

2009 UNI Football Preseason Prospectus



2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008 Missouri Valley Football Champions

2008 - 12-3 & Ranked No. 4 in the Nation

2007 - 12-1 & Ranked No. 4 in the Nation

2006 - 7-4 & Ranked No. 17 in the Nation

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

2005 FCS National Championship Game Participant





2009 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: 12,908
 Nickname: Panthers
 School Colors: Purple and Old Gold
 Stadium: UNI-Dome
 Capacity: 16,324
 Affiliation: NCAA FCS
 Conference: Missouri Valley Football (25th Season)
 President: Dr. Benjamin Allen
 Director of Athletics: Troy Dannen
 NCAA Faculty Rep.: Anne Woodrick
 Athletic Dept. Phone: (319) 273-3100
 Ticket Office Phone: (319) 273-4849
 UNI-Dome Press Box Phone: (319) 273-6311

HISTORY

First Year of Football: 1895
 All-time Record: 596-371-47
 FCS Playoff Appearances: 14
 (1985, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996,
 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008)
 FCS Semifinal Appearances: 7
 (1985, 1987, 1992, 1996, 2001, 2005, 2008)
 FCS Championship Game Appearances: 1 (2005)
 Last Postseason Appearance: 2008 (I-3rd)

ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS

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 Cedar Falls, IA 50614
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mark Farley
 Alma Mater: UNI, 1986
 Record at UNI/years: 75-28/8 years
 Career record/years: Same
 Football office phone: (319) 273-5674
 Assistant Coaches: Bill Salmon (Assoc. Head Coach/Co-Off. Coord./WRs), Mario Verduzco (Co-Off. Coord./QBs), Chris Klieman (Co-Def. Coord./DBs), Rick Nelson (Recruiting Coord./OL), Atif Austin (RBs), Erik Chinander (TE), Jovan Dewitt (LBs), Bill Wilt (DL), Jeremiah Johnson (DBs)

TEAM INFORMATION

Overall 2008 record: 12-3
 Off. Starters Returning/Lost: 9/2
 Def. Starters Returning/Lost: 5/6
 Specialists Returning/Lost: 1/1
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 42/18
 Offense Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 27/4
 Defense Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/13
 Specialists Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 1/1
 Basic Offense/Defense: Multiple/4-3

KEY MEDIA OUTLETS

Associated Press: Luke Meredith (contact)
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KGAN-TV: Jared Aarons (director)
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KWWL-TV: Rick Coleman (director)
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<u>OFFENSIVE STARTERS (RET.)</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>2008 Stats</u>
Josh Collins	WR	5-9	193	So.	32 rec., 502 yds., TD, 750 all-purpose yds.
Jason Fiacco	RG	6-2	310	Sr.	15 starts at RG
Pat Grace	QB	6-2	245	Sr.	152-244, 2,041 yds., 14 TD, 618 rush yds., 11 TD
Nate Herrig	LG	6-4	287	Sr.	Five starts at LG
D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	198	Sr.	15 rec., 149 yds.
Austin Howard	LT	6-7	319	Sr.	Second-Team All-MVFC
Ryan Mahaffey	FB/TE	6-4	255	Jr.	11 rec., 129 yds., 3 TD
Austin Steichen	C	6-3	309	Sr.	First- Team All-MVFC
Maurice Turner	WR	6-3	211	Jr.	14 rec., 229 yds.
<u>DEFENSIVE STARTERS (RET.)</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>2008 Stats</u>
Chuck Kinney	DL	6-3	290	Sr.	61 tkls. (18 solo), 6.5 TFL, 0.5 sack
Wes Lane	DL	6-4	290	Sr.	20 tkls. (7 solo), 3.0 TFL, 1.0 sack, FR
Josh Mahoney	LB	6-1	234	Sr.	139 tkls. (48 solo), 7 TFL, 3 INTs, 2 PBU, FR, FF
James Ruffin	DL	6-4	267	Sr.	69 tkls. (31 solo), 18 TFL, 10 sacks, 3 FF, 2 PBU
Jamar Thompson	LB	6-3	215	Jr.	110 tkls. (44 solo), 10 TFL, 4 INT, 3 FF, 2 sacks, 2 FR
<u>OTHER KEY RETURNEES</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>2008 Stats</u>
Ben Boothby	DL	6-0	253	So.	Saw majority of action at fullback
Tre'Darrius Canady	DB	5-11	187	So.	18 tkls. (9 solo), FR
James Conley	DB	6-1	196	So.	5 tkls. (3 solo)
Zach Davis	QB	6-2	215	So.	43-70, 504 yds., 3 TD, 55 rush yds.
D.P. Eyman	QB/WR	6-1	187	Sr.	5 rec., 73 yds., TD
L.J. Fort	LB	6-1	228	So.	10 tkls. (3 solo), 0.5 TFL
Billy Hallgren	PK	5-11	194	Jr.	19-28 FG (47 long), 51-53 PAT, 10 touchbacks
Jarred Herring	WR	5-10	165	So.	14 rec., 270 yds., 4 TD, 887 all-purpose yds.
Craig James	DB	5-10	165	Jr.	2 tkls. (2 solo), INT
Derrick Law	LB	6-1	223	Sr.	187 att., 786 yds., 9 TD, 9 rec., 56 yds.
Schuyler Oordt	TE	6-7	246	Jr.	12 rec., 233 yds., 3 TD
Quentin Scott	LB	6-5	224	Sr.	20 tkls. (8 solo), INT, 0.5 TFL
Jordan Smith	LB	6-2	232	So.	12 tkls. (6 solo), 1.5 TFL
Jay Teply	OL	6-7	328	So.	Eight starts at RT
<u>KEY LOSSES</u>	<u>2008 Stats</u>				
Brook Black	62 punts, 39.9 avg., 9 50+ punts, 21 downed inside the 20-yard line				
Johnny Gray	29 rec., 380 yds., 2 TD, 728 all-purpose yds.				
De'Veon Harris	104 tkls. (43 solo), 9 PBU, 8 TFL, 4 sacks, 4 FR, 8 INT, 2 FF, Second-Team All-MVFC				
Mark Huygens	15 tkls. (6 solo), 2 FR, 1.5 TFL, PBU				
Justin Kirk	45 tkls. (12 solo), 5 TFL, 2 sacks, FF				
Corey Lewis	1,314 rush yds., 11 TD, 26 rec., 242 yds., 2 TD, 1,556 all-purp. yds., all-time UNI rushing leader (4,003 yds.)				
Darrell Lloyd	97 tkls. (46 solo), 3 BK, 3 PBU, 3 TFL, 2 INT, FF, FR, 0.5 sack, First-Team All-MFVC				
Sean McMoore	33 tkls. (19 solo), 2 INT, 2 PBU, 0.5 TFL				
Terrell McMoore	59 tkls. (31 solo), 7 PBU, 5 INT, 2 FF, 0.5 TFL, Second-Team All-MVFC				
Curtis Meier	36 tkls. (12 solo), 2 PBU, TFL				
Nick Nelson	40 tkls. (16 solo), 5 PBU, 2 INT, TFL				
Everette Pedescleaux	62 tkls. (27 solo), 11.5 TFL, 6.5 sacks, 3 FF, 2 BK, PBU				
Adam Roberts	33 tkls. (25 solo), 2 PBU, TFL, FR				
Jeremy Robertson	52 tkls. (20 solo), 11 TFL, 6.5 sacks, 3 QBH, PBU				
Bob Swift	Honorable Mention All-MVFC				
Victor Williams	28 rec., 362 yds., 2 TD				



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2009 UNI Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 5	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Sept. 12	South Dakota	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 19	St. Francis (Pa.)	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Missouri State*	Springfield, Mo.	1 p.m.
Oct. 3	Indiana State* (Family Weekend)	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 10	at North Dakota State*	Fargo, N.D.	6 p.m.
Oct. 17	Southern Illinois* (Homecoming)	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 24	at South Dakota State*	Brookings, S.D.	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	OPEN		
Nov. 7	Youngstown State*	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 14	Western Illinois*	UNI-Dome	6:05 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Illinois State*	Normal, Ill.	1 p.m.
Nov. 28	NCAA FCS Playoffs	TBD	TBA
Dec. 5	NCAA FCS Playoffs - Quarterfinals	TBD	TBA
Dec. 11-12	NCAA FCS Playoffs - Semifinals	TBD	TBA
Dec. 18	NCAA FCS Playoffs - National Championship	Chattanooga, Tenn.	TBA

* - indicates Missouri Valley Football Conference Game

Home games in **bold**

ALL TIMES CENTRAL (subject to change)

2008 UNI Football Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
Aug 30, 2008	at #16 Brigham Young	L 17-41	0-1	0-0	3:19	64108
Sep 06, 2008	SOUTH DAKOTA	W 24-13	1-1	0-0	2:37	12904
* Sep 20, 2008	#13 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	W 34-20	2-1	1-0	3:09	15136
* Sep 27, 2008	at #13 Southern Illinois	L 24-27	2-2	1-1	3:18	14427
Oct 02, 2008	NICHOLLS STATE	W 34-14	3-2	1-1	3:16	9028
* Oct 18, 2008	ILLINOIS STATE	W 31-17	4-2	2-1	3:00	16100
* Oct 18, 2008	#16 NORTH DAKOTA STATE	W 23-13	5-2	3-1	3:15	13416
* Oct 25, 2008	at Youngstown State	W 21-20	6-2	4-1	3:03	15937
* Nov 01, 2008	at #12 Western Illinois	W 30-6	7-2	5-1	2:45	10258
* Nov 08, 2008	MISSOURI STATE	W 42-0	8-2	6-1	2:50	13426
* Nov 15, 2008	at Indiana State	W 28-0	9-2	7-1	2:11	2381
Nov 22, 2008	at Southern Utah	W 34-24	10-2	7-1	2:47	3145
Nov 29, 2008	#20 MAINE	W 40-15	11-2	7-1	2:37	8477
Dec 06, 2008	#10 NEW HAMPSHIRE	W 36-34	12-2	7-1	3:10	9055
Dec 13, 2008	#7 RICHMOND	L 20-21	12-3	7-1	3:08	12062



