	0	9	3.0	0	6	0.8
Nelson, Nick	15	5	17	10	7	1.4	0	15	0.5
Garrett, Cyrus	13	2	3	1	2	1.0	0	3	0.2
Garvin, Matt	8	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	10	4	0	19	-19	-4.8	0	0	-1.9
Total.....	15	641	2971	515	2456	3.8	32	68	163.7
Opponents.....	15	568	2434	527	1907	3.4	15	39	127.1

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Sanders, Eric	13	168.25	312-213-5	68.3	2929	23	69	225.3
Hill, Dexter	5	136.61	64-42-3	65.6	573	1	65	114.6
Nelson, Nick	15	164.29	7-4-0	57.1	50	1	15	3.3
Total.....	15	162.89	383-259-8	67.6	3552	25	69	236.8
Opponents.....	15	136.75	507-312-12	61.5	3725	28	71	248.3

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Surrency, J.	15	47	663	14.1	7	41	44.2
Hunter, Patrick	15	35	652	18.6	5	69	43.5
Horne, David	15	34	299	8.8	2	52	19.9
Goodwin, Jamie	15	27	576	21.3	4	50	38.4
Lindgren, James	15	27	336	12.4	1	54	22.4
Breeland, Jason	15	24	274	11.4	0	32	18.3
Cutright, Brian	15	23	328	14.3	3	42	21.9
Bradley, Curt	15	14	176	12.6	1	36	11.7
Freeney, T.	15	13	144	11.1	1	65	9.6
Garrett, Cyrus	13	6	23	3.8	0	7	1.8
Hannam, Ross	15	4	27	6.8	0	18	1.8
Garvin, Matt	8	3	26	8.7	1	15	3.2
Gray, Johnny	11	1	15	15.0	0	15	1.4
Lewis, Corey	15	1	13	13.0	0	13	0.9
Total.....	15	259	3552	13.7	25	69	236.8
Opponents.....	15	312	3725	11.9	28	71	248.3

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Gray, Johnny	22	257	11.7	1	70
Dokes, Dre	6	16	2.7	0	9
Surrency, J.	5	6	1.2	0	11
Hunter, Patrick	3	28	9.3	0	24
Total.....	36	307	8.5	1	70
Opponents.....	28	275	9.8	0	46

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Varner, Tanner	3	95	31.7	0	53
Dokes, Dre	3	5	1.7	0	5
Koebcke, Brett	2	7	3.5	0	4
Parsons, Chris	2	24	12.0	0	14
Carter, Brannon	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tharp, Matt	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	12	131	10.9	0	53
Opponents.....	8	45	5.6	1	18

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Goodwin, Jamie	30	661	22.0	0	78
Gray, Johnny	5	112	22.4	0	35
Dokes, Dre	5	97	19.4	0	28
Hannam, Ross	4	30	7.5	0	11
Hunter, Patrick	2	29	14.5	0	16
Lindgren, James	2	32	16.0	0	17
Stotser, B.J.	1	20	20.0	0	20
Reagan, Tyler	1	17	17.0	0	17
Manahl, Ryan	1	20	20.0	0	20
Total.....	51	1018	20.0	0	78
Opponents.....	36	805	22.4	0	50

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Varner, Tanner	2	23	11.5	0	22
Total.....	2	23	11.5	0	22
Opponents.....	2	80	40.0	2	65

SCORING	TD	FGs	|----- PATs -----|							Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf		
Horne, David	19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	114	
Wingert, Brian	0	16-23	51-53	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	99	
Freeney, T.	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	60	
Surrency, J.	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	44	
Hunter, Patrick	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30	
Goodwin, Jamie	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24	
Cutright, Brian	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	
Lewis, Corey	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Lindgren, James	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Sanders, Eric	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1-3	0	0	12	
Bradley, Curt	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Gray, Johnny	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Garvin, Matt	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Hill, Dexter	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Total.....	58	16-23	51-53	0-1	1	1-3	0	0	449	
Opponents.....	46	12-16	43-44	0-0	1	1-2	0	0	357	

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Sanders, Eric	13	400	79	2929	3008	231.4
Horne, David	15	241	1141	0	1141	76.1
Freeney, T.	15	172	656	0	656	43.7
Hill, Dexter	5	99	78	573	651	130.2
Lewis, Corey	15	52	282	0	282	18.8
Breeland, Jason	15	24	168	0	168	11.2
Nelson, Nick	15	12	7	50	57	3.8
Lindgren, James	15	2	26	0	26	1.7
Shields, David	3	11	18	0	18	6.0
Goodwin, Jamie	15	1	9	0	9	0.6
Gray, Johnny	11	3	9	0	9	0.8
Garrett, Cyrus	13	2	2	0	2	0.2
TEAM	10	4	-19	0	-19	-1.9
Total.....	15	1024	2456	3552	6008	400.5
Opponents.....	15	1075	1907	3725	5632	375.5

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Wingert, Brian	16-23	69.6	0-0	8-9	4-7	3-5	1-2	50	0

FG SEQUENCE	UNI	OPPONENTS
Drake	(21)	(26)
Minnesota Duluth	-	-
Iowa	37	(23)
Western Illinois	-	(47)
Missouri State	-	(42)
Indiana State	(25)	(16)
Illinois State	(32),46	26,(21)
Youngstown State	52	-
Western Kentucky	28,34,(24)	(52),32,(33)
Southern Illinois	42,(46),(21)	(36)
Northern Arizona	35,(20),(40)	(24)
Eastern Washington	(37),(31)	51,(42)
New Hampshire	(22)	43
Texas State	(41),(25)	(29)
Appalachian State	(50),(26),(31)	-

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Kos, Adam	69	2749	39.8	63	9	14	15	1
TEAM	2	14	7.0	24	0	0	0	1
Total.....	71	2763	38.9	63	9	14	15	2
Opponents.....	79	3108	39.3	62	4	13	24	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Wingert, Brian	85	5335	62.8	49	0			
Total.....	85	5335	62.8	49	0	1785	41.8	23
Opponents.....	71	4059	57.2	17	1	1358	38.0	26

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G

Horne, David	15	1141	299	0	0	0	1440	96.0
Goodwin, Jamie	15	9	576	0	661	0	1246	83.1
Freeney, T.	15	656	144	0	0	0	800	53.3
Hunter, Patrick	15	0	652	28	29	0	709	47.3
Surrency, J.	15	0	663	6	0	0	669	44.6
Breeland, Jason	15	168	274	0	0	0	442	29.5
Lindgren, James	15	26	336	0	32	0	394	26.3
Gray, Johnny	11	9	15	257	112	0	393	35.7
Cutright, Brian	15	0	328	0	0	0	328	21.9
Lewis, Corey	15	282	13	0	0	0	295	19.7
Bradley, Curt	15	0	176	0	0	0	176	11.7
Dokes, Dre	15	0	0	16	97	5	118	7.9
Varner, Tanner	14	0	0	0	0	95	95	6.8
Sanders, Eric	13	79	0	0	0	0	79	6.1
Hill, Dexter	5	78	0	0	0	0	78	15.6
Hannam, Ross	15	0	27	0	30	0	57	3.8
Garvin, Matt	8	0	26	0	0	0	26	3.2
Garrett, Cyrus	13	2	23	0	0	0	25	1.9
Parsons, Chris	15	0	0	0	0	24	24	1.6
Manahl, Ryan	15	0	0	0	20	0	20	1.3
Stotser, B.J.	9	0	0	0	20	0	20	2.2
Shields, David	3	18	0	0	0	0	18	6.0
Reagan, Tyler	3	0	0	0	17	0	17	5.7
Koebcke, Brett	15	0	0	0	0	7	7	0.5
Nelson, Nick	15	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.5
TEAM	10	-19	0	0	0	0	-19	-1.9
Total.....	15	2456	3552	307	1018	131	7464	497.6
Opponents.....	15	1907	3725	275	805	45	6757	450.5