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2009 UNI Numerical Football Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/HS/Previous School
1	Carlos Anderson	5-8	172	RB	R-Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs
2	D.P. Eyman	6-1	187	QB/WR	Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa/Iowa City High
3	Timmy Johnson	5-9	165	DB	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Kennedy
4	Jared Kuehner	6-5	198	WR	R-Fr.	Center Point, Iowa/Center Point-Urbana
5	D.J. Hord	6-1	198	WR	Sr.	Lee's Summit, Mo./Rockhurst/Notre Dame
5	Kane Thompson	5-10	211	LB	Jr.	Woodbine, Iowa/Woodbine
6	Trent Kos	5-9	170	P	So.	Kalona, Iowa/Mid-Prairie
7	Luke Walters	5-10	195	PK	So.	Marion, Iowa/Marion
8	Colin Dietrich	6-3	220	WR	Jr.	Walford, Iowa/Prairie
9	Montari Leonard	5-9	165	WR	Jr.	DeLand, Fla./Mainland
9	Paul Helgens	6-2	218	DB	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/C.R. Washington
10	Tre'Darrius Canady	5-11	187	DB	So.	Sioux City, Iowa/Sioux City East
11	John Landau	6-2	201	DB	R-Fr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls
12	Tim Clark	6-3	233	LB	R-Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla./Del City
13	Pat Grace	6-2	245	QB	Sr.	Sioux City, Iowa/Bishop Heelan
14	Luke Warren	6-1	204	WR	Sr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Northern University
15	Zach Gran	5-7	174	WR	R-Fr.	Caledonia, Minn./Caledonia
16	Craig James	5-10	165	DB	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Robert E. Lee/Coffeyville CC
17	Zach Davis	6-2	215	QB	So.	Washington, Iowa/Washington
18	Quentin Scott	6-5	224	DB	Sr.	Little Rock, Ark./Des Moines North/Iowa Central CC
19	Caleb Walter	6-4	215	QB	So.	West Branch, Iowa/West Branch
20	J.P. Helgens	6-2	253	FB	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier/Hawkeye CC
21	Josh Collins	5-9	193	WR	So.	Sioux City, Iowa/Sioux City West
27	Terrell McBride	5-9	175	DB	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Jefferson
28	Andre Martin II	6-1	203	DB	R-Fr.	Ferguson, Mo./McCluer
30	Taylor Brookins	5-9	210	RB	Jr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls
31	Derrick Law	6-1	223	RB	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo./Newton
32	James Conley	6-1	196	DB	So.	Des Moines, Iowa/Roosevelt
33	De'Andre Vandevender	6-0	224	LB	R-Fr.	Trenton, Mo./Trenton
34	Joe Johnson III	5-9	207	RB	R-Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa/Valley
35	Rayon Simmons	5-10	206	RB	R-Fr.	University City, Mo./Christian Brothers
36	Billy Hallgren	5-11	194	PK	Jr.	Coal Valley, Ill./Moline
37	Garrett Scott	6-0	201	DB	R-Fr.	Davenport, Iowa/Bettendorf
38	Matt Strathman	5-11	230	FB	Jr.	Rockford, Ill./Winnebago
39	Nico Watson	6-0	205	LB	R-Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla./Putnam City
41	Max Martin	5-11	190	PK	R-Fr.	Sioux City, Iowa/North
42	Rob Krapfl	5-10	182	DB	R-Fr.	Dyersville, Iowa/Beckman
43	Ben Boothby	6-0	253	DL	So.	Clinton, Iowa/Clinton
44	James Ruffin	6-4	267	DL	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville
45	Jamar Thompson	6-4	215	LB	Jr.	Andover, Minn./Andover
46	Jordan Smith	6-2	234	LB	So.	Humboldt, Iowa/Humboldt
47	Josh Mahoney	6-1	234	LB	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./O'Gorman
48	Ryan Mahaffey	6-4	255	TE	Jr.	Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell
49	Shawn Gerard	6-3	236	LB	So.	Eldridge, Iowa/North Scott
50	Will Jackson	6-0	220	LB	R-Fr.	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
52	John Hubbard	5-11	195	LS	R-Fr.	Parkersburg, Iowa/Aplington-Parkersburg
53	Stacy Chinander	5-11	225	LS	Sr.	Allison, Iowa/North Butler
54	Mike Gross	5-9	170	LS	R-Fr.	Elgin, Ill./South Elgin
56	August Hadenfeldt	6-3	257	DL	So.	Solon, Iowa/Solon
57	Nate Graves	5-8	229	LB	Jr.	Gilbert, Iowa/Gilbert
58	L.J. Fort	6-2	228	LB	So.	Waynesville, Mo./Waynesville
59	Austin Zlab	6-5	301	OL	Jr.	Urbandale, Iowa/Urbandale



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60	Jordan Limbaugh	6-3	313	OL	Sr.	Algona, Iowa/Algona
63	Jake Boll	6-6	278	OL	R-Fr.	Sanborn, Iowa/Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
64	Evan Tecklenburg	6-7	342	OL	So.	Muscatine, Iowa/Muscatine
65	Tim Sauer Jr.	6-7	278	OL	R-Fr.	Rosemount, Minn./Rosemount
66	Nate Herrig	6-3	287	OL	Sr.	Clinton, Iowa/Clinton
67	Misha Danilov	6-7	293	OL	R-Fr.	Middleton, Wis./Middleton
68	Trent Flander	6-4	277	OL	Sr.	West Des Moines, Iowa/Dowling/North Iowa Area CC
69	Eric Reimer	6-6	285	DL	Jr.	Reedsburg, Wis./Reedsburg
70	Jake Gonnering	6-5	312	DL	Jr.	Kenosha, Wis./Tremper
72	Jay Tepley	6-7	328	OL	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier
73	Dan Snitker	6-5	287	OL	Fr.	Waukon, Iowa/Waukon
74	Austin Steichen	6-3	309	OL	Sr.	Remsen, Iowa/Saint Mary's
75	Austin Howard	6-7	319	OL	Sr.	Davenport, Iowa/Central
76	Mike Thornton	6-4	298	OL	Jr.	Burnsville, Minn./NDSCS/Augustana
77	Mitch Houk	6-5	284	DL	So.	Ottumwa, Iowa/Ottumwa
78	Andrew BlackLance	6-5	299	OL	So.	Thief River Falls, Minn./Thief River Falls
79	Jason Fiacco	6-2	310	OL	Sr.	Oconomowoc, Wis./Arrowhead/Iowa State Univ.
81	Sam Eischen	6-6	254	TE	So.	Humboldt, Iowa/Humboldt
82	Joel Gilson	6-5	247	DL	Sr.	Urbandale, Iowa/Urbandale
83	Jarred Herring	5-10	165	WR	So.	Burlington, Iowa/Burlington
84	Will Eilert	6-4	260	TE	So.	Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell
85	Kyle Bennett	6-4	246	DL	Jr.	Sioux City, Iowa/Sioux City Heelan
86	Derek Williams	6-3	189	WR	R-Fr.	Marshalltown, Iowa/Marshalltown
87	Schuyler Oordt	6-7	246	TE	Jr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls
88	Maurice Turner	6-3	211	WR	Jr.	Shoreview, Minn./Mounds View
89	Marcus James	5-10	191	WR	R-Fr.	Sioux City, Iowa/Sioux City North
92	Kaleb Admire	6-3	290	DL	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Jefferson
93	Wes Lane	6-4	290	DL	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa/West
97	Colton Smith	6-2	232	DL	R-Fr.	Humboldt, Iowa/Humboldt
98	Chuck Kinney	6-3	290	DL	Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa/Lincoln
	Darren Branch	6-2	250	DL	So.	Twinsburg, Ohio/Twinsburg/Bowling Green State Univ.
	Jaz Granderson	5-10	187	DB	So.	Kirkwood, Mo./Kirkwood/Harper JC
	John Schuller	6-4	310	OL	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Prairie/Southeast Missouri State Univ.

Head Coach: Mark Farley (9th Season)

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Director of FB Operations: Matt Harken

Athletic Trainer: Ryan Callahan

Equipment Manager: Steve Nurse

Strength & Conditioning: Jed Smith



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	Jaz Granderson	5-10	187	DB	So.	Kirkwood, Mo./Kirkwood HS/Harper JC
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75	Austin Howard	6-7	319	OL	Sr.	Davenport, Iowa/Central
52	John Hubbard	5-11	195	LS	R-Fr.	Parkersburg, Iowa/Aplington-Parkersburg
50	Will Jackson	6-0	220	LB	R-Fr.	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
16	Craig James	5-10	165	DB	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Robert E. Lee/Coffeyville CC
89	Marcus James	5-11	191	WR	R-Fr.	Sioux City, Iowa/Sioux City North
34	Joe Johnson III	5-9	207	RB	R-Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa/Valley
3	Timmy Johnson	5-9	165	DB	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Kennedy
98	Chuck Kinney	6-3	290	DL	Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa/Lincoln
6	Trent Kos	5-9	170	P	So.	Kalona, Iowa/Mid-Prairie
42	Rob Krapfl	5-10	182	DB	R-Fr.	Dyersville, Iowa/Beckman
4	Jared Kuehner	6-5	198	WR	R-Fr.	Center Point, Iowa/Center Point-Urbana
11	John Landau	6-2	201	DB	R-Fr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls
93	Wes Lane	6-4	290	DL	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa/West
31	Derrick Law	6-1	223	RB	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo./Newton



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No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/HS/Previous School
9	Montari Leonard	5-9	165	WR	Jr.	DeLand, Fla./Mainland
60	Jordan Limbaugh	6-3	313	OL	Sr.	Algona, Iowa/Algona
48	Ryan Mahaffey	6-4	255	TE	Jr.	Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell
47	Josh Mahoney	6-1	234	LB	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./O'Gorman
28	Andre Martin II	6-1	203	DB	R-Fr.	Ferguson, Mo./McCluer
41	Max Martin	5-11	190	PK	R-Fr.	Sioux City, Iowa/North
27	Terrell McBride	5-9	175	DB	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Jefferson
87	Schuyler Oordt	6-7	246	TE	Jr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Cedar Falls
69	Eric Reimer	6-6	285	DL	Jr.	Reedsburg, Wis./Reedsburg
44	James Ruffin	6-4	267	DL	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville
65	Tim Sauer Jr.	6-7	278	OL	R-Fr.	Rosemount, Minn./Rosemount
	John Schuller	6-4	310	OL	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Prairie/Southeast Missouri State Univ.
37	Garrett Scott	6-0	201	DB	R-Fr.	Davenport, Iowa/Bettendorf
18	Quentin Scott	6-5	224	DB	Sr.	Little Rock, Ark./Des Moines North/Iowa Central
35	Rayon Simmons	5-10	206	RB	R-Fr.	University City, Mo./Christian Brothers
97	Colton Smith	6-2	220	DL	R-Fr.	Humboldt, Iowa/Humboldt
46	Jordan Smith	6-2	232	LB	So.	Humboldt, Iowa/Humboldt
73	Dan Snitker	6-5	287	OL	Fr.	Waukon, Iowa/Waukon
74	Austin Steichen	6-3	309	OL	Sr.	Remsen, Iowa/Saint Mary's
38	Matt Strathman	5-11	230	FB	Jr.	Rockford, Ill./Winnebago
64	Evan Tecklenburg	6-7	342	OL	So.	Muscatine, Iowa/Muscatine
72	Jay Teply	6-7	328	OL	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier
45	Jamar Thompson	6-4	215	LB	Jr.	Andover, Minn./Andover
5	Kane Thompson	5-10	211	LB	Jr.	Woodbine, Iowa/Woodbine
76	Mike Thornton	6-4	298	OL	Jr.	Burnsville, Minn./NDSCS/Augustana
88	Maurice Turner	6-3	211	WR	Jr.	Shoreview, Minn./Mounds View
33	De'Andre Vandevender	6-0	224	LB	R-Fr.	Trenton, Mo./Trenton
19	Caleb Walter	6-4	215	QB	So.	West Branch, Iowa/West Branch
7	Luke Walters	5-10	195	PK	So.	Marion, Iowa/Marion
14	Luke Warren	6-1	204	WR	Sr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa/Northern University
39	Nico Watson	6-0	205	LB	R-Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla./Putnam City
86	Derek Williams	6-3	189	WR	R-Fr.	Marshalltown, Iowa/Marshalltown
59	Austin Zlab	6-5	301	OL	Jr.	Urbandale, Iowa/Urbandale

Head Coach: Mark Farley (9th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Bill Salmon (Assoc. Head Coach/Co-Off. Coord./WRs), Mario Verduzco (Co-Off. Coord./QBs), Chris Klieman (Co-Def. Coord./DBs), Rick Nelson (Recruiting Coord./OL), Atif Austin (RBs), Erik Chinander (TEs), Jovan Dewitt (LBs), Bill Wilt (DL), Jeremiah Johnson (DBs)

Director of FB Operations: Matt Harken

Athletic Trainer: Ryan Callahan

Equipment Manager: Steve Nurse

Strength & Conditioning: Jed Smith



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Team Statistics	UNI	OPP
SCORING	438	265
Points Per Game	29.2	17.7
FIRST DOWNS	278	245
Rushing	144	96
Passing	123	133
Penalty	11	16
RUSHING YARDAGE	2877	1602
Yards gained rushing	3184	1977
Yards lost rushing	307	375
Rushing Attempts	661	494
Average Per Rush	4.4	3.2
Average Per Game	191.8	106.8
TDs Rushing	32	17
PASSING YARDAGE	2621	3044
Att-Comp-Int	318-196-8	452-261-24
Average Per Pass	8.2	6.7
Average Per Catch	13.4	11.7
Average Per Game	174.7	202.9
TDs Passing	18	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	5498	4646
Total Plays	979	946
Average Per Play	5.6	4.9
Average Per Game	366.5	309.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	49-1027	71-1439
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	32-285	25-292
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	24-392	8-138
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.0	20.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	8.9	11.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	16.3	17.2
FUMBLES-LOST	16-10	27-16
PENALTIES-Yards	79-685	98-752
Average Per Game	45.7	50.1
PUNTS-Yards	65-2507	76-2996
Average Per Punt	38.6	39.4
Net punt average	30.7	34.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:34	28:24
3RD-DOWN Conversions	84/199	60/192
3rd-Down Pct	42%	31%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	6/17	16/29
4th-Down Pct	35%	55%
SACKS BY-Yards	33-191	11-98
MISC YARDS	1	-19
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	54	34
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	19-28	10-15
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	53-67 79%	35-45 78%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	38-67 57%	26-45 58%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	51-53 96%	29-32 91%
ATTENDANCE	109604	110256
Games/Avg Per Game	9/12178	6/18376
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
UNI	117	125	121	75	0	438
Opponents	51	101	33	80	0	265



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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Lewis, Corey	15	260	1367	53	1314	5.1	11	41	87.6
Law, Derrick	15	187	812	26	786	4.2	9	27	52.4
Grace, Pat	12	134	739	121	618	4.6	11	69	51.5
Brookins, Taylor	4	25	104	5	99	4.0	0	17	24.8
Davis, Zach	7	21	86	31	55	2.6	0	17	7.9
Collins, Josh	15	7	27	1	26	3.7	0	13	1.7
Strathman, Matt	14	3	7	3	4	1.3	0	4	0.3
Herring, Jarred	15	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	3	0.3
Gray, Johnny	10	7	37	35	2	0.3	1	19	0.2
Eyman, D.P.	14	2	1	1	0	0.0	0	1	0.0
Mahaffey, Ryan	15	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.3
TEAM	11	12	0	26	-26	-2.2	0	0	-2.4
Total	15	661	3184	307	2877	4.4	32	69	191.8
Opponents	15	494	1977	375	1602	3.2	17	61	106.8

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Grace, Pat	12	145.76	152-244-7	62.3	2041	14	62	170.1
Davis, Zach	7	133.19	43-70-1	61.4	504	3	52	72.0
TEAM	11	0.00	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Eyman, D.P.	14	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Williams, Victor	10	1068.40	1-1-0	100.0	76	1	76	7.6
Total	15	144.52	196-318-8	61.6	2621	18	76	174.7
Opponents	15	114.65	261-452-24	57.7	3044	15	67	202.9

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Collins, Josh	15	32	502	15.7	1	76	33.5
Gray, Johnny	10	29	380	13.1	2	32	38.0
Williams, Victor	10	28	362	12.9	2	50	36.2
Lewis, Corey	15	26	242	9.3	2	47	16.1
Hord, D.J.	15	15	149	9.9	0	17	9.9
Herring, Jarred	15	14	270	19.3	4	55	18.0
Turner, Maurice	14	14	229	16.4	0	36	16.4
Oordt, Schuyler	15	12	233	19.4	3	49	15.5
Mahaffey, Ryan	15	11	129	11.7	3	33	8.6
Law, Derrick	15	9	56	6.2	0	15	3.7
Eyman, D.P.	14	5	73	14.6	1	35	5.2
Leonard, Montari	3	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Grace, Pat	12	0	-8	0.0	0	0	-0.7
Total	15	196	2621	13.4	18	76	174.7
Opponents	15	261	3044	11.7	15	67	202.9

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Gray, Johnny	18	145	8.1	0	38
Collins, Josh	12	110	9.2	0	29
Smith, Jordan	2	30	15.0	0	0
Total	32	285	8.9	0	38
Opponents	25	292	11.7	0	47

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
McMoore, Terrell	5	67	13.4	1	36
Thompson, Jamar	4	60	15.0	0	38
Mahoney, Josh	3	76	25.3	0	42
Harris, De'Veon	3	18	6.0	0	13
Nelson, Nick	2	0	0.0	0	0
Lloyd, Darrell	2	0	0.0	0	0
McMoore, Sean	2	82	41.0	0	46
Scott, Quentin	1	14	14.0	0	14
James, Craig	1	75	75.0	1	75
Schmidt, Ben	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	24	392	16.3	2	75
Opponents	8	138	17.2	1	100

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Herring, Jarred	24	613	25.5	0	70
Gray, Johnny	12	201	16.8	0	39
Collins, Josh	5	112	22.4	0	31
Gilson, Joel	2	28	14.0	0	18
James, Craig	1	41	41.0	0	41
Boothby, Ben	1	11	11.0	0	11
Mahaffey, Ryan	1	13	13.0	0	13
Oordt, Schuyler	1	1	1.0	0	1
Reimer, Eric	1	7	7.0	0	7
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	49	1027	21.0	0	70
Opponents	71	1439	20.3	1	97

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Harris, De'Veon	1	14	14.0	0	14
Thompson, Jamar	1	32	32.0	1	32
Huygens, Mark	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	2	46	23.0	2	32
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Hallgren, Billy	-	19-28	51-53	-	-	-	-	108	
Lewis, Corey	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	
Grace, Pat	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	
Law, Derrick	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	
Herring, Jarred	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	
Mahaffey, Ryan	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Gray, Johnny	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Oordt, Schuyler	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Williams, Victor	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Huygens, Mark	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
TEAM	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	3	6	
Collins, Josh	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
James, Craig	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
McMoore, Terrell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Eyman, D.P.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Thompson, Jamar	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Total	54	19-28	51-53	0-1	-	-	3	438	
Opponents	34	10-15	29-32	0-1	1	1-1	-	265	

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Grace, Pat	12	378	618	2041	2659	221.6
Lewis, Corey	15	260	1314	0	1314	87.6
Law, Derrick	15	187	786	0	786	52.4
Davis, Zach	7	91	55	504	559	79.9
Brookins, Taylor	4	25	99	0	99	24.8
Williams, Victor	10	1	0	76	76	7.6
Collins, Josh	15	7	26	0	26	1.7
Herring, Jarred	15	2	4	0	4	0.3
Strathman, Matt	14	3	4	0	4	0.3
Gray, Johnny	10	7	2	0	2	0.2
Mahaffey, Ryan	15	1	-5	0	-5	-0.3
TEAM	11	14	-26	0	-26	-2.4
Total	15	979	2877	2621	5498	366.5
Opponents	15	946	1602	3044	4646	309.7

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Hallgren, Billy	19-28	67.9	0-0	7-10	8-10	4-6	0-2	47	0

FG Sequence	UNI	Opponents
Brigham Young	(25)	-
South Dakota	47,27,(28)	47,45
South Dakota State	-	(42),(21)
Southern Illinois	(21)	40,(28),(40)
Nicholls State	35,(33),(43)	-
Illinois State	(33),25	(27)
North Dakota State	(47),(44),(21)	(24),(34)
Youngstown State	-	-
Western Illinois	(24),(20),(34)	(30),(21)
Missouri State	-	-
Indiana State	-	-
Southern Utah	(35),(36)	(27),27
Maine	27,33,(39)	-
New Hampshire	(45),51,(35)	-
Richmond	(35),42,51,(25)	22

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Black, Brook	62	2476	39.9	59	11	11	21	9	2
TEAM	3	31	10.3	31	0	0	0	0	1
Total	65	2507	38.6	59	11	11	21	9	3
Opponents	76	2996	39.4	70	5	18	15	12	3

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydIn
Hallgren, Billy	88	5306	60.3	10	1			
Total	88	5306	60.3	10	1	20.3	41.7	28
Opponents	58	3273	56.4	7	0	21.0	36.3	33

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.



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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Lewis, Corey	15	1314	242	0	0	0	1556	103.7
Herring, Jarred	15	4	270	0	613	0	887	59.1
Law, Derrick	15	786	56	0	0	0	842	56.1
Collins, Josh	15	26	502	110	112	0	750	50.0
Gray, Johnny	10	2	380	145	201	0	728	72.8
Grace, Pat	12	618	-8	0	0	0	610	50.8
Williams, Victor	10	0	362	0	0	0	362	36.2
Oordt, Schuyler	15	0	233	0	1	0	234	15.6
Turner, Maurice	14	0	229	0	0	0	229	16.4
Hord, D.J.	15	0	149	0	0	0	149	9.9
Mahaffey, Ryan	15	-5	129	0	13	0	137	9.1
James, Craig	5	0	0	0	41	75	116	23.2
Brookins, Taylor	4	99	0	0	0	0	99	24.8
McMoore, Sean	15	0	0	0	0	82	82	5.5
Mahoney, Josh	15	0	0	0	0	76	76	5.1
Eyman, D.P.	14	0	73	0	0	0	73	5.2
McMoore, Terrell	15	0	0	0	0	67	67	4.5
Thompson, Jam	15	0	0	0	0	60	60	4.0
Davis, Zach	7	55	0	0	0	0	55	7.9
Smith, Jordan	15	0	0	30	0	0	30	2.0
Gilson, Joel	11	0	0	0	28	0	28	2.5
Harris, De'Veon	15	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.2
Scott, Quentin	13	0	0	0	0	14	14	1.1
Boothby, Ben	12	0	0	0	11	0	11	0.9
Reimer, Eric	5	0	0	0	7	0	7	1.4
Leonard, Montari	3	0	4	0	0	0	4	1.3
Strathman, Matt	14	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.3
TEAM	11	-26	0	0	0	0	-26	-2.4
Total	15	2877	2621	285	1027	392	7202	480.1
Opponents	15	1602	3044	292	1439	138	6515	434.3



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UNI Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Dec 13, 2008)
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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
47	Mahoney, Josh	15	48	91	139	7.0-13	.	3-76	2	1	1-0	1	.	.	
45	Thompson, Jamar	15	44	66	110	10.0-37	2.0-17	4-60	4	1	2-32	3	.	.	
15	Harris, De'Veon	15	43	61	104	8.0-38	4.0-32	3-18	9	1	4-14	2	.	.	
23	Lloyd, Darrell	15	46	51	97	3.0-12	0.5-3	2-0	3	.	1-0	1	3	.	
44	Ruffin, James	15	31	38	69	18.0-84	10.0-57	.	2	3	1-0	3	1	.	
95	Pedescleaux, E.	15	27	35	62	11.5-41	6.5-23	.	1	1	.	3	2	.	
98	Kinney, Chuck	15	18	43	61	6.5-16	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	McMoore, Terrell	15	31	28	59	0.5-2	.	5-67	7	.	.	2	.	.	
91	Robertson, J.	15	20	32	52	11.0-57	6.5-45	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
51	Kirk, Justin	14	12	33	45	5.0-10	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
8	Nelson, Nick	15	16	24	40	1.0-4	.	2-0	5	.	.	.	.	.
22	Meier, Curtis	10	12	24	36	1.0-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
11	Roberts, Adam	14	25	8	33	1.0-1	.	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.	
29	McMoore, Sean	15	19	14	33	0.5-1	.	2-82	2	.	.	.	.	.
18	Scott, Quentin	13	8	12	20	0.5-1	.	1-14	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Lane, Wes	13	7	13	20	3.0-9	1.0-5	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.	
25	Schmidt, Ben	15	10	8	18	.	.	1-0	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
10	Canady, T.	13	9	9	18	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
96	Huygens, Mark	14	6	9	15	1.5-2	.	.	1	2	2-0	.	.	.	
46	Smith, Jordan	15	6	6	12	1.5-3	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	2	.	
58	Fort, L.J.	14	3	7	10	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Conley, James	7	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Mahaffey, Ryan	15	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Strathman, Matt	14	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
36	Hallgren, Billy	15	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Flander, Trent	14	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Law, Derrick	15	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Boothby, Ben	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Chinander, Stacy	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Herring, Jarred	15	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	James, Craig	5	2	.	2	.	.	1-75	.	.	.	.	.	.
74	Steichen, Austin	14	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	11	1	.	1	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	3
79	Fiacco, Jason	15	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Alford, Ben	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Graves, Nate	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Bennett, Kyle	6	1	.	1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Collins, Josh	15	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Lewis, Corey	15	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		15	463	628	1091	93-338	33-191	24-392	42	13	16-46	19	8	3	
Opponents		15	558	525	1083	84-292	11-98	8-138	28	19	9-0	11	3	.	

2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

GAME 1: BYU 41, UNI 17

AUG. 30, 2008 • LA VELL EDWARDS STADIUM • PROVO, UTAH

PROVO, Utah – The No. 16-ranked Brigham Young University Cougars opened the 2008 season with a 41-14 victory over the University of Northern Iowa Panthers at LaVell Edwards Stadium. The Panthers hung with the Cougars trailing only 27-17 and had the ball at the BYU 30-yard line entering the fourth quarter before the home squad pulled away in the final stanza.