UNI Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Jan 20, 2006)
All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	|-----Tackles-----|					|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf	
41 Heideman, Darin	15	64	68	98.0	13.0-43	3.5-22	.	1	.	2-0	1	.	.	
20 Varner, Tanner	14	69	33	85.5	13.5-66	4.0-36	3-95	11	1	2-23	2	.	.	
46 Koebecke, Brett	15	56	59	85.5	7.0-42	4.5-37	2-7	2	.	1-0	.	.	.	
10 Parsons, Chris	15	64	31	79.5	2.0-10	1.0-6	2-24	7	.	3-0	2	1	.	
54 Hermann, John	15	46	37	64.5	20.5-119	13.0-103	.	9	.	3-0	1	.	.	
3 Dokes, Dre	15	52	16	60.0	1.5-2	.	3-5	7	.	.	1	.	.	
9 Cooper, Curtis	15	38	17	46.5	1.0-1	.	.	4	.	.	1	.	.	
97 Johnson, C.	15	28	25	40.5	7.0-20	2.5-9	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
56 Schratz, Dave	15	24	19	33.5	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 Tharp, Matt	15	20	11	25.5	.	.	1-0	1	.	1-0	1	.	.	
99 Lacy, Jordan	14	17	15	24.5	4.5-23	2.5-18	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	
90 Matthes, M.	15	16	14	23.0	7.5-34	3.0-24	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
92 Stensrud, Kevin	14	15	14	22.0	7.0-25	2.0-16	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
37 Waters, C.	15	18	5	20.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Key, Alphonso	12	12	6	15.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39 Carter, Brannon	9	11	3	12.5	2.5-16	0.5-7	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
96 Huygens, Mark	13	6	13	12.5	3.0-27	3.0-27	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
83 Lindgren, James	15	8	2	9.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Garrett, Cyrus	13	7	3	8.5	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 Manahl, Ryan	15	6	4	8.0	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Pedescleaux, E.	11	5	4	7.0	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
8 Nelson, Nick	15	5	2	6.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 McMoore, Sean	2	6	.	6.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Lewis, Corey	15	5	2	6.0	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
55 Williams, A.	3	5	1	5.5	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Evans-Sykes, A.	8	5	.	5.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94 Pauly, Nick	4	4	1	4.5	1.0-4	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Kos, Adam	15	3	2	4.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 McMoore, T.	2	3	2	4.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 Wingert, Brian	15	2	.	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Hunter, Patrick	15	2	.	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Stotser, B.J.	9	1	2	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 Cutright, Brian	15	1	1	1.5	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
57 Mackey, Matt	2	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
72 Adams, Matt	1	1	.	1.0	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Alvarez, Nick	2	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Bradley, Curt	15	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 Gray, Johnny	11	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	10	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Goodwin, Jamie	15	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51 Kirk, Justin	15	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Holmes, Jake	1	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	15	630	415	837.5	97-447	42-316	12-131	49	1	15-23	10	2	.	
Opponents.....	15	644	408	848.0	108-449	38-265	8-45	29	4	14-80	5	2	.	

2005 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Drake	7	3	0	7	17	
UNI	14	28	3	7	52	Attend. 10,385

UNI's 52-point explosion against Drake was headlined by sophomore field general Eric Sanders. He threw for a career-high 289 yards and three TDs while completing 14-of-17 passes in the 52-17 win. A shaky start from the Panther defense left UNI in a 7-0 hole early in the first quarter but it came back to orchestrate a 10-play, 74-yard march to pay dirt, capped off by a one-yard TD dive by Nebraska transfer, senior tailback David Horne. Horne accounted for 34 yards of the drive, including a 23-yard scamper to the Drake two yard line. UNI took a lead it would not relinquish with a 34-yard pass from Sanders to senior Justin Surrency. Briant Wingert's first of seven PATs made it 14-7 in favor of UNI after the first quarter.

Drake chipped at the Panther lead with a 26-yard field goal to make it 14-10 with less than two minutes gone in the second period. Sanders and Patrick Hunter crushed the Bulldog momentum with a 45-yard hookup that led to a 20-yard James Lindgren TD and a 21-10 Panther lead."

UNI gained 528 yards total, including 359 in the first half, and 316 through the air, the most yards gained since compiling 549 yards in the second game last season against Division II Minnesota State. Drake gained 252 yards, including just 99 on the ground.

Horne led UNI in receiving with three catches for 68 yards while adding 44 ground yards on nine carries. Redshirt freshman Corey Lewis led the Panthers in rushing with 10 carries for 51 yards, while senior Walter Payton Award nominee Terrance Freeney, nursing a sore knee, rushed nine times for 36 yards. Surrency caught three passes for 64 yards and senior Akron transfer Jamie Goodwin gained 53 yards on three catches, including a 36-yard TD catch. Wingert added a 21-yard field goal to his seven PATs. Senior outside linebacker John Hermann led the Panthers' defensive attack with 7.5 tackles, including four solos, along with 1.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

MN Duluth	0	7	0	7	14	
UNI	7	28	14	0	49	Attend. 8,893

The Panther offense delivered another flurry of points with quarterback Eric Sanders leading the way in a 49-14 drumming of the Bulldogs. The sophomore completed 12-of-14 attempts for a career-high 311 yards and three TDs.

An 11-minute stalemate opened the contest with neither team budging or taking advantage. The Panthers broke the trend with a one-yard Terrance Freeney TD run as the first quarter came to a close. UNI opened the second quarter with a 41-yard TD strike from Sanders to Brian Cutright to top off a five-play, 63-yard sprint to pay dirt. Sanders found Patrick Hunter with a 57-yard TD connection just five minutes later, putting the score at 21-0 with over nine minutes remaining in the half.

The Bulldogs found the end zone with just over four minutes remaining to bring the score to 21-7, but Sanders found Justin Surrency for a 26-yard TD toss to put the Panther advantage back at 21 points. Freeney ended the first half with his second one-yard TD lunge, putting the score at 35-7.

The running game took center stage in the second half, with UNI eating up over 100 yards to help kill the clock. David Horne scampered 33 yards for the sixth UNI TD, giving the Panthers a 42-17 lead early in the third quarter. Freshman Corey Lewis topped off a 13-play, 56-yard drive with a one-yard TD run with under a minute to go in the third.

UMD scored with just five seconds remaining in the game for the final score. Besides his two fumble recoveries, Parsons had three solo tackles, one forced fumble and one deflection, while senior linebacker Darin Heideman also had one fumble recovery to go along with nine tackles, including two tackles for loss and one sack.

Horne led the rushing attack with 57 yards on four carries and he also caught a 24-yard pass. Freaney and Lewis each carried 11 times for 33 and 43 yards, respectively. As a team, UNI gained 189 yards on the ground on 42 attempts. Clifford Waters led the defense with 7.5 tackles.

As a team, the Panthers gained over 500 yards for the second week in a row, this time around for 523 yards, including 334 through the air. It allowed just 274 yards, including only 62 rushing yards.

UNI	0	7	0	14	21	
Iowa	14	17	7	7	45	Attend. 70,585

The Panthers didn't take any guff from their big brothers down Interstate 380. UNI gained a total of 368 yards against its Big Ten opponent, including 263 yards passing and 105 yards rushing. Sophomore quarterback Eric Sanders in his first

game against a 1-A foe completed 19-of-29 passes with just his first interception of the year, a throw that went off the fingertips of wideout Curt Bradley directly into the hands of Iowa's Jovon Johnson. Johnson returned it 18 yards for the Hawkeyes' third TD with 11:51 left in the half. A little over three minutes later, however, the Panthers got on the scoreboard when Sanders threw his first of three TDs on the afternoon, a 12-yarder to senior tight end Brian Cutright. Cutright tied with senior Patrick Hunter with four catches on the day, with Cutright compiling 61 yards and Hunter 60.

Iowa increased its lead to 31-7 at the half after senior tailback David Horne fumbled on the UNI 35. Iowa scored just

42 seconds later on an 11-yard pass play. UI built the lead to 38-7 at the end of three quarters. But the Panthers weren't about

to roll over and play dead. Sanders threw a four-yard scoring toss to senior Justin Surrency with 12:44 left in the game and added a 22-yard pass to Horne with 1:55 left to make it 38-21 in favor of the Hawks. Iowa added on a 39-yard run with just 30 seconds left in the game to make the final margin 45-21.