The Cougars scored on their opening drive of the game as quarterback Max Hall connected with wideout Michael Reed on a 27-yard scoring strike.

UNI tallied its first points of the season on the ensuing drive as sophomore placekicker Billy Hallgren booted a 25-yard field goal. The Panthers got into scoring position following a 69-yard option run by junior quarterback Pat Grace.

BYU then took advantage of a Panther miscue, a Derrick Law fumble, and turned it into a 19-yard touchdown pass from Hall to Harvey Unga. Unga's score gave the Cougars a 14-3 advantage.

The Cougars added to the lead in the second quarter when Unga added a two-yard touchdown run. However, UNI senior Everette Pedescleaux blocked the extra point to keep the lead at 20-3 with 4:50 left in the first half. The Cougars were able to extend the lead to 27-3 with only 17 seconds left in the first half on a one-yard run by Unga.

UNI was able to create a turnover on the Cougars' first drive of the second half when senior linebacker De'Veon Harris recovered a fumble. The Panthers wasted little time in converting the turnover into points with a little trickery as senior wide receiver Victor Williams connected with redshirt freshman Josh Collins on a 76-yard touchdown pass. The Panthers clawed closer at the 5:59 mark of the third quarter when senior Mark Huygens fell on a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

UNI forced its third turnover of the third quarter when Curtis Meier forced a fumble and Adam Roberts recovered for the Panthers as the Cougars were driving. The Panthers converted one fourth down on the ensuing drive but stalled on a fourth-and-two at the BYU 30-yard line. BYU was able to expand the lead back to 17 points, 34-17, on a 1-yard touchdown run by Hall at the 9:02 mark of the fourth quarter. The Cougars moved the lead to 41-17 on a 13-yard run by Bryan Kariya, following a fumble by Grace at the UNI 15-yard line.

GAME STATISTICS

UNI	3	0	14	0	-	17
BYU	14	13	0	14	-	41

Time: 3:19, Attendance: 64,108

	UNI	BYU
First Downs	14	28
Rushes-Yards	40-149	28-77
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	17-25-0	34-41-0
Passing Yards	213	486
Total Offense	362	563
Average Gain/Play	5.6	8.2
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	5-4
Penalties-Yards	4-40	8-65
Punts-Yards	7-302	3-128
Average Per Punt	43.1	42.7
Possession Time	33:41	26:19
Third Down Conversions	6-17	7-10
Sacks By-Yards Lost	1-5	1-8

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

8:56	BYU - Michael Reed 27 pass from Max Reed (Mitch Payne kick)	BYU, 7-0
5:13	UNI - Billy Hallgren 25 FG	BYU, 7-3
1:25	BYU - Harvey Unga 19 pass from Reed (Payne kick)	BYU, 14-3

Second Quarter

4:50	BYU - Unga 2 run (Payne kick blocked)	BYU, 20-3
0:17	BYU - Unga 1 run (Payne kick)	BYU, 27-3

Third Quarter

12:12	UNI - Josh Collins 76 pass from Victor Williams (Hallgren kick)	BYU, 27-10
5:59	UNI - Mark Huygens fumble recovery in end zone (Hallgren kick)	BYU, 27-17

Fourth Quarter

9:02	BYU - Hall 1 run (Payne kick)	BYU, 34-17
7:30	BYU - Bryan Kariya 14 run (Payne kick)	BYU, 41-17

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (11-72, 0); BYU - Harvey Unga (18-64, 2)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (11-18-0, 112, 0); BYU - Max Hall (34-41-0, 486, 2)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Josh Collins (3-114, 1); BYU - Denis Pitta (11-213, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Darrell Lloyd (11); BYU - Matt Bauman (11)

GAME 2: UNI 24, SOUTH DAKOTA 13

SEPT. 6, 2008 • UNI-DOME • CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – The CEDAR FALLS, Iowa - The No. 5-ranked University of Northern Iowa football team opened up its 2008 home slate with a 24-13 victory over South Dakota.

Despite giving up 415 yards of total offense and 290 yards through the air, the Panther defense held the Coyotes to just 13 points. However, the Panther defense was able to force four turnovers (three turnovers and one interception).

Following a missed field goal by Billy Hallgren on the opening possession by the Panthers, South Dakota marched from their own 29-yard line into UNI territory, setting up a 47-yard field goal for the Coyotes. UNI's Darrell Lloyd broke through the USD line to block the attempt and keep the game scoreless.

UNI put the first points on the board off a 10-play, 42-yard drive that took 6:45 off the clock. Corey Lewis scored his first touchdown of the season on a 12-yard run. Billy Hallgren added the extra point to put the Panthers up, 7-0.

After driving 71-yards on six plays, UNI extended its lead to 14-0 on 16-yard pass from Pat Grace to Schuyler Oordt at the 9:11 mark of the second quarter.

South Dakota responded with a touchdown of its own, on a 7-yard run by quarterback Noah Shepard. UNI quickly drove 69 yards downfield to score again, this time on a 32-yard pass from Grace to Johnny Gray right before halftime.

Josh Mahoney sparked life into the Panther defense early in the second half after intercepting a Shepard pass and returning it 42 yards to the South Dakota 11-yard line. UNI failed to convert the turnover into points once again, as Hallgren's 27-yard field goal attempt went wide right.

South Dakota dipped into the Panthers' lead late in the third quarter off a two-yard run by Noah Shepard. A botched snap on the extra-point left kept UNI with an eight point lead at 21-13.

Hallgren added the final score of the game for the Panthers at the 6:29 mark of the fourth quarter on a 28-yard field goal. The score capped off a 13-play, 76-yard drive that took 5:47 seconds off the clock.

South Dakota looked as if they could cut into the Panthers lead, but Thompson recovered a fumble at the Panthers 14-yard line to halt the Coyote drive. UNI was unable to convert a third-and-seven and were forced to punt the ball back to the Coyotes with 1:30 left on the clock.

South Dakota converted a fourth-and-seven to reach the Panthers 30-yard line, but the tandem of James Ruffin and Justin Kirk sacked Shepard, forcing a fumble recovered by UNI's Jordan Smith.

GAME STATISTICS

South Dakota	0	7	6	0	-	13
UNI	7	14	0	3	-	24

Time: 2:37, Attendance: 12,904

	USD	UNI
First Downs	21	18
Rushes-Yards	41-125	37-194
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	22-33-1	10-14-2
Passing Yards	290	130
Total Offense	415	324
Average Gain/Play	5.6	6.4
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-59	5-43
Punts-Yards	1-45	2-69
Average Per Punt	45.0	34.5
Possession Time	37:23	22:37
Third Down Conversions	5-14	4-10
Sacks By-Yards Lost	1-14	2-6

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

5:29	UNI - Corey Lewis 12 run (Billy Hallgren kick)	UNI, 7-0
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Second Quarter

9:11	UNI - Schuyler Oordt 16 pass from Pat Grace (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 14-0
3:21	USD - Noah Shepard 7 run (Justin Veazie kick)	UNI, 14-7
1:17	UNI - Johnny Gray 32 pass from Grace (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 21-7

Third Quarter

3:12	USD - Shepard 2 run (Team rush failed - bad snap)	UNI, 21-13
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Fourth Quarter

6:29	UNI - Hallgren 28 FG	UNI, 24-13
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STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (21-154, 1); USD - Noah Shepard (19-90, 2)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (10-14-2, 130, 2); USD - Noah Shepard (22-33-1, 290, 0)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Johnny Gray (4-68, 1); USD - Dan Skelly (8-144, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Darrell Lloyd, Josh Mahoney (12); USD - Wayne Curry (7)

GAME 3: UNI 34, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 20
SEPT. 20, 2008 • UNI-DOME • CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – The University of Northern Iowa junior quarterback Pat Grace threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more in the Panthers' decisive 34-20 win over South Dakota State to open Missouri Valley Football Conference play in the UNI-Dome.

Grace amassed 284 yards of total offense on the day. The sophomore gunslinger completed 12-of-20 passes for 200 yards, while also chewing up 84 yards on 12 carries, averaging seven yards a carry.

South Dakota State jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after Peter Reifenrath nailed a 42-yard field goal, capping off an 11-play, 43-yard drive on its opening series of the day.

Following an interception on UNI's first offensive possession of the game, Grace redeemed himself by hooking up with senior wideout Johnny Gray on a 18-yard touchdown strike to propel the Panthers ahead 7-3 with 4:01 remaining in the opening quarter. The Panthers never trailed the rest of the way.

Both teams struggled offensively in the second quarter, but Grace found his way into the end zone on a three-yard scramble with 14 seconds remaining before halftime to lift the Panthers to a 14-3 cushion at the intermission.

Following a Panther three-and-out on the opening possession of the second half, the Panther defense held the Jackrabbits to another Reifenrath field goal from 21 yards out after SDSU put together a nine-play, 65-yard drive. With 6:58 left in the third quarter, Grace hooked up with sophomore tight end Ryan Mahaffey on a 33-yard fly pattern, pushing the Panther lead to 21-6.

The Jackrabbits responded when quarterback Ryan Berry hit Glen Fox on eight-yard touchdown pass, trimming the Panther lead to 21-13. Berry finished the game 32-of-53 for 375 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

The Panthers wasted no time putting together another touchdown drive as Gray sprinted past the SDSU defense on a 19-yard reverse for a touchdown at the 14:53 mark of the fourth quarter. Grace added his second touchdown of the night bulldozing his way in a four-yard quarterback draw, extending the Panther lead to 34-13 with 7:05 left in the game.

Jackrabbit running back Kyle Minett scored the final touchdown of the night on a two-yard run, with 5:00 remaining in the game.

GAME STATISTICS

South Dakota State	3	0	10	7	-	20
UNI	7	7	7	13	-	34

Time: 3:09, Attendance: 15,136

	SDSU	UNI
First Downs	20	18
Rushes-Yards	26-15	40-233
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	32-53-1	12-20-1
Passing Yards	375	200
Total Offense	390	433
Average Gain/Play	4.9	7.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-25	10-97
Punts-Yards	6-247	7-301
Average Per Punt	41.2	43.0
Possession Time	33:03	26:57
Third Down Conversions	6-17	4-11
Sacks By-Yards Lost	1-3	5-26

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

10:32 SDSU - Peter Reifenrath 42 FG SDSU, 3-0
 2:35 UNI - Johnny Gray 18 pass from Pat Grace (Billy Hallgren kick) UNI, 7-3

Second Quarter

0:14 UNI - Grace 3 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 14-3

Third Quarter

9:46 SDSU - Reifenrath 21 FG UNI, 14-6
 6:58 UNI - Ryan Mahaffey 33 pass from Grace (Hallgren kick) UNI, 21-6
 2:54 SDSU - Glen Fox 8 pass from Ryan Berry (Reifenrath kick) UNI, 21-13

Fourth Quarter

14:53 UNI - Gray 19 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 28-13
 7:05 UNI - Grace 4 run (Hallgren kick failed) UNI, 34-13
 5:00 SDSU - Kyle Minett 2 run (Reifenrath kick) UNI, 34-20

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (18-95, 0); SDSU - Kyle Minett (14-36, 1)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (12-20-1, 200, 2); SDSU - Ryan Berry (32-53-1, 375, 1)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Johnny Gray (6-77, 1); SDSU - JaRon Harris (9-120, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Josh Mahoney (11); SDSU - Danny Batten, Jimmy Rogers (7)

GAME 4: SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 27, UNI 24
SEPT. 27, 2008 • McANDREW FIELD • CARBONDALE, ILL.

CARBONDALE, Ill. – Southern Illinois University placekicker Kyle Dougherty booted a 40-yard field goal on the final play of the game to give the No. 13-ranked Salukis a 27-24 victory over the No. 5-ranked University of Northern Iowa football team.

The Salukis' final possession of the game came as the result of a sack and a fumble recovery inside the Panthers' 30-yard line with 54 seconds left in the game. The Salukis ran two plays and called a timeout with one second remaining to set up the kick by Dougherty.

The Salukis landed a punch right to the Panthers' gullet on the opening kickoff when SIU's Larry Warner returned it 97 yards for a touchdown at the 14:46 mark. However, once the Panther defense was able to get its starting unit on the field the Saluki offense was stymied. SIU ran 10 offensive plays in the first quarter for only 35 total yards and one first down.

SIU turned the game around in the second quarter with 17 straight points to take a 24-7 lead at the half. However, the Panthers marched the length of the field on their first possession of the third quarter and scored on a one-yard plunge by senior running back Corey Lewis. Lewis' score, the 30th rushing touchdown of his career, brought the Panthers to within 24-14 with 10:36 left in the third.

After a failed fake punt attempt by the Salukis, UNI gained possession just outside the SIU 32-yard line. The Panthers' drive stalled inside the five-yard line, where Hallgren then knocked in a 21-yard field goal to pull the Panthers to within one score at 24-17 at the 5:32 mark of the third quarter.

Senior cornerback Terrell McMoore intercepted a Saluki aerial to give the ball back to the Panthers and set up a tying touchdown drive. The Panthers cashed in the intercept with a one-yard touchdown pass from Grace to senior wideout Victor Williams with 37 seconds left in the third quarter.

After allowing 182 yards in the first half, the Panther defense allowed only 49 total yards for the Salukis in the second half and only three first downs.

GAME STATISTICS

UNI	0	7	17	0	-	24
Southern Illinois	7	17	0	3	-	27

Time: 3:18, Attendance: 14,427

	UNI	SIU
First Downs	22	13
Rushes-Yards	51-242	30-49
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	12-22-1	14-33-1
Passing Yards	123	182
Total Offense	365	231
Average Gain/Play	5.0	3.7
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-50	8-88
Punts-Yards	5-202	7-280
Average Per Punt	40.4	40.0
Possession Time	32:50	27:10
Third Down Conversions	3-11	3-13
Sacks By-Yards Lost	3-18	2-19

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

14:46 SIU - Larry Warner 97 kickoff return (Kyle Dougherty kick) SIU, 7-0

Second Quarter

14:05 UNI - Grace 5 run (Billy Hallgren kick) Tied, 7-7
 11:33 SIU - Warner 2 run (Dougherty kick) SIU, 14-7
 6:26 SIU - Dougherty 28 FG SIU, 17-7
 1:30 SIU - Bryce Morris 20 pass from Chris Dieker (Dougherty kick) SIU, 24-7

Third Quarter

10:36 UNI - Corey Lewis 1 run (Hallgren kick) SIU, 24-14
 5:32 UNI - Hallgren 21 FG SIU, 24-17
 0:37 UNI - Victor Williams 1 pass from Grace (Hallgren kick) Tied, 24-24

Fourth Quarter

0:00 SIU - Dougherty 40 FG SIU, 27-24

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (35-190, 1); SIU - Larry Warner (13-45, 1)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (12-22-1, 123, 1); SIU - Chris Dieker (14-32-1, 182, 1)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Victor Williams (6-44, 1); SIU - Bryce Morris (5-59, 1)
 Tackles: UNI - Josh Mahoney (7); SIU - Marty Rodgers (9)

GAME 5: UNI 34, NICHOLLS STATE 14
OCT. 2, 2008 • UNI-DOME • CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – The University of Northern Iowa football team kept its perfect home record intact after a 34-14 victory over Nicholls State.

Playing just five days after a heartbreaking 27-24 loss to conference foe Southern Illinois, UNI saw the Colonels quickly jump out to a 7-0 lead after fullback Marlin Meeks rumbled in from nine yards out on the opening drive.

Junior quarterback Pat Grace quickly rallied the Panther troops to an 11-play 69-yard drive, capped off by a Grace 2-yard touchdown plunge with 6:10 remaining in the opening quarter to knot the score, 7-7.

The Panthers wasted no time finding the end zone on its second possession of the evening after Grace hit a streaking freshman wide receiver Jarred Herring for a 36-yard scoring strike to put the Panthers in front, 14-7.

The Colonels got back on the scoreboard after the Panthers went three-and-out to start the second half. Colonels' quarterback Vincent Montgomery hooked up with Antonio Robinson on a 36-yard touchdown pass with 8:14 remaining in the third quarter to tie the score at 14-14. The touchdown catch completed a 10-play, 86-yard drive on their opening possession of the second half.

Just as they did after the first Nicholls State touchdown of the evening, the Panthers came back with another two-yard touchdown run by Grace to pull ahead 21-14 with 4:44 left in the third quarter.

Three plays later, Panther senior linebacker De'Veon Harris recovered a Montgomery fumble at the Nicholls State 19-yard line. Unable to capitalize with a touchdown after the turnover, the Panthers had to settle for a 33-yard field goal by Hallgren to move ahead 24-14.

The Panthers scored on its third consecutive possession of the second half after Hallgren added another field goal from 43 yards out on the Panthers' ensuing possession with 12:20 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore linebacker Jamar Thompson picked off a Montgomery pass after the Hallgren field goal to set up the Panthers' fourth consecutive score of the second half.

Senior running back Derrick Law raced in from 12 yards out to cap off a three-play 25-yard drive for the final score of the evening. Law finished with 13 carries for 51 yards.

GAME STATISTICS

Nicholls State	7	0	7	0	-	14
UNI	14	0	10	10	-	34

Time: 3:16, Attendance: 9,028

	NSU	UNI
First Downs	17	18
Rushes-Yards	49-270	47-210
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	4-11-2	9-15-1
Passing Yards	106	152
Total Offense	376	362
Average Gain/Play	6.3	5.8
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	11-89	4-30
Punts-Yards	4-157	2-68
Average Per Punt	39.2	34.0
Possession Time	28:00	32:00
Third Down Conversions	2-9	7-13
Sacks By-Yards Lost	0-0	1-6

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

12:07	NSU - Marlin Meeks 9 run (Ross Schexnayder kick)	NSU, 7-0
6:10	UNI - Pat Grace 2 run (Billy Hallgren kick)	Tied, 7-7
2:02	UNI - Jarred Herring 36 pass from Grace (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 14-7

Second Quarter

No Scoring

Third Quarter

8:14	NSU - Antonio Robinson 36 pass from Vincent Montgomery (Schexnayder kick)	Tied, 14-14
4:44	UNI - Grace 2 run (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 21-14
2:08	UNI - Hallgren 33 FG	UNI, 24-14

Fourth Quarter

12:20	UNI - Hallgren 43 FG	UNI, 27-14
6:34	UNI - Derrick Law 12 run (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 34-14

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (18-92, 2); NSU - Chris Bunch (9-82, 0)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (9-15-1, 152, 1); NSU - Vincent Montgomery (4-8-2, 106, 1)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Josh Collins (3-44, 0); NSU - Patrick Gordon (2-46, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Darrell Lloyd (12); NSU - Andrew Eddie, Garrick Spain (10)

GAME 6: UNI 31, ILLINOIS STATE 17
OCT. 11, 2008 • UNI-DOME • CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – The No. 8-ranked University of Northern Iowa football team knocked off Illinois State, the only previously-undefeated team in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, 31-17.

Junior quarterback Pat Grace continued his torrid play in the UNI-Dome, rushing for two scores and throwing for a pair of touchdowns. Grace completed 13-of-18 passes for 238 yards and rushed the ball 13 times for 99 yards.

The Panthers landed a punch into the Redbirds' gullet on their opening drive, with a five-yard touchdown reception by tight end Ryan Mahaffey from Grace to take a 7-0 lead with 10:52 remaining in the opening quarter.

Following a quick Redbirds three-and-out, the Panthers put together another scoring drive after sophomore kicker Billy Hallgren connected on a 33-yard field goal, capping off a nine-play 75-yard drive with 3:15 remaining in the first quarter. Illinois State responded with a field goal of its own on its ensuing possession, with kicker Steven Fetzter drilling a 22-yard field goal. The Redbirds reached the UNI six-yard line but a false start penalty and a four-yard loss by running back Parrish Fisher prevented the Redbirds from punching it in.

Wasting no time, Grace quickly went back to work, engineering a third consecutive Panther scoring drive to start the game. Grace hit a streaking senior Victor Williams on a 50-yard touchdown pass lifting the Panther lead to 17-3 with 8:10 remaining in the second quarter. Redbird quarterback Kevin Brockway's one yard touchdown run with only nine seconds remaining before halftime trimmed the Panther lead to 17-10.

On UNI's opening possession of the second half, Grace rumbled in from eight yards out to put the Panthers ahead, 24-10. The 13-play, 82-yard drive was kept alive after receiver Schuylar Oordt caught a 22-yard tipped ball on third down.

The Redbirds were poised to respond with a touchdown drive of their own following the Grace score, but Panther senior cornerback Terrell McMoore picked off Brockway's pass in the end zone to stop the drive.

Facing a fourth down and one, Grace took the shotgun snap right up the middle for the Panthers final touchdown from three yards out with 9:19 remaining in the game. Grace has a team best seven rushing touchdowns on the year.

Illinois State put one final touchdown on the board as Fisher scampered in from 8-yards out. Fisher finished the evening rushing for 75 yards on 17 attempts.

GAME STATISTICS

Illinois State	0	10	0	7	-	17
UNI	10	7	7	7	-	31

Time: 3:00, Attendance: 16,100

	ILS	UNI
First Downs	25	19
Rushes-Yards	37-148	38-178
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	24-42-2	13-18-0
Passing Yards	202	238
Total Offense	350	416
Average Gain/Play	4.4	7.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-77	10-62
Punts-Yards	3-129	2-73
Average Per Punt	43.0	36.5
Possession Time	33:33	26:27
Third Down Conversions	5-17	5-9
Sacks By-Yards Lost	0-0	2-14

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

10:52	UNI - Ryan Mahaffey 5 pass from Pat Grace (Billy Hallgren kick)	UNI, 7-0
5:31	UNI - Hallgren 33 FG	UNI, 10-0

Second Quarter

10:41	ILS - Steven Fetzter 27 FG	UNI, 10-3
8:10	UNI - Victor Williams 50 pass from Grace (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 17-3
0:09	ILS - Kevin Brockway 1 run (Fetzter kick)	UNI, 17-10

Third Quarter

5:33	UNI - Grace 8 run (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 24-10
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Fourth Quarter

9:19	UNI - Grace 3 run (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 31-10
0:51	ILS - Parrish Fisher 8 run (Fetzter kick)	UNI, 31-17

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (13-99, 2); ILS - Parrish Fisher (17-75, 1)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (13-18-0, 238, 2); ILS - Kevin Brockway (24-41-2, 202, 0)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Victor Williams (5-93, 1); ILS - Eyad Salem (7-85, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Josh Mahoney (16); ILS - Kelvyn Hemphill (12)

GAME 7: UNI 23, NORTH DAKOTA STATE 13
OCT. 18, 2008 • UNI-DOME • CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Despite a scoreless second half by the Panthers, the University of Northern Iowa held off North Dakota State for a 23-13 Missouri Valley Football Conference win. The Panther defense was the difference maker in the contest, picking off four Bison passes and recovering a fumble.

Kicker Billy Hallgren put the first points on the board with a season-long 47-yard field goal that capped off the Panthers' opening possession. North Dakota State responded on the ensuing possession driving 70 yards to set up a 24-yard field goal by Shawn Bibeau.

Freshman Jarred Herring returned the Bison kickoff 70 yards to the Bison 25-yard line where Corey Lewis scored on a 25-yard touchdown scamper.

After an exchange of punts by both teams at the end of the first quarter, the Panthers opened the second period with a six-play 50-yard drive that saw Pat Grace find D.P. Eyman in the endzone for a 35-yard touchdown. A three-and-out by NDSU allowed UNI to return the Bison punt to the NDSU 35-yard line, setting up a 44-yard field goal by Hallgren. Hallgren finished the day three-for-three in field goal attempts, splitting the uprights from 47, 44 and 21 yards.

The Bison looked as if they were headed to the endzone after getting the ball at their own 44-yard line and marched to the UNI 27, but Terrell McMoore ended the Bison drive, intercepting Nick Mertens' pass. UNI failed to convert the intercept into points as Lewis fumbled on the next play, giving the Bison the ball at the Panther 23-yard line.