Sanders also was the team's leading rusher, the first time a quarterback has led the Panthers in rushing in memory, with 11 runs for 49 yards. Horne carried the ball 10 times for just 38 yards and Walter Payton Award candidate Terrance Freaney gained just 21 yards on 15 carries.

Junior Brian Wingert was successful on all three PAT attempts but missed his first field goal of the year on just his second attempt of the season -- a 37-yarder that went wide left with 9:25 left in the first quarter. Senior strong safety Tanner Varner, returning to action after missing the previous game due to injury, had a team-high nine tackles, including five solos and one sack along with one forced fumble.

Iowa gained 496 yards total, including 265 passing by Drew Tate who completed 15-of-18 passes with no interceptions for 247 yards and two TDs. Albert Young rushed 13 times for 97 yards and two scores, while Ed Hinkel caught five passes for 42 yards and Clinton Solomon four for 114 yards and two TDs.

UNI	7	20	7	7	41	
Western Illinois	0	14	10	0	24	Attend. 14,603

UNI sophomore quarterback Eric Sanders led the Panthers to a 41-24 victory over Western Illinois in the Gateway Football Conference opener for both teams. He led the team in rushing for the second consecutive game when he gained a career-high 68 yards on nine carries. His 68-yard TD run, aided by a key block by senior wide receiver Justin Surrency and junior wide out Curt Bradley, was another career best and gave UNI a 34-17 lead with 10:16 left in the third quarter. He also completed 18-of-26 passes with no interceptions for 244 yards and TDs of 38 yards to Patrick Hunter and 36 yards to Jamie Goodwin.

UNI got the ball rolling with Hunter's 38-yard TD reception with 5:27 left in the first quarter. He ended up leading the squad with five catches for 63 yard. The Leathernecks tied the score with 13:21 left in the half on a nine-yard pass play. UNI then scored 20 unanswered points. Goodwin's 36-yard TD catch came at the

10:49 mark. Terrance Freeney scored his first of two rushing TDs when he put UNI up 21-7 from 12 yards out with 7:09 left in the second period. The score came just 58 seconds after sophomore free safety Chris Parsons pounced on the first of his two WIU fumble recoveries on UNI's 43 yard line. Jason Breeland's 42-yard run moved the ball to the Leatherneck 15 and two plays later, Freeney scored. David Horne added a five-yard TD run with 23 seconds left and Brian Winget's first PAT miss of the season left the Panthers with a 27-7 lead. However, the half ended with UNI up just 27-14 after WIU scored on a 40-yard pass with just six seconds remaining on the clock.

WIU pulled to within 10 points twice in the second half. It kicked a 47-yard field goal with 11:50 left in the third period to close the margin to 27-17, but less than two minutes later Sanders scored on his 68-yard run. With 1:47 left in the third, WIU pulled back on a 66-yard TD pass to make it 34-24 in favor of UNI.

Freeney's four-yard TD with 12:42 left in the game ended all scoring. He ended with 78 yards and the two TDs on 19 carries, a season high. Junior Curtis Cooper recorded a game-high 11 tackles, including 10 solos and one tackle for loss.

UNI	0	0	14	7	21	
Missouri St.	0	14	0	10	24	Attend. 10,778

Disaster struck UNI for the second consecutive season when the Panthers lost starting quarterback Eric Sanders to a high ankle sprain with 14:37 left in the second quarter. It was *deja vu*. Sanders, the nation's passing efficiency leader, took over in the fourth game last year when four-year starting quarterback Tom Petrie went down to a season-ending injury. Sanders entered this game with a 9-2 record as the starter and had completed five-of-seven passes for 31 yards when he was injured. Redshirt freshman Nick Nelson relieved him for one series until it was determined the extent of the injury. Scottsdale Community College transfer Dexter Hill then was pulled out of his redshirt year and finished the game with 12-of-19 passes with one interception for 186 yards and one TD.

Hill orchestrated UNI's comeback. The first quarter was scoreless and UNI trailed 14-0 at the half. He drove the Panthers to the MSU 12-yard line with 14.7 seconds left following a 78-yard kickoff return to the MSU 22 by Jamie Goodwin, but then Hill was sacked for an 11-yard loss from the four to end the half. UNI finally got on the scoreboard with 11:25 left in the third quarter on an 11-yard run by senior tailback David Horne. The Panthers tied the game at 14 with 33.2 seconds left on senior tailback Terrance Freeney's 65-yard TD reception from Hill.

With 13:46 left in the game, Hill was intercepted at the MSU 26. The Bears then took the lead for good on a 35-yard field goal with 6:30 remaining in the game on a drive that consumed over seven minutes and 49 yards on 14 plays. The game went out of reach with 2:53 left when MSU scored on a four-yard run. UNI didn't give up, however, with Horne scoring on a two-yard run with 1:14 left. An on-side kick attempt was recovered by MSU.

The Panthers ended up gaining 295 yards, including just 78 rushing, while giving up 353 yards, 204 passing. MSU had the ball almost 13 minutes longer. Freeney gained 62 yards rushing on 12 carries and caught three passes for 71 yards, including the 65-yard TD. Patrick Hunter caught four passes for 41 yards. Senior linebacker Brett Koebecke recorded nine solo and nine assisted tackles and got UNI's first interception of the year.

Indiana St.	0	3	7	0	10	
UNI	7	7	10	7	31	Attend. 12,449

The nearly 13,000 fans that packed the UNI-Dome on Homecoming saw the Panthers literally run over ISU. The game especially was sweet for Scottsdale Community College transfer quarterback Dexter Hill, who led the Panthers in his first UNI win in the absence of Eric Sanders.

The contest began with a stifled ISU opening drive, a trend that persisted throughout the game. After three plays and zero yards, the Sycamores punted and braced for a UNI six-play, 34-yard march. Terrance Freaney highlighted the drive with four carries and 26 yards, including a one-yard TD lunge. UNI and ISU then went back and forth through the rest of the first quarter. ISU needed 14 plays to march 74 yards to punch in a 16-yard field goal to put its first points on the board.

David Horne put the Panthers on his back and carried them to seven more points with three carries for 68 yards, including a 40-yard TD spring, during UNI's five-play, 78-yard drive to an 11-point lead. The half ended with the score 14-3 after Brannon Carter intercepted Sycamore quarterback Blayne Baggett's pass to end the threat. Tanner Varner's 53-yard return off the handoff from Carter fell short as time ran out.

The Panthers opened the third quarter with a healthy heaping of Horne, handing him the ball eight times in their 10-play drive that culminated with a Brian Wingert 25-yard field goal and a 14-point UNI lead. ISU cut the lead to one score when Baggett connected with Ben Schmidt for a 20-yard TD strike, but UNI answered when Hill scampered seven yards to pay dirt and a 24-10 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Freaney carried three times for 50 yards, including a 10-yard TD, with 10:38 remaining in the game for the final 31-10 margin.

Freaney rushed 27 times for 128 yards and the two TD, while Horne carried 19 times for 123 yards. Hill completed nine-of-14 passes with one interception for 159 yards. Justin Surrency caught three passes for 49 yards and Patrick Hunter two for 55 yards. Defensively, Darin Heideman recorded nine tackles, including six solos.

UNI	0	0	3	0	3	
Illinois State	14	7	3	14	38	Attend. 12,626

A wounded UNI football team went up against a confident Illinois State squad. It was the worst regular-season loss to a non-1-A team since losing 52-9 at home to Southern Illinois in the 1983 season.

The Redbirds were coming off a 61-35 upset of then no. 1-ranked Southern Illinois on the road the previous week and weren't about to disappoint a Family Day crowd announced at 12,626. They were knocking on the door of the Top 25 at no. 26 and had absorbed two previous losses by just six points, one in overtime.