The UNI defense held the Bison to just three points off the Panther miscue as Bibeau split the uprights from 34 yards out bringing the score to 20-6 in favor of the Panthers. Herring returned the ensuing kickoff 25 yards to midfield, setting up another field goal by Hallgren.

Hallgren's field goal was the last time the Panthers would score, however the Panther defense held strong in the second half, forcing four turnovers, including three interceptions and a fumble recovery.

NDSU narrowed the Panther lead to 10 off a five-play 49-yard drive that eventually saw Mertens find Kole Heckendorf in the endzone for a 7-yard touchdown.

GAME STATISTICS

North Dakota State	3	3	0	7	-	13
UNI	10	13	0	0	-	23

Time: 3:15, Attendance: 13,416

	NDSU	UNI
First Downs	12	13
Rushes-Yards	31-99	42-102
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	14-33-4	13-24-0
Passing Yards	128	156
Total Offense	227	258
Average Gain/Play	3.5	3.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-49	6-58
Punts-Yards	7-291	8-335
Average Per Punt	41.6	41.9
Possession Time	27:53	32:07
Third Down Conversions	3-14	5-17
Sacks By-Yards Lost	1-13	1-2

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

10:20	UNI - Billy Hallgren 47 FG	UNI, 3-0
5:56	NDSU - Shawn Bibeau 24 FG	Tied, 3-3
5:38	UNI - Corey Lewis 25 run (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 10-3

Second Quarter

12:21	UNI - D.P. Eyman 35 pass from Pat Grace (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 17-3
9:31	UNI - Hallgren 44 FG	UNI, 20-3
1:34	NDSU - Bibeau 34 FG	UNI, 20-6
0:05	UNI - Hallgren 21 FG	UNI, 23-6

Third Quarter

No Scoring

Fourth Quarter

9:09	NDSU - Kole Heckendorf 7 pass from Nick Mertens (Bibeau kick)	UNI, 23-13
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STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (13-64, 1); NDSU - Pat Paschall (16-57, 0)
 Passing (comp.-attempts-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (12-23-0, 149, 1); NDSU - Nick Mertens (14-33-4, 128, 1)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Johnny Gray (4-77, 0); NDSU - Kole Heckendorf (5-55, 1)
 Tackles: UNI - Jamar Thompson (7); NDSU - Mike Maresh (11)

GAME 8: UNI 21, YOUNGSTOWN STATE 20
OCT. 25, 2008 • STAMBAUGH STADIUM • YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio – The No. 4-ranked University of Northern Iowa football team used a pair of rushing touchdowns from running back Derrick Law and a blocked extra point from Darrell Lloyd to edge Youngstown State, 21-20.

UNI got on the scoreboard when redshirt freshman quarterback Zach Davis tossed his first collegiate touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Schuyler Oordt on third-and-goal with only 32 seconds left in the first quarter.

YSU appeared poised to answer back after Dominique Barnes returned the ensuing kickoff 57 yards to the UNI 27-yard line. However, the Panther defense continued its stellar effort and forced a punt.

The Panthers then marched 80 yards on 16 plays and used up 8:55 of the second quarter as Law finished it off with a 1-yard touchdown plunge. Law's score gave UNI a 14-0 lead.

YSU's Barnes secured a 48-yard kick return to set up the Penguins at the UNI 41-yard line following the Panthers' second score of the game. The Penguins were able to turn the short field into points as quarterback Brandon Summers connected on an 18-yard touchdown pass to Da'Michael Horne with 1:35 left in the half to trim the Panthers' lead in half, 14-7.

The Penguins knotted the score at 14-14 on a 61-yard scoring dash by running back Kamryn Keys at the 3:06 mark of the third quarter. Law put the Panthers back on top with his second rushing touchdown of the day when he scored again from one yard out at the 12:04 mark of the fourth quarter.

UNI was unable to score on its next possession and was forced to punt. However, junior Brook Black's nine-yard punt set up the Penguins just outside the 50-yard line. YSU took advantage of the short punt and scored on a 51-yard pass play from Summers to wide receiver Donald Jones with 3:55 to go. However, UNI's Darrell Lloyd blocked the extra point to keep the Panthers on top, 21-20.

The Penguins attempted an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff, but the Panthers' Jordan Smith recovered the loose ball to give possession back to UNI. UNI was able to run the clock down to 44 seconds but turned the ball over on downs.

YSU's final drive ended when Everette Pedescleaux sacked Summers and forced a fumble which was recovered by Wes Lane with only two seconds left in the game.

GAME STATISTICS

UNI	7	7	0	7	-	21
Youngstown State	0	7	7	6	-	20

Time: 3:03, Attendance: 15,937

	UNI	YSU
First Downs	19	13
Rushes-Yards	48-138	27-133
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	17-28-1	15-33-0
Passing Yards	162	167
Total Offense	300	300
Average Gain/Play	3.9	5.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-35	6-45
Punts-Yards	6-205	5-171
Average Per Punt	34.2	34.2
Possession Time	36:08	23:52
Third Down Conversions	11-19	5-14
Sacks By-Yards Lost	3-21	2-17

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

0:32	UNI - Schuyler Oordt 1 pass from Zach Davis (Billy Hallgren kick)	UNI, 7-0
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Second Quarter

5:39	UNI - Derrick Law 1 run (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 14-0
1:35	YSU - Da'Michael Horne 18 pass from Brandon Summers (Brian Palmer kick)	UNI, 14-7

Third Quarter

3:06	YSU - Kamryn Keys 61 run (Palmer kick)	Tied, 14-14
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Fourth Quarter

12:04	UNI - Law 1 run (Hallgren kick)	UNI, 21-14
3:55	YSU - Donald Jones 51 pass from Summers (kick blocked)	UNI, 21-20

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (21-97, 0); YSU - Kamryn Keys (9-101, 1)
 Passing (comp.-attempts-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Zach Davis (17-28-1, 162, 1);
 YSU - Brandon Summers (15-32-0, 167, 2)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Johnny Gray (5-48, 0); YSU - Da'Michael Horne (5-64, 1)
 Tackles: UNI - Josh Mahoney (9); YSU - Torrance Nicholson (12)

GAME 9: UNI 30, WESTERN ILLINOIS 6
Nov. 1, 2008 • HANSON FIELD • MACOMB, ILL.

MACOMB, Ill. – Redshirt freshman quarterback Zach Davis completed 13-of-21 passes for 191 yards and a touchdown to lead the fourth-ranked University of Northern Iowa football team to a 30-6 win over 12th-ranked Western Illinois.

After stopping Western Illinois on its opening drive, UNI took a 3-0 lead on a 24-yard field goal from Hallgren. The Panthers drove 52 yards in 12 plays, getting a pair of third-down pass completions from Davis, in getting on the board first.

The Panthers extended their lead to 10-0 late in the first quarter. After nearly being sacked, Davis escaped a heavy WIU pass rush and completed a 47-yard pass to Lewis down to the Leathernecks' 10 yard line. Three plays later, Lewis finished the scoring drive with a five-yard touchdown run.

Western Illinois got on the scoreboard midway through the second quarter. WIU drove the ball down inside the Panthers 20-yard line, but UNI linebacker De'Veon Harris stopped WIU quarterback Matt Barr on third and seven, forcing a Leatherneck field goal attempt. Taylor Rowan connected from 30 yards out to pull Western Illinois within 10-3 with 5:35 left in the first half.

Perhaps the game's most critical sequence happened near the end of the first half. On fourth and six from the Western Illinois' 33-yard line, UNI chose to go for it, and it paid off. Davis hit Schuyler Oordt in the back of the end zone for a touchdown, putting the Panthers up 17-3 with 2:29 left in the second quarter. Western Illinois fumbled the ensuing kickoff and UNI took advantage. The Panthers drove down inside WIU's five-yard line, and Hallgren connected on a 20-yard field goal to give UNI a 20-3 lead heading into halftime.

The Leathernecks struck first in the second half. Western Illinois' Mike McEachern blocked a Brook Black punt and WIU took over on the Panthers' 30-yard line. Western Illinois capitalized as Rowan kicked a 21-yard field goal to pull the Leathernecks within 20-6 with 4:26 left in the third quarter.

UNI responded right away, as Davis led a nine-play drive that ended in Hallgren's third field goal of the game. Hallgren missed on his first try, but he was roughed on the play and was afforded a second opportunity. This time, he connected from 34 yards out to push UNI's lead to 23-6 at the end of the third quarter. Derrick Law added a 27-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to end the scoring and give the Panthers the 30-6 victory.

GAME STATISTICS

UNI	10	10	3	7	-	30
Western Illinois	0	3	3	0	-	6

Time: 2:45, Attendance: 10,258

	UNI	WIU
First Downs	17	10
Rushes-Yards	49-174	30-165
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	13-22-0	5-17-2
Passing Yards	191	48
Total Offense	365	213
Average Gain/Play	5.1	4.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	4-32	6-39
Punts-Yards	4-138	5-164
Average Per Punt	34.5	32.8
Possession Time	35:15	24:45
Third Down Conversions	8-18	2-10
Sacks By-Yards Lost	0-0	2-13

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

6:22 UNI - Billy Hallgren 24 FG UNI, 3-0
 1:19 UNI - Corey Lewis 5 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 10-0

Second Quarter

5:35 WIU - Taylor Rowan 30 FG UNI, 10-3
 2:29 UNI - Schuyler Oordt 33 pass from Zach Davis (Hallgren kick) UNI, 17-3
 0:01 UNI - Hallgren 20 FG UNI, 20-3

Third Quarter

4:26 WIU - Rowan 21 FG UNI, 20-6
 0:04 UNI - Hallgren 34 FG UNI, 23-6

Fourth Quarter

9:59 UNI - Derrick Law 27 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 30-6

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (23-87, 1); WIU - Herb Donaldson (23-116, 0)
 Passing (comp.-attempts-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Zach Davis (13-21-0, 191, 1); WIU - Matt Barr (4-11-1, 39, 0)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (2-59); WIU - Carl Sims (3-37, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Darrell Lloyd (9); WIU - Kyle Glazier (15)

GAME 10: UNI 42, MISSOURI STATE 0
Nov. 8, 2008 • UNI-DOME • CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Redshirt The No. 4 ranked University of Northern Iowa football team held the Missouri State offense to just 81 yards of total offense while the Panthers racked up 504 total yards in the 42-0 rout. Senior running back Corey Lewis led the way for the Panthers, chewing up 188 yards on the ground.

After the Panther defense forced two three-and-outs on the Bears, the Panthers got the ball on their own 22 and drove 78 yards in 12 plays finishing with a one-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Pat Grace. A bad snap on the extra point left the Panthers with a 6-0 lead.

The Panthers forced another three-and-out for the Bears and took over on their own 35-yard line. Grace opened the drive with a 15-yard pass to sophomore tight end Schuyler Oordt to move the Panthers to midfield. Two plays later Grace connected with junior wideout D.P.Eyman for a 19-yard pass that put the Panthers inside the Missouri State 30-yard line. Lewis marched 15 yards to set up a first and goal on the Bears 8-yard line. Junior running back Derrick Law then scored from eight yards out for the Panthers' second score of the game.

After trading punts, the Panthers got the ball on their own 31-yard line. Grace connected with redshirt freshman Josh Collins on 11-yard and 23-yard pass plays to set up a four-yard score for Grace extending the Panther lead to 19-0.

After the Panthers forced yet another three-and-out on the Bears opening drive of the second half, UNI drove 57 yards in nine plays to take a commanding 26-0 lead. The bulk of the yardage was on the back of Lewis and Grace on the ground, but it was Lewis who dove into the endzone from a yard out.

Lewis added 41 yards on the ground for the Panthers on UNI's ensuing possession, breaking free for 35 yards to set up first and goal from the Bears 6-yard line. Lewis scored his second touchdown of the day, this time from three yards out. Billy Hallgren added the extra point and the Panthers went up 33-0.

UNI added a safety after the Bears' John Mayberry snapped the ball over punter Jordan Chiles head and it went out of the end zone.

The Panthers final score of the game came when Craig James intercepted a Cody Kirby pass and returned it 75 yards for a score. Hallgren added the extra point as the Panthers went up 42-0.

Besides holding the Bears to just 81 total yards of offense, the Panthers allowed Missouri State just six first downs in comparison to the Panthers' 25. The Bears were 0-for-11 on third down conversions.

GAME STATISTICS

Missouri State	0	0	0	0	-	0
UNI	13	6	16	7	-	42

Time: 2:50, Attendance: 13,426

	MSU	UNI
First Downs	6	25
Rushes-Yards	19-3	62-363
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	14-26-1	11-19-0
Passing Yards	78	141
Total Offense	81	504
Average Gain/Play	1.8	6.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-18	4-37
Punts-Yards	9-385	3-112
Average Per Punt	42.8	37.3
Possession Time	20:21	39:39
Third Down Conversions	0-11	7-13
Sacks By-Yards Lost	0-0	5-29

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

5:53 UNI - Pat Grace 1 run (PAT failed) UNI, 6-0
 0:27 UNI - Derrick Law 8 run (Billy Hallgren kick) UNI, 13-0

Second Quarter

2:10 UNI - Grace 4 run (Hallgren kick failed) UNI, 19-0

Third Quarter

6:18 UNI - Corey Lewis 1 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 26-0
 0:53 UNI - Lewis 3 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 33-0
 0:05 UNI - Safety (ball snapped over the punter's head) UNI, 35-0

Fourth Quarter

7:29 UNI - Craig James 75 interception return (Hallgren kick) UNI, 42-0

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (24-188, 2); MSU - Jeff Sargent (2-15, 0)
 Passing (comp.-attempts-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (11-19-0, 141, 0); MSU - Cody Kirby (14-26-1, 78, 0)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Johnny Gray (3-40); MSU - Chase Mejia (4-36, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Quentin Scott, De'Veon Harris (5); MSU - Jeremy Dawson (10)

GAME 11: UNI 28, INDIANA STATE 0
NOV. 15, 2008 • MEMORIAL STADIUM • TERRE HAUTE, IND.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – The No. 4-ranked University of Northern Iowa football team captured at least a share of its 14th Missouri Valley Football Conference championship with a 28-0 win over Indiana State University.

UNI recorded its second straight shutout; the first time a Panther football team has recorded back-to-back shutout wins since the 1971 season when UNI scored a 23-0 win at South Dakota State (Sept. 25, 1971) and an 8-0 win over South Dakota (Oct. 2, 1971).

The Panthers dented the scoreboard first on a three-yard score by junior Derrick Law with 34 seconds left in the first quarter. Law's sixth rushing touchdown of the season capped a five-play, 27-yard drive that was set up by a 16-yard punt return by redshirt freshman Josh Collins.

UNI increased the lead to 14-0 on a three-yard touchdown run by senior Corey Lewis with 5:48 remaining in the second quarter. Collins again set up the Panthers with a short field after returning a punt 29 yards to the Indiana State 46-yard line.

The Panthers struck again before the half on a 21-yard touchdown on a screen pass from Zach Davis to Lewis. The Panther defense had held the Sycamores on a fourth-and-one at the UNI 40. Law then rushed twice for 24 yards and the Sycamores committed a pass interference penalty to put the ball at the Indiana State 21-yard line. Lewis' score came with 1:00 left in the first half.

Sophomore linebacker Jamar Thompson got the Panthers back in scoring position in the third quarter after he intercepted a Ryan Roberts pass and returned it 13 yards to the Indiana State 19-yard line. The Panthers drove the ball inside the five-yard line and lined up to attempt a 20-yard field goal by Billy Hallgren. However, a bad snap Stacy Chinander caused the Panther holder Ben Schmidt to cover up the ball at the 14-yard line and turn the ball over on downs to the Sycamores.

UNI added its fourth touchdown of the day when Lewis scored from a yard out with 10:05 left in the fourth quarter to give UNI a 28-0 advantage. A 52-yard pass play from Davis to freshman Jarred Herring put the ball at the one-yard line prior to Lewis' score.

The UNI defense extended its consecutive quarters of not allowing a touchdown to 12 in the game and limited Indiana State to only 125 yards of total offense. The Panthers held the Sycamores to 19 passing yards and 106 rushing yards.

GAME STATISTICS

UNI	7	14	0	7	-	28
Indiana State	0	0	0	0	-	0

Time: 2:11, Attendance: 2,381

	UNI	INS
First Downs	18	6
Rushes-Yards	46-206	44-106
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	6-11-0	3-8-1
Passing Yards	111	19
Total Offense	317	125
Average Gain/Play	5.6	2.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-42	5-57
Punts-Yards	5-188	9-303
Average Per Punt	37.6	33.7
Possession Time	29:26	30:34
Third Down Conversions	2-10	5-15
Sacks By-Yards Lost	1-6	0-0

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
0:34	UNI - Derrick Law 3 run (Billy Hallgren kick) UNI, 7-0
Second Quarter	
5:48	UNI - Corey Lewis 3 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 14-0
1:00	UNI - Lewis 21 pass from Zach Davis (Hallgren kick) UNI, 21-0
Third Quarter	
	No Scoring
Fourth Quarter	
10:05	UNI - Lewis 1 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 28-0

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Derrick Law (17-89, 1); INS - Ryan Roberts (17-45, 0)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Zach Davis (6-11-0, 111, 1); INS - Ryan Roberts (3-8-1, 19, 0)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Jarred Herring (1-52, 0); INS - Jeramie Gray (1-9, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Josh Mahoney (10); INS - Jerry Calvert, C.J. Cook, Jayden Everett (8)

GAME 12: UNI 34, SOUTHERN UTAH 24
NOV. 22, 2008 • ECCLES COLISEUM • CEDAR CITY, UTAH

CEDAR CITY, Utah – UNI completed its sixth 10-win regular season in school history with a 34-24 victory over Southern Utah Thunderbirds.

UNI gained some early momentum when Sean McMoore intercepted a tipped Cody Stone pass and returned it 36 yards to the SUU 3-yard line. UNI cashed in the turnover when Corey Lewis scored from two yards. Southern Utah answered back with a field goal on its ensuing drive. The Thunderbirds' Steve Pulver drilled a 27-yard field goal with 8:42 remaining in the first quarter.

The Panthers punted on their next possession and the Thunderbirds took over on their 20-yard line. SUU marched 80 yards and scored the first touchdown against the Panther defense in more than 12 quarters when quarterback Kyle Bowen tossed a three-yard score to tight end Joel Johnson.

UNI regained the lead at 14-10 on a three-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Pat Grace to Lewis. The Panthers were able to increase the lead to seven points at 17-10 on a 35-yard field goal from Billy Hallgren.

The Thunderbirds refused to go away in the first half and knotted the score at 17-17 on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Stone to Tysson Poots with only 19 seconds left in the half.

UNI regained the advantage following a 17-yard touchdown gallop by junior running back Derrick Law. The Panther defense dented the scoreboard next when sophomore linebacker stripped SUU running back Kenny Apilli of the ball and returned the fumble 32 yards for a touchdown. UNI's third-quarter dominance continued when Hallgren made his second field goal of the game, this time from 36 yards out to increase the Panther lead to 34-17 with 1:48 left in the period.

SUU attempted to pull within 14 points midway through the fourth quarter but senior defensive tackle Everette Pedescleaux broke through and blocked Pulver's 27-yard field goal attempt. It was the sixth blocked kick of Pedescleaux's career.

The Thunderbirds drew within 10 points at 34-24 with 4:10 to go in the fourth quarter when Stone hooked up with Poots again, this time for a 16-yard score. The T-Birds then attempted an onside kick but the kick went only six yards and the Panthers took over on the SUU 36-yard line.

GAME STATISTICS

UNI	7	10	17	0	-	34
Southern Utah	10	7	0	7	-	24

Time: 2:47, Attendance: 3,145

	UNI	SUU
First Downs	18	23
Rushes-Yards	45-208	32-95
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	10-17-0	21-34-1
Passing Yards	88	260
Total Offense	296	355
Average Gain/Play	4.8	5.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	4-34
Punts-Yards	3-150	3-151
Average Per Punt	50.0	50.3
Possession Time	31:04	28:28
Third Down Conversions	7-14	2-10
Sacks By-Yards Lost	2-9	0-0

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
12:29	UNI - Corey Lewis 2 run (Billy Hallgren kick) UNI, 7-0
8:42	SUU - Steve Pulver 27 FG UNI, 7-3
1:55	SUU - Joel Johnson 4 pass from Kyle Bowen (Pulver kick) SUU, 10-7
Second Quarter	
12:00	UNI - Lewis 3 pass from Pat Grace (Hallgren kick) UNI, 14-10
4:37	UNI - Hallgren 35 FG UNI, 17-10
0:19	SUU - Tysson Poots 15 pass from Cody Stone (Pulver kick) Tied, 17-17
Third Quarter	
10:32	UNI - Derrick Law 17 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 24-17
6:49	UNI - Jamar Thompson 32 fumble return UNI, 31-17
1:48	UNI - Hallgren 36 FG UNI, 34-17
Fourth Quarter	
4:10	SUU - Poots 16 pass from Stone (Pulver kick) UNI, 34-24

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (19-97, 1); SUU - Kenny Apilli (21-71, 0)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (10-17-0, 88, 1); SUU - Cody Stone (20-33-1, 256, 2)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Josh Collins (3-42, 0); SUU - Tysson Poots (9-138, 2)
 Tackles: UNI - Josh Mahoney (11); SUU - Akeem Anifowoshe (9)

GAME 13: UNI 40, MAINE 15

Nov. 29, 2008 • UNI-DOME • CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – UNI The No. 3-seeded University of Northern Iowa football squad advanced to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoff quarterfinals with a 40-15 victory over No. 20-ranked Maine in the UNI-Dome.

Freshman wide receiver Jarred Herring caught a pair of touchdown passes, and senior running back Corey Lewis became the school's all-time leading rusher in the triumph over the Black Bears. It was an historic day for Lewis. Lewis became the program's all-time leading rusher, breaking Jeff Stovall's record of 3,835.

After stopping Maine on its opening drive, the Panthers marched down the field as running back Derrick Law rumbled his way into the end zone from two yards out with 5:21 remaining in the first quarter. A blocked punt halfway through the second quarter put the Black Bears in position to score their first touchdown of the game. The score came off a Derek Session two-yard touchdown run, completing a five-play 15-yard drive to knot the score at 7-7.

The Panthers bounced back with a six-play 68-yard scoring drive that lasted only two minutes and 33 seconds. Herring capped off the drive as he raced past the Maine secondary with a 42-yard touchdown grab.

Spearheaded by a 10-yard sack by senior linebacker De'Veon Harris, the Panthers forced a safety two plays later. Black Bear's quarterback Michael Brusko was taken down for the safety, giving the Panthers a 16-7 lead.

Keeping the pedal to the floor, Grace found Herring once more for a 55-yard touchdown strike, giving the Panthers a comfortable 23-7 lead with 2:51 left in the first half. The Panthers ended the first half in dominant fashion as they outgained the Black Bears in total offense 306 to 61 yards.

Picking up where they left off, the Panthers knocked on the scoreboard again in the third quarter. This time the Panthers' score came on a 39-yard field goal by sophomore kicker Billy Hallgren. The Panthers were able to capitalize following a Harris' intercept. Lewis scampered from two yards out to complete the three-play, 24-yard scoring drive to put the Panthers up 33-7.

On the ensuing Panther possession, Law scored his second touchdown of the night from 10 yards out on UNI's last score of the evening, pushing the margin to its eventual final, 40-15.