Scottsdale Community College transfer, quarterback Dexter Hill, started his second straight game for the Panthers in the place of injured Eric Sanders. Amongst suffering through nine sacks at the hands of the Redbirds, he completed 20-of-29 passes with one interception for 222 yards. He also led UNI in rushing with 35 yards on 19 carries, the third time UNI's signal caller had topped out in the ground game.

The contest swung in ISU's favor on the very first play from scrimmage with quarterback Luke Drone tossing a 36-yard pass to Laurent Robinson, reaching UNI's 44-yard line. Eight plays later, ISU scored on a nine-yard run by Brian Thompson and the Redbirds led 6-0 after the PAT attempt went wide left. ISU scored again on its next possession on a four-yard pass to Tristan Borzick and the two-point conversion pass made it 14-0 Illinois State with 6:36 left in the first quarter.

UNI had a chance to close the margin when Hill drove the team from the 18-yard line to the ISU six, but he fumbled the ball and it was recovered by ISU's Cameron Siskowic with 2:35 left in the first period. The Panthers trailed 21-0 at the half after Robinson scored on a 46-yard reception at the 10:09 mark.

The Panthers got on the board with 12:27 left in the third quarter on a 31-yard field goal by Brian Wingert, but that was all they could muster. The last time UNI failed to score a touchdown was the opening game of 2004 when it lost 23-0 at 1-A Iowa State.

UNI gained 303 yards, including just 81 on the ground, and gave up 425. Drone completed 22-of-28 passes with no interceptions for 321 yards, with Robinson gaining 243 of those yards on 10 catches. He scored three times. UNI's James Lindgren caught a career-high eight passes for a personal-best 92 yards and tight end Brian Cutright had three catches for a career-high 71 yards. Strong safety Tanner Varner had a game-high 15 tackles, including 11 solos and four and a half tackles for loss of 21 yards.

YSU	0	7	0	0	7			
UNI	7	7	0	7	21	Attend.	11,242	

As Eric Sanders goes, so go the Panthers. With the injured signal caller back under center against, UNI played with a fire that was absent without him and the Panthers routed the 11th-ranked Penguins 21-7.

Though this was Sanders' big return after missing the previous two games, senior David Horne stole the spotlight, rushing for a UNI career- and team season-high 142 yards and three TDs on 26 carries. The Panthers pounded the Penguin front seven for 280 total rushing yards.

UNI and YSU traded fruitless drives for the first 13 minutes of the opening quarter. The Panthers broke the stalemate on their third possession, a seven-play, 65-yard march highlighted by a 26-yard end-around by Jason Breeland and a one-yard TD dive by Horne. Brian Wingert's kick brought the score to 7-0 with the Panther defense holding it there to end the quarter.

The Penguins struck back mid-way through the second quarter with a 12-play, 83-yard drive topped off by a 10-yard TD hookup from Tom Zetts to Derrick Bush. After a Sanders interception put the ball back in the Penguins' hands, the Panthers stuffed YSU on four-and-one to take over on downs. Horne took it from there, carrying three times for 60 yards, including a 33-yard TD scamper to put the score at 14-7. The UNI defense held, and the half ended.

The third quarter was a defensive struggle from the get-go, with both teams combining for just 124 total yards and zero points. The Panthers opened the fourth quarter on the Penguin 37 and they spent seven plays, including a two-yard TD lunge by Horne, to bring the score to 21-7. The Panther defense played tough from then on, keeping YSU out of the end zone to preserve the victory.

Though his performance was less than stellar on paper, completing just seven-of-15 passes with two interceptions for 73 yards and no scores, Sanders brought fire and stability to a UNI team needing a win to stay in the Gateway title hunt and a place in the 1-AA playoffs. The rushing attack was not limited to Horne, as freshman Corey Lewis pounded his way to a career-high 78 yards on 11 carries, averaging 7.1 yards per carry. The defense came up big on two fourth-down plays, stuffing the Penguins on both attempts. Darin Heideman and Brett Koebeke combined for 15.5 tackles in the win.

UNI	0	3	0	7	13	7	6	23	
W. Kentucky	3	7	0	0	10	7	3	20	Attend. 12,364

Eric Sanders connected with Justin Surrency for a 20-yard TD strike to beat no. 6 Western Kentucky in double overtime in Bowling Green to keep UNI's Gateway title hopes alive. Sanders finished the night 24-of-29 passing with no interceptions for 235 yards and the decisive TD strike while also scoring on a one-yard TD run in the first OT period.

The Hilltoppers struck first as the opening quarter dwindled, putting the ball through the uprights from 52 yards to take a 3-0 lead with just 1:21 left before the second quarter. The Panthers tied the score with a 24-yard field goal by Brian Wingert midway through the second period. Wingert had missed from 28 and 34 yards earlier. WKU drove 80 yards in just under six minutes to take a 10-3 lead with just 30 seconds remaining in the half.

Defense ruled the third quarter, with both squads stuffing the offensive attacks. The Panthers tied the game again with an electrifying 70-yard TD punt return by Johnny Gray, setting the stage for a dramatic defensive stand as the fourth quarter expired. The Hilltoppers drove to the UNI 20 and stopped the clock with three seconds left. The ensuing field goal was wide right, but an off-sides penalty on the Panthers moved the ball five yards closer, giving WKU kicker Chris James another shot at the win. UNI's Everett Pedescleaux blocked the second attempt, sending the game into overtime.

Sanders scored on his one-yard run, but WKU's Stephen Willis, replacing the injured Leron Moore, scored on a one-yard run to send the game into a second OT session. WKU kicked a 33-yard field goal to take a 20-17 lead, but Sanders found Surrency on the sideline to give UNI the 23-20 win.

Sanders found 10 different receivers again, with tight end Brian Cutright and Surrency leading the way with four catches each. Cutright had 67 yards and Surrency 50. Terrance Freney shouldered most of the rushing attack burden, carrying the ball 26 times for 76 of the team's 57 total yards after Sanders netted just a negative 23 yards on the ground.

UNI's defense was stout all evening, accumulating seven tackles in the backfield, a sack, an interception by Dre Dokes, his second of the season; and the pivotal blocked field goal. Darin Heideman led all defenders with 14 total tackles and Brett Koebcke added 12 more.

The Panthers gained 292 total yards and allowed WKU 295, including 169 rushing. All statistics were as close as the game, with UNI holding the ball 28:59 and WKU 31:01.

S. Illinois	3	14	7	0	24	
UNI	0	7	3	15	25	Attend. 15,536

Shades of Tom Petrie to Marlus Mays from the 2003 season echoed through the raucous UNI-Dome last Saturday as Eric Sanders fired a 35-yard TD strike on fourth-and-two to Jamie Goodwin to give the Panthers a 25-24 come-from-behind victory over fourth-ranked Southern Illinois. The win secures the Panthers a share of the Gateway Football Conference title and the league's automatic berth to the Division 1-AA playoffs.

Both teams chewed through the first quarter quickly, trading long drives and finishing the period with the Salukis on top 3-0. SIU took a 10-0 advantage midway through the second quarter on a 12-yard TD run by Arkee Whitlock. The Panthers answered quickly when Sanders found Goodwin for a 32-yard TD connection to bring UNI within three points. SIU extended its lead late in the half with a 25-yard TD reception by Kellen Allen, taking a 17-10 lead into the locker room at the break.

The Panthers drove 55 yards in 13 plays to set up a 46-yard field goal by Brian Wingert, who earlier had missed on a 42-yard attempt. SIU took a two-touchdown lead on its next possession, driving 68 yards to pay dirt to secure a 24-10 advantage as the third quarter came to a close.

Darin Heideman, who was named the league's Defensive Player of the Week and The Sports Network's co-national Defensive Player of the Week, recovered a Saluki fumble to set up a 13-yard TD strike from Sanders to Hunter. After a failed two-point conversion, the Panthers trailed 24-19 with 6:56 left in the game.

The Panther defense stuffed the Saluki attack and forced a punt with just under five minutes remaining in the contest. Sanders rushed seven yards on first down and threw an incomplete pass on second down, while David Horne rushed for a gain of one on third down to set up the climactic fourth-and-two conversion. Sanders found Goodwin for the second 30-plus-yard TD of the game to put UNI ahead 25-24 with 2:38 left.