GAME STATISTICS

Maine	0	7	0	8	-	15
UNI	7	16	3	14	-	40

Time: 2:37, Attendance: 8,477

	UM	UNI
First Downs	13	22
Rushes-Yards	33-84	42-193
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	15-23-4	15-24-1
Passing Yards	180	229
Total Offense	264	422
Average Gain/Play	4.7	6.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-62	3-7
Punts-Yards	5-216	3-83
Average Per Punt	43.2	27.7
Possession Time	29:10	30:50
Third Down Conversions	4-11	5-11
Sacks By-Yards Lost	1-11	3-19

SCORING SUMMARY**First Quarter**

5:21 UNI - Derrick Law 2 run (Billy Hallgren kick) UNI, 7-0

Second Quarter

7:53 UM - Derek Session 2 run (Jordan Waxman kick) Tied, 7-7
 5:20 UNI - Jarred Herring 42 pass from Pat Grace (Hallgren kick) UNI, 14-7
 3:36 UNI - Team Safety (Michael Brusko tackled in end zone) UNI, 16-7
 2:51 UNI - Herring 55 pass from Grace (Hallgren kick) UNI, 23-7

Third Quarter

8:12 UNI - Hallgren 39 FG UNI, 26-7

Fourth Quarter

11:53 UNI - Lewis 2 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 33-7
 5:49 UM - Session 10 pass from Brusko (Kenneth Fursner pass) UNI, 33-15
 1:32 UNI - Law 10 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 40-15

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (14-75, 1); UM - Landis Williams (1-31, 0)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (15-24-1, 229, 2); UM - Michael Brusko (15-23-4, 180, 1)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Jarred Herring (3-102, 2); UM - Derek Session (5-70, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Josh Mahoney (10); UM - Andrew Downey (9)

GAME 14: UNI 36, NEW HAMPSHIRE 34

Dec. 6, 2008 • UNI-DOME • CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – The University of Northern Iowa held on for a thrilling 36-34 victory over New Hampshire in the NCAA FCS quarterfinals.

The Panthers struck first when Pat Grace put UNI on the board with a nine yard scamper. The Wildcats responded on the next drive, driving 74 yards in eight plays ending with a 17-yard rush by Chad Kackert. Jordan Smith blocked a punt and it sailed back through the end zone to give the Panthers a 9-7 lead. UNI struck again, this time on a 45-yard field goal from Hallgren.

UNI quarterback R.J. Toman found Terrance Fox for a 67-yard flea flicker pass, a failed PAT gave the Wildcats the slight 13-12 lead with 11:40 left in the second quarter. A fumble by the Panthers gave UNH the ball at the UNI 36. The Wildcats turned the Panther miscue into six points when Toman scored on a nine-yard rush. The Panthers responded on the following possession when Lewis found the end zone on a one-yard run.

Grace found the end zone again, this time on a five-yard scamper. Hallgren added the PAT and the Panthers took the lead again at 26-20.

The Panther defense forced another three-and-out and Grace connected again with Turner on a 36-yard pass play and then an 11-yard pass to put the Panthers on the UNI two-yard line. John Clements intercepted Grace's pass in the end zone and returned it 100 yards for a touchdown, giving UNH the 27-26 halftime lead.

UNI took a 29-27 lead after driving 39 yards in five plays on a 35-yard field goal by Hallgren. Terrell McMoore gave the Panthers the lead for good, scoring off a Toman intercept. McMoore returned the interception 36 yards and Hallgren knocked the PAT through the uprights giving UNI the 36-27 lead with 2:26 left in the third quarter.

New Hampshire closed the gap to 36-34 at the 12:20 mark of the fourth quarter on a one-yard rush by Robert Simpson. The Wildcat defense forced a three-and-out, and UNH got the ball back with 3:25 left in the fourth quarter. A sack by James Ruffin set up a fourth-and-nine for the Wildcats on the UNH 38-yard line, but Toman's pass sailed behind receiver T.J. right and the Panthers held on for the 36-34 win.

GAME STATISTICS

New Hampshire	7	20	0	7	-	34
UNI	12	14	10	0	-	36

Time: 3:10, Attendance: 9,055

	UNH	UNI
First Downs	17	19
Rushes-Yards	38-99	40-141
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	16-30-4	19-30-1
Passing Yards	243	263
Total Offense	342	404
Average Gain/Play	5.0	5.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-20	6-72
Punts-Yards	5-154	5-181
Average Per Punt	30.8	36.2
Possession Time	27:05	32:55
Third Down Conversions	6-15	4-13
Sacks By-Yards Lost	0-0	2-19

SCORING SUMMARY**First Quarter**

10:47 UNI - Pat Grace 14 run (Billy Hallgren kick) UNI 7-0
 7:56 UNH - Chad Kackert 17 run (Tom Bishop kick) Tied, 7-7
 4:32 UNI - Punt blocked through end zone UNI, 9-7
 0:53 UNI - Hallgren 45 FG UNI, 12-7

Second Quarter

11:40 UNH - Terrance Fox 67 pass from R.J. Toman (kick failed) UNH, 13-12
 9:54 UNH - Toman 9 run (Bishop kick) UNH, 20-12
 7:14 UNI - Corey Lewis 1 run (Hallgren kick) UNH, 20-19
 3:31 UNI - Grace 5 run (Hallgren kick) UNI, 26-20
 0:00 UNH - John Clements 100 interception return (Bishop kick) UNH, 27-26

Third Quarter

12:42 UNI - Hallgren 35 FG UNI, 29-27
 2:26 UNI - Terrell McMoore 36 interception return (Hallgren kick) UNI, 36-27

Fourth Quarter

12:20 UNH - Robert Simpson 1 run (Bishop kick) UNI, 36-34

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (14-84, 2); UNH - Chad Kackert (9-37, 1)
 Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (18-26-1, 255, 0); UNH - R.J. Toman (16-30-4, 243, 1)
 Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Maurice Turner (3-73, 0); Scott Sicko (6-86, 0)
 Tackles: UNI - Josh Mahoney (10); UNH - Ryan Hinds (9)

GAME 15: RICHMOND 21, UNI 20
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CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Richmond scored on a 13-yard touchdown strike from Eric Ward to Joe Stewart with 14 seconds left in the game to seal a 21-20 win over the University of Northern Iowa in the semifinals of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

UNI struck first at the 3:38 mark of the first quarter when Billy Hallgren split the uprights on a 35-yard field goal. After a Hallgren 42-yard field goal attempt sailed wide right, Richmond drove 76 yards on nine plays highlighted by a 40-yard flea-flicker pass from Ward to Grayson to give the Spiders their first lead of the game at 7-3.

Coming out of halftime, the Panther defense force a three-and-out for the Spiders and the Panthers got the ball on their own 32-yard line. Pat Grace connected with wide receiver Maurice Turner for 25 yards to the Richmond 19-yard line and back-to-back carries by Derrick Law gave the Panthers a first and goal on the Spider five-yard line. Grace then connected with Ryan Mahaffey for a four-yard touchdown pass to put the Panthers back on top, 10-7.

On the Spiders ensuing possession, Jamar Thompson forced a fumble and De'Veon Harris recovered and returned it to the Richmond 16-yard line. Law carried the Panthers to the Spider 10-yard line and on the following play Grace found Jerred Herring in the endzone on a 10-yard touchdown pass. The Panther defense forced another three-and-out for the Spiders and took over on their own 31-yard line. But UNI was forced to settle for a 25-yard field goal by Hallgren with 5:43 left in the third quarter.

The Spiders started the fourth quarter with a 12-play, 80-yard drive capped off by a Ward one-yard rush to close the gap to 20-14 with 11:16 left in the game.

Richmond got the ball on its own 11-yard line and drove to the UNI 42-yard line and faced a third-and-one. A false start on the Spider offensive line pushed the ball back to the UNI 47-yard line. Ward found Josh Vaughan on a five-yard pass, but it wasn't enough for a first down. Facing fourth-and-one the UNI defense held strong and stopped Vaughan short of the first down with 2:13 left in the game.

After getting the ball on their own 42-yard line, the Spider defense forced a three and out and Black was forced to punt. The Spiders took over on their own 38 and eventually drove 62 yards on nine plays capped off by a 13-yard pass from Ward to Stewart.

GAME STATISTICS

Richmond	0	7	0	14	-	21
UNI	3	0	17	0	-	20

Time: 3:08, Attendance: 12,062

	RICH	UNI
First Downs	21	19
Rushes-Yards	29-134	34-146
Passing (comp.-attempts-int.)	28-35-0	19-29-0
Passing Yards	280	224
Total Offense	414	370
Average Gain/Play	6.5	5.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-25	2-20
Punts-Yards	4-175	3-100
Average Per Punt	43.8	33.3
Possession Time	30:44	29:16
Third Down Conversions	5-12	6-13
Sacks By-Yards Lost	0-0	1-8

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

3:38 UNI - Billy Hallgren 35 FG UNI, 3-0

Second Quarter

6:50 RICH - Kevin Grayson 40 pass from Eric Ward (Andrew Howard kick) RICH, 7-3

Third Quarter

10:05 UNI - Ryan Mahaffey 4 pass from Pat Grace (Hallgren kick) UNI, 10-7

8:27 UNI - Jarred Herring 10 pass from Grace (Hallgren kick) UNI, 17-7

0:24 UNI - Hallgren 25 FG UNI, 20-7

Fourth Quarter

11:16 RICH - Ward 1 run (Howard kick) UNI, 20-14

0:14 RICH - Joe Stewart 13 pass from Ward (Howard kick) UNI, 21-20

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (carries-yards, TDs): UNI - Corey Lewis (12-77, 0); UR - Josh Vaughan (17-86, 0)

Passing (comp.-attempts.-int., yards, TDs): UNI - Pat Grace (19-28-0, 224, 2); UR - Eric Ward (28-35-0, 280, 2)

Receiving (catches-yards, TDs): UNI - Josh Collins (6-46, 0); UR - Tre Gray (6-68, 0)

Tackles: UNI - Jamar Thompson (20); UR - Derek Hatcher, Michael Ireland (11)

2009 UNI SPRING SIGNINGS

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa - University of Northern Iowa head football coach Mark Farley announced the addition of 24 student-athletes to the Panther football team on National Letter-of-Intent signing day.

UNI finished the 2008 season with a record of 12-3 and a share of the Missouri Valley Football Conference championship. The Panthers entered the FCS playoffs as the No. 4 seed and advanced to the national semifinals for the seventh time in school history. UNI finished ranked No. 4 in both national polls, which marked the Panthers fifth top-five national finish since coach Farley took over the program in 2001.

The Panthers will open the 2009 season Sept. 5 at Iowa.

Wide Receivers/Defensive Backs

Ian Moore	6'4	185	St. Louis, Mo.
Phil Wright	5'10	180	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Zerrick Fuller	6'0	180	Brooklyn Park, Minn.
Blake White	5'10	180	Davenport, Iowa
J.J. Swain	6'0	180	Burnsville, Minn.
Varmah Sonie	5'9	160	Burnsville, Minn.

Fullbacks/Linebackers/Tight Ends

Mac O'Brien	6'2	230	Waterloo, Iowa
Tobi Saporu	6'3	230	Blaine, Minn.
Sam Tim	6'2	190	Ames, Iowa
Jordan Gacke	6'2	205	Rock Rapids, Iowa
Darion Howard	6'4	230	Cedar Falls, Iowa

Offensive Line/Defensive Line

Dan Kruger	6'5	285	Wesley, Iowa
Mark Blessington	6'5	297	Auburn, Iowa
Adrian Mims	6'7	250	Kansas City, Mo.
Josh Johnson	6'8	260	Peculiar, Mo.
Chris Jepsen	6'3	230	Urbandale, Iowa
Fabian Brown	6'3	260	Des Moines, Iowa

Athletes

B.J. Ray	6'3	205	Waynesville, Mo.
Zach Cutkomp	5'11	185	West Des Moines, Iowa

Running Backs

Terrell Sinkfield	6'1	180	Minnetonka, Minn.
Airreo Greer	5'11	180	Davenport, Iowa

Kickers

Tyler Sievertsen	6'2	175	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
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Semester Transfers

Justin Wissler	6'6	320	Wall Lake, Iowa
Jaz Granderson	5'10	182	Kirkwood, Mo.



2009 UNI Football Recruiting Class

Mark Blessington, 6-5, 297, OL/DL, Auburn, Iowa (Southern Cal HS)

Two-time first-team all-state honoree (2007, 2008) ... named his district's defensive line MVP in 2008 ... four-time first-team all-district pick (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008) ... helped lead his prep team to the 2008 state title with a 13-1 record ... tallied a career record of 40-7 in high school, which included three trips to the state playoffs ... recorded 201 solo tackles and 103 assisted tackles to rank third on his school's all-time tackles list ... four-year letterwinner in basketball ... first-team all-conference pick in basketball ... three-time state track qualifier ... placed sixth in the state in the shot put in 2007 ... placed third in the state in the shot put as a junior ... a member of the Head Start elementary program ... high school coach: Bryan Case