The Panther defense stood tall, forcing a fourth-and-four situation with a massive and rowdy crowd behind it. Heideman played hero, dropping Whitlock a yard short of the marker and capturing the victory for the Panthers. Heideman led the defense with seven solo tackles, including the deciding shot to Whitlock. He added four assists and the fumble recovery.

Sanders was clutch in a tense contest, finishing 22-of-33 passing with no interceptions and three TDs for 272 yards. Goodwin led all receivers with 90 yards and two TDs, while Patrick Hunter had five catches for 68 yards and one score. Horne rushed 22 times for 103 yards.

The Panthers gained 410 yards and allowed SIU 465, including 253 passing. The Salukis had entered the game averaging just over 40 points per game. UNI sophomore offensive tackle Chad Rhinehart was named the league's Offensive Lineman of the Week, grading out 96 percent on 70 plays and giving up zero sacks.

Northern Arizona	3	7	7	0	17	
UNI	14	14	6	7	41	Attend. 8,142

Senior linebacker John Hermann and a fierce defensive effort propelled UNI to a 41-17 senior night victory over Northern Arizona in the UNI-Dome. Hermann led the team with eight tackles, including a school-

record 5.5 tackles for loss and a record-tying four sacks.

Five turnovers, including three by the Panthers, in the first five minutes of the ball game highlighted the opening quarter. UNI's first turnover, a fumble by quarterback Eric Sanders on a sack, led to an NAU field goal and a 3-0 Lumberjack advantage.

The Panther defense recovered an NAU fumble inside the Lumberjack five and David Horne scored on a one-yard run. Terrance Freeneey highlighted the following UNI drive with four rushes for 32 yards, including an eight-yard TD scamper to put the score at 14-3. That was the margin at the half.

UNI sprinted out of the locker room with a 41-yard TD connection between Sanders and Justin Surrency to take a 21-3 lead. NAU answered with a 35-yard TD strike to cut the Panther lead to 21-10. Horne carried the Panthers on the ensuing drive, rushing four times for 51 yards, including a one-yard TD lunge to put the score at 28-10.

Brian Wingert kicked field goals of 20 and 40 yards on the next two drives to put the score at 34-10, but the Lumberjacks returned a Corey Lewis fumble 66 yards to pay dirt to make it 34-17 as the third quarter came to a close. Lewis made up for the miscue with a 33-yard TD sprint midway through the fourth quarter for the final margin.

UNI held NAU to a negative 44 yards rushing and just 54 yards of offense. The defensive unit terrorized quarterbacks Jason Murrietta and Brian Wriston, forcing four interceptions and sacking the duo nine times. Tanner Varner piled up six tackles, including three for a loss, and intercepted two passes. Chris Parsons and Dre Dokes each added a pick.

Lewis carried 19 times for a career-high 112 yards and the one TD. Horne added 80 yards and two TDs. Sanders had a sub-par performance for him, completing just five-of-15 passes for 98 yards and the one TD. Dexter Hill was one-of-two passing for six yards. Brian Cutright had two catches for 18 yards.

Eastern Washington	7	14	10	7	38	
UNI	14	10	0	17	41	Attend. 7,746

With a dramatic 31-yard kick with just 51 seconds remaining in the game, kicker Brian Wingert gave UNI a 41-38 victory over 15th-ranked Eastern Washington in the first round of the 1-AA playoffs in the UNI-Dome. The win sent the Panthers to the 1-AA quarterfinals at no. 1 New Hampshire. UNI scored 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to overcome a 14-point deficit against EWU.

Defense was an afterthought for both squads during the bulk of the game. The offenses combined for 79 points and nearly 1,000 yards of offense, with over 700 yards through the air. The Panther defense peaked when it mattered, however, stopping the Eagle offense on its final three drives to allow Eric Sanders and company to charge back into the game.

EWU set the tone on its opening drive, marching 73 yards in 10 plays to take an early 7-0 lead. UNI tied the game and later took the lead with a pair of one-yard TD lunges by David Horne. The Panthers took a 14-7 lead into the second quarter.

The Eagles rebounded early in the second frame with a 13-yard TD connection between Walter Payton candidate, quarterback Erik Meyer, and receiver Raul Vijil. The Panthers drove 64 yards in 11 plays to set up a 37-yard field goal by Wingert and a 17-14 advantage. EWU countered with an 11-play, 80-yard drive culminating in a 24-yard TD scamper by Meyer and a 21-17 Eagle lead. A four-yard TD strike from Sanders to Justin Surrency gave the Panthers a 24-21 advantage heading into the locker room.

The Eagles owned the third quarter, scoring 10 points and stifling the UNI offense five times to take a 31-24 lead into the fourth quarter. Meyer's second TD hookup with Vijil gave the Eagles a 38-24 lead with less than 11 minutes remaining in the contest. Sanders found James Lindgren for an eight-yard TD to halve the lead and put the Panthers in striking distance.

The defense stuffed the ensuing EWU drive while the offense put together a nine-play, 61-yard scoring march highlighted by a spectacular 36-yard diving catch by Curt Bradley and a four-yard TD rush by Horne. John Hermann, fresh off a record-breaking performance against Northern Arizona, sacked Meyer on second-

and-nine to put the Eagles in a third-and-22 hole. After Meyer's third down pass fell incomplete, EWU punted to the Panthers with just 3:43 remaining. The Panthers drove 55 yards with help from a 28-yard sprint by Horne to set up the game-winning field goal with just 51 seconds left on the clock. Michael Matthes swatted Meyer's fourth-down pass to the turf to seal the victory.

Sanders completed 31-of-40 passes for 330 yards and two TDs. The sophomore found nine different receivers again, including Jason Breeland and Horne with eight catches each. Horne rushed 28 times for 141 yards and three TDs. Darin Heideman led the Panther defense with 11 tackles, including two for a loss and a sack. Meyer was sacked seven times, including twice by Hermann.

UNI	7	14	0	3	24	
New Hampshire	0	14	7	0	21	Attend. 8,448

UNI hung on for a thrilling 24-21 victory over No. 1 ranked and seeded New Hampshire on the road in the I-AA quarterfinals, the first win on the road in the quarterfinals in school history.

The Panthers jumped out to a commanding 21-0 lead only 23 minutes into the game, but needed a fourth-quarter field goal from junior Brian Wingert to earn the win, the second consecutive game he's kicked the game-winning goal. Senior running back David Horne rushed for a career-high 144 yards on 28 carries and scored the first two TDs of the game, including a 40-yard run on the opening series and a 32-yard middle screen from sophomore Eric Sanders, which gave the Panthers a 14-0 lead with 9:36 to go in the second quarter.

Senior Terrance Freney finished off the first half scoring on a one-yard run with 7:03 left in the second quarter. The TD was set up by a blocked punt by sophomore free safety Chris Parsons.

UNH's powerful offense seemed to come alive after trailing 21-0. Led by Walter Payton Award finalist, sophomore Ricky Santos, the Wildcats cut into the Panthers' lead with two TD passes in the two minutes of the half. Santos hooked up with junior all-American David Ball for an eight-yard score with 1:49 left in the half and the tandem made contact again on a 29-yard pass play with just 40 seconds left.

UNH knotted the game at 21 with 1:39 to go in the third period on Santos' third TD pass to Ball, this time from 29 yards following a nine-play, 83-yard drive. But the Panthers responded with a dominating defensive effort in the fourth quarter and the field goal. After forcing two fumbles in the third quarter, UNI tossed a shutout in the fourth period to protect the three-point advantage.

UNH drove to the UNI 27 and faced a fourth-and-two play with just over eight minutes to go. The Wildcats went for it, but the pass attempt was knocked down by senior John Hermann. UNH then committed its biggest turnover of the game after a UNI punt. On another fourth-and-two with three minutes remaining, UNH's Keith LeVan took a handoff from Santos and appeared to have a first down in sight, but fumbled the ball and Hermann fell on the ball to clinch the victory. UNI recovered three of four UNH fumbles in total while turning the ball over just once on an interception.

UNH dominated the offensive numbers with 631 yards in total offense, including 345 passing, to just 351 for the Panthers, including 185 through the air.. The Wildcats also got 30 first downs to just 16 for UNI. Sanders completed 15-of-25 passes. Horne tallied a career-high 144 yards rushing. Senior Justin Surrency had four catches for 45 yards. Senior Darin Heideman racked up a game-high 17 tackles, while senior Brett Koecke tallied 16 total stops.

UNI	14	9	6	8	3	40	
Texas State	0	17	13	7	0	37	Attend. 15,712

The University of Northern Iowa Panthers and the Texas State University Bobcats came out firing in an old fashioned southwest Texas shootout in the NCAA I-AA football semifinals at Jim Wacker Field at Bobcat Stadium on Friday evening.

But UNI was able to fire the last shot and advanced to its first-ever NCAA I-AA national championship

game with a 40-37 overtime victory over Texas State (11-3). The Panthers (11-3) used a third-straight game-winning field from junior place kicker Brian Wingert (Cedar Falls, Iowa) and a game-ending interception from junior free safety Matt Tharp to advance to the title game. It was the first interception of Tharp's collegiate career.

UNI secured the victory in front of a sellout crowd of 15,712. The contest was also broadcast to a national television audience on ESPN2.

Texas State came into the contest as the No. 4 seed in the I-AA playoffs and was ranked No. 4 in the Sports Network poll and No. 5 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll. UNI was not seeded in the I-AA playoffs and was ranked No. 7 in the Sports Network poll and No. 6 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll.

Sophomore quarterback Eric Sanders (Oelwein, Iowa) put on an offensive show as he completed his first nine passes for 200 yards and three touchdowns. Sanders finished the day as his finest so far as a Panther signal-caller. Sanders passed for a career-high 417 yards and tied a career-best with 24 completions.

On the opening drive of the game senior wide receiver Justin Surrency (St. Paul, Minn.) made a leaping 30-yard touchdown reception from Sanders. The score gave UNI a 7-0 lead with 9:49 left in the first quarter.

Junior wide receiver James Lindgren (Odebolt, Iowa) caught a career-best 54-yard pass from Sanders on the Panthers' second drive to move the ball from UNI's 12-yard line to the Texas State 36-yard line. Senior tight end Brian Cutright snared a 12-yard touchdown pass from Sanders to up the advantage to 14-0 with 3:30 remaining in the first quarter.

Texas State got on the board early in the second quarter on a 14-yard scoring strike from senior quarterback Barrick Nealy to senior wide receiver Markee White. The touchdown cut the Panthers' lead in half at 14-7 with 12:43 left in the second quarter.

The UNI offense wasted little time as Sanders continued his perfect start with a 69-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Patrick Hunter (Racine, Wis.). Hunter caught the ball at the TSU 40-yard line and sprinted away from the TSU defenders for the score with 12:26 left in the half. However, UNI kicker Brian Wingert (Cedar Falls, Iowa) missed the extra point and the Panthers increased the lead by only six points at 20-7. The missed PAT was only the second miss of the season for Wingert.

TSU returned the favor offensively on their next possession with a 42-yard touchdown pass from Nealy to freshman wide receiver Adrian Thomas. It was Thomas' first catch of his collegiate career and it came on a play-action pass that left Thomas wide open deep in the UNI secondary. The score came with 10:16 left in the first half and cut the Panther lead to 20-14.

The fastcourt football game slowed down toward the end of the second quarter as the Panthers' defense held inside the 5-yard line and forced the Bobcats to kick a field goal. On a third-and-goal from the 2-yard line, UNI senior defensive end John Hermann (Clive, Iowa) sacked Nealy to force the three-point try. TSU kicker Stan Jones then kicked a 29-yard field goal at the 4:39 mark of the second quarter to slice the UNI lead to 20-17. Texas State looked to have held the UNI offense as the clock wound down under three minutes to play in the half, but a personal foul roughing the kicker penalty against the Bobcats on junior punter Adam Kos' (Kalona, Iowa) punt extended the drive. The Panthers were able to take the clock all the way down to 26 seconds and moved the lead to back to six points, 23-17, on a 41-yard field goal from Wingert. The Bobcats took a knee on the ensuing possession to leave the score in UNI's advantage at the halftime break, 23-17.

Texas State marched 80 yards on the opening drive of the second half and scored on a 1-yard touchdown run from junior running back Daniel Jolly. The touchdown gave Texas State its first lead of the game at 24-23 with 11:03 left in the third quarter.

The Panthers took the lead back almost immediately as Sanders hooked up with Hunter again, this time for 65 yards on UNI's first play of the second half. UNI's two-point conversion pass failed but the Panthers regained the lead at 29-24 with 10:48 left in the third quarter.

The Bobcats returned serve again on the next possession to take a one-point lead, 30-29, on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Nealy to junior wide receiver Justin Williams. The Bobcats' two-point conversion failed because UNI sophomore free safety Chris Parsons (Moore, Okla.) intercepted Nealy's pass in the end zone. The Panthers were unable to answer the Bobcats' score on the ensuing drive after Sanders was sacked on third-

and-3 and UNI was forced to punt. Texas State moved the ball to the UNI 30-yard line and was faced with a critical 4th-and-3 to keep the drive alive. But the Panthers' pass rush from senior defensive end Michael Matthes (Williamsburg, Iowa) and freshman defensive end Mark Huygens (Seargent Bluff, Iowa) combined to sack Nealy and give possession back to the Panthers.

The momentum the Panthers gained with the defensive stand quickly evaporated as the Texas State pass rush secured two sacks and forced a three-and-out to give the ball back to the Bobcats' offense with 1:56 left in the third quarter.

The Panther defense responded with a stop and forced another Bobcat punt. The UNI offense took over on the 12-yard line as the fourth quarter began. The Panthers were able to drive the ball into Texas State territory and got as deep as the TSU 33-yard line, but could not drive deep enough to score and had to punt the ball back to the Bobcats with 8:13 left in the game.

Freshman punt returner Johnny Gray (Deerfield Beach, Fla.) fumbled the 53-yard punt from TSU's Cory Eloff and it was recovered inside the UNI 10-yard line by TSU's Dominic Giametta. Jolly then scored from two yards out to increase the Texas State lead to eight points, 37-29, with 5:01 left in the game.

With their backs against the wall and the season on the line, the Panthers found a way. Senior running back David Horne (Omaha, Neb.) scored on a two-yard run to pull the Panthers to within a two-point conversion of tying the game. Sanders then rolled left and lofted a pass into the back of the end zone where Surrency grabbed it out of the air and hung on for the game-tying catch. The two-pointer was the first of the season for the Panthers and left the game tied at 37-37 with 1:27 left in the game.

Horne's touchdown allowed him to set the UNI single-season school record with 18 total touchdowns. Inexplicably, Texas State head coach David Bailiff told his squad to take a knee and the final 1:16 went off the clock without even an attempt to move the ball down the field. Texas State had all three timeouts and seemed happy with its chances in overtime.

The Panthers settled for a field goal in their first possession of overtime as Wingert drilled a 25-yard field goal. The three-pointer gave the Panthers a 40-37 lead and the victory as Tharp's interception ended the game on the Bobcat possession.

Surrency led the UNI receiving corps with eight catches for 123 yards and a touchdown. Hunter also had a huge receiving game with four catches for 160 yards and two touchdowns. Horned led the rushing attack with 73 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, Tanner Varner led the Panthers with 13 total tackles. Chris Parsons and Dave Schratz each tallied 10 tackles as well.

UNI	6	10	0	0	16	
Appalachian State	0	7	7	7	21	Attend. 20,236

The University of Northern Iowa football team's 2005 journey has been filled with last second heroics and nail-biting finishes. Friday night's NCAA I-AA national championship game was no different.

The Panthers would not have it any other way. Unfortunately in UNI's first national title game appearance, the Appalachian State University Mountaineers scored a 21-16 victory. It was the first national title for the Mountaineers and head coach Jerry Moore.

"It's disappointing of course, but at the same time we've had a great season with a great group of players," UNI head coach Mark Farley said. "Appalachian State has a great football team. It's a game of inches and in this one we didn't have the inches fall in our decision.

"This season has been one that will be remembered. It was outstanding to see the number of UNI people that this brought together. It put a little hop in their step because of the pride."

The game was played at Max Finley Stadium/Davenport Field in front of 20,236 fans. It was the largest crowd for the NCAA I-AA national championship game since moving to Chattanooga and the largest crowd since 1996. The game was also broadcast nationally on ESPN2.

UNI broke into the scoring column first on a career-best 50-yard field goal from junior Brian Wingert

(Cedar Falls, Iowa). The Panthers took the opening drive of the game and moved the ball 41 yards in nine plays but the drive stalled and Wingert drilled the three-pointer.

The Panthers forced the first turnover of the game on the ensuing kickoff. UNI redshirt freshman Corey Lewis (St. Paul, Minn.) recovered the loose ball to set up the Panthers at the Appalachian State 24-yard line. UNI was unable to punch it in the end zone was able to tack on three more points via Wingert's foot. Wingert split the uprights from 24 yards out to give UNI a 6-0 lead with 9:45 to go in the first quarter.

The Mountaineers took their first lead of the game early in the second quarter on a five-yard touchdown run from sophomore running back Kevin Richardson. Richardson's score gave Appalachian State a 7-6 lead at the 13:18 mark of the quarter.

UNI senior safety Tanner Varner (Ottumwa, Iowa) turned the tables on the Mountaineers with an interception midway through the second quarter. Varner stepped in front of a Trey Elder pass to put the Panthers in position to retake the lead.

Senior running back David Horne (Omaha, Neb.) did just that when he scored from two yards out with 8:20 left in the second quarter. The score put UNI up 13-7. For Horne it was his 17th rushing touchdown of the season and broke the UNI single-season rushing touchdown record.

The Panther defense came up big again late in the second quarter. Senior linebacker Darin Heideman (Council Bluffs, Iowa) forced a fumble and junior safety Matt Tharp jumped on the ball to give the Panthers another short field.

The UNI offense threatened to add another touchdown before the half the Appalachian State defense held and forced a Wingert field goal. Wingert drilled his third three-pointer of the game from 31 yards to put UNI on top 16-7 with 1:09 remaining in the half.

"Of course you always want to try to get seven points, but this is a very good defensive football team," Farley said. "We knew the two defensive ends were good and the secondary was good. This was a defensive football game. This wasn't going to be a shootout. I wish we had gotten one touchdown out of it, but it was 16-14 going into the fourth quarter. We were right where we wanted to be."

Appalachian State broke through in the second half with a one-yard touchdown run by Richardson to trim the UNI lead to 16-14 with 6:05 to go in the third quarter.

The majority of the third and fourth quarters were dominated by both defenses and then the Mountaineer defense made a game-changing play.

Appalachian State's Jason Hunter scooped up a fumble by UNI sophomore quarterback Eric Sanders and took it 15 yards for a touchdown to give the Mountaineers a 21-16 lead with 9:14 left in the game.

2006 UNI SPRING SIGNINGS

University of Northern Iowa head football coach Mark Farley announced the signing of 23 student-athletes on National Letter-of-Intent signing day.

“We are very pleased with the type of players we have signed this year,” Farley said. “We had some immediate needs for next season which we addressed and we are also working toward long-term success through the development of our freshman signees.”

UNI is coming off a school-record setting 11-4 season that saw the Panthers reach the NCAA I-AA national championship game for the first time in school history. Farley said the Panthers’ run in the NCAA playoffs created a different style of recruiting this year.

“Initially it created an up-tempo sense of recruiting,” Farley said. “We lost a month in December, but once we got out, it created opportunities for us to recruit players that we wouldn’t have had the opportunity to recruit had we not been playing on the national scene. It definitely created opportunities to recruit players out of our region that we have not been able to in the past.”

UNI lost 19 players to graduation and Farley said that played a factor in this year’s recruiting class.

“We had a quality senior class graduate,” Farley said. “But we also have a lot of quality players coming back from last year’s team. So it was necessary to focus on next season as much as the future. We’ve got great players coming back with championship experience and we want to make sure we give them every opportunity to go back to Chattanooga by surrounding them with a quality recruiting class.”

2006 SIGNEES

Terrell Allen (WR, 6-0, 190, Wellford, S.C./James F. Byrnes HS/Univ. of Pittsburgh)

A first-team all-South Carolina (AAAA) selection as a high school senior ... two-time all-region (AAAA) pick ... had 52 receptions for 811 yards and five touchdowns as a senior ... caught 32 passes for 628 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior ... SuperPrep All-American ... rated as the nation’s No. 22 receiver prospect by SuperPrep ... SuperPrep all-Mid-Atlantic team selection ... led his prep squad to a 14-1 record and a state championship (AAAA) as a senior ... born Sept. 10, 1984 ... son of Doreen Smith ... will be a junior for the Panthers in 2006.

William Baker (DB, 5-9, 190, Columbus, Ohio/Linden McKinley HS)

A first-team all-Ohio selection as a senior ... finished his prep career with 200 tackles and 15 interceptions ... a three-year starter who also starred as a kick/punt returner ... as a junior he tallied six return touchdowns ... earned first-team all-city, all-central district along with second-team all-metro and OhioPreps.com honors ... selected to participate in the U.S. Army All-American Combine as a junior ... will play in the 26th Central Ohio Football All-Star Game ... honor roll student ... born June 24, 1988 ... son of Monique Mosby.

Kyle Bennett (DE, 6-4, 240, Sioux City, Iowa/Sioux City Heelan HS)

Earned first-team all-state (Class 4A) honors from the Iowa Newspaper Association ... earned all-northwest Iowa selection ... a first-team all-MRAC pick ... recorded 17 tackles-for-loss and seven quarterback sacks as a senior for head coach Roger Jansen ... born Aug. 9, 1987 ... son of Mike and Sherry Bennett.

Taylor Brookins (RB, 5-9, 190, Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls HS)

Named to the Des Moines Register's Elite All-State team ... earned first-team all-state (Class 4A) honors from the Iowa Newspaper Association ... a three-time all-state pick ... helped lead the Tigers to the 4A state championship game as a senior ... considered one of the best prep running backs in the state of Iowa ... selected to play in the 2005 State All-Star Game in July ... son of Michael Brookins and Gayle and Glenn Clark ... his father, Michael, also played for UNI ... born Feb. 20, 1988.

Albert Daniels III (WR, 5-11, 180, Brandon, Fla./Tampa Bay Tech HS/Reedley JC)

2005 All-American at Reedley (Calif.) Junior College ... Media Player of the Year in 2005 ... named first-team all-California ... earned all-California Community College honors ... first-team all-Valley Conference performer in 2004 and 2005 ... two-time Reedley College offensive MVP ... two-time player of the week selection by Delta and Los Medanos ... two-time NCFAC all-conference pick ... tallied 84 catches for 1,231 yards and 12 touchdowns this past season ... born Dec. 4, 1984 ... son of Albert and Carolyn Daniels.

Joshua Davis (LB, 6-0, 189, Chicago, Ill./Du Sable HS)

Mr. Everything as a senior for Du Sable High School as he played quarterback, running back, linebacker, defensive back and returned kicks ... threw four touchdowns, rushed for four touchdowns, averaged 14 tackles per game, had seven interceptions, returned five kickoffs for touchdowns and returned two punts for touchdowns ... carries a 3.5 grade point average and ranks 10th in his class of 85 ... born Oct. 26, 1988 ... son of Kimberly Bray.

Tyler Epstein (LB, 6-2, 225, Farmington, Mo./Farmington HS)

A second-team all-state selection ... named to the KTJJ Dream Team ... first-team all-conference and all-region pick ... served as team captain and led his team to an 11-1 mark in 2005 ... in 2004, led the team with 114 tackles, 28 assisted tackles, five sacks and two interceptions ... four-year letterwinner in football and wrestling ... also garnered two letters in track ... placed fourth in the state wrestling tournament as a junior ... son of Larry Epstein and Deanna Dulle ... born Aug. 9, 1987.

Jason Fiacco (OL, 6-2, 305, Oconomowoc, Wis./Arrowhead HS/Iowa State Univ.)

Classic 8 Conference Offensive Player of the Year (first offensive lineman in history of conference) ... consensus all-state offensive tackle ... unanimous Associated Press all-state pick ... Wisconsin Football Coaches Association first-team all-state honoree ... member of the Wisconsin Shrine Bowl All-Star team ... first-team all-state pick by the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel ... first-team all-state pick by Badger State Preps ... Wisconsin Preps all-state selection ... three-time all-conference, WFCAC all-region, Journal-Sentinel all-area, Waukesha Freeman all-county ... Lake Country All-Area ... ESPN.com pre-season top 20 center/guard prospect; Scout.com Midwest Hot 100 (preseason number 42 overall) ... Scout.com national top 50 lineman ... first lineman to letter four years for Wisconsin prep power Arrowhead High School ... two-way player who started in two Wisconsin state championship games (largest school division) ... USA Weightlifting School-age National Champion (super heavyweight - Olympic style weightlifting) ... will be a redshirt freshman this fall for the Panthers ... son of James and Joyce Fiacco.

Jacob Gonnering (DT, 6-5, 265, Kenosha, Wis./Tremper HS)

An all-area and all-region selection as a senior ... two-time all-conference and all-county pick ... played a pivotal role in the success of Tremper High School football for head coach Frank Matrisse Jr. ... played the past two seasons as a tight end/defensive end ... all-state performer in track ... outstanding student that plans to major in business ... son of David Gonnering and Sally Heinzen ... born Nov. 22, 1987.

Ross Hageman (OL, 6-7, 245, Elgin, Iowa/Valley Community (Elgin) High School)

A second-team all-state (Class A) selection by the Iowa Newspaper Association ... earned all-district honors ... also earned all-state, all-district honors in track ... team captain as a senior ... born Oct. 10, 1987 ... son of Dale and Elaine Hageman.

Brandon Keith (OL, 6-6, 310, McAlester, Okla./NE Oklahoma A&M JC/Univ. of Oklahoma)

Second-team NJCAA All-American in 2004 ... first-team all-Southwest League honors in 2004 ... coached by Steve Patterson at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M ... rated as the No. 2 player in the state of Oklahoma (Rivals.com) in 2002 ... rated No. 20 offensive tackle (Rivals.com) as a prep senior ... earned first-team all-state honors from the Daily Oklahoman and the Tulsa World in 2002 ... tallied over 70 pancake blocks as a senior at McAlester High School ... prep team went 11-1 and reached the state semifinals as a junior ... went 8-4 and reached the second round of the playoffs as a junior ... born Nov. 21, 1984 ... son of William and Lynn Keith.

Will Lewis (S, 6-2, 210, Baytown, Texas/Baytown Lee HS/Iowa Central CC)

A first-team all-region selection at Iowa Central ... played for head coach Kevin Twait at Iowa Central ... Twait says "Will is a big-framed athlete that has a nose for the football" ... three-year letterwinner as a prep in football, basketball and track ... served as team captain his junior and senior seasons at Baytown Lee High School ... son of William and Janie Lewis ... born Oct. 19, 1985.

Ryan Mahaffey (DE, 6-4, 240, Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell HS)

A first-team all-state pick by the Des Moines Register ... third-team all-state by the Iowa Newspaper Association ... first-team all-district selection ... possesses great speed and agility for his size ... a second-team all-conference selection in basketball ... plans on majoring in political science ... born Nov. 28, 1987 ... son of Rachael Mahaffey.

Jeff McGaster (DT, 6-6, 315, Seaside, Calif./Monterey HS/Rochester CC)

A 2004 graduate of Monterey High School in Seaside, Calif. ... played the past two seasons at Rochester (Minn.) Community College ... helped Rochester to 18 wins in his tenure there ... first-team all-southern division as a sophomore ... notched 50 tackles (13 solos), 19 tackles-for-loss, 13 hurries, 5.5 sacks, 3 batted passes, two forced fumbles and a blocked extra points in 2005 ... earned second-team all-southern division honors as a freshman ... born Oct. 30, 1986 ... son of John and Ersula McGaster.

Schuyler Oordt (TE, 6-7, 210, Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls HS)

A three-sport athlete in football, basketball and track at Cedar Falls High School ... played a key role in the Tigers' drive to the 2005 state title game ... plans to major in business accounting ... born May 26, 1987 ... son of Arthur and Sally Oordt.

Dominique Peoples (ATH, 6-2, 200, St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood HS)

A first-team all-conference pick for the Lakewood Spartans ... made the all-Pinellas All-Star team ... two-year team captain ... completed his prep career with 41 receptions, 716 yards and six touchdowns ... a three-year starter ... played fullback, receiver, safety, linebacker and defensive end ... also played basketball for a state championship squad in 2004-05 ... born Jan. 20, 1988 ... son of Tracy Hill and Henry Peoples.

Eric Reimer (TE, 6-5, 225, Reedsburg, Wis./Reedsburg HS)

Earned all-region and all-conference honors in football ... all-conference performer in three sports including football, basketball and baseball ... earned the 2005 Senior Award and the 2004 Special Teams Award ... led his baseball team to back-to-back regional championships ... led his team in home runs and triples ... in basketball, he was his team's leading rebounder ... plans to major in criminal justice ... born May 20, 1988 ... son of Russ and Sharon Reimer.

Jamar Thompson (LB/RB, 6-3, 185, Oak Grove, Minn./Andover HS)

Two-time honorable mention all-state performer in football for head coach Rich Wilkie ... two-time all-conference pick ... offensive team MVP as a junior and a senior ... conference's leading rusher the past two seasons ... an outstanding student-athlete with size and speed ... earned letters in football, basketball and track ... plans to major in business ... born Nov. 18, 1987 ... son of Earl and Debbie Thompson.

Maurice Turner (WR, 6-1, 185, Shoreview, Minn./Mounds View HS)

Earned all-state, all-metro and all-conference honors for head coach Jim Galvin ... two-time letterwinner in basketball ... a very determined and tough young man who has tremendous potential to be an outstanding player ... plans on majoring in journalism ... born May 11, 1988 ... son of Maurice and Keren Turner.

Darian Williams (RB, 6-3, 190, East Moline, Ill./United Township HS/Iowa Central CC)

Second leading rusher all-time at Iowa Central ... two-time first-team all-region selection at Iowa Central for head coach Kevin Twait ... named offensive MVP in 2004 ... all-state selection in track (high hurdles and high jump) as a senior at United Township High School ... all-metro and all-conference pick in football in 2002 and 2003 ... born June 1, 1986 ... son of Rodney Williams and Leda Giles.

Wesley Williams (DB, 5-11, 170, Papillion, Neb./Papillion-Lavista South HS)

Honorable mention all-state selection by the Omaha World Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star ... first-team all-district pick ... rushed 201 times for 1,065 yards and nine touchdowns ... as a sophomore he led the state in the 100, 200 and 400 before injuries ended his season prematurely ... born April 17, 1988 ... son of Lenzie and Delores Williams.

Victor Williams (ATH, 6-3, 220, Clewiston, Fla./Lewisburg CC)

A three-sport star as a prep athlete in basketball, football and track ... at Lewisburg, he helped his team to their first winning season ... had recruiting interest from the University of Miami, North Carolina and Oregon State ... born Aug. 22, 1985 ... son of Lawanda and Victor Williams.

Austin Zlab (OL, 6-4, 225, Urbandale, Iowa/Urbandale HS)

An honorable mention all-state selection at offensive tackle ... first-team all-CIML ... also a thrower on the Urbandale track team ... a big-framed athlete who possesses great feet ... born Oct. 1987 ... son of Mark and Heidi Zlab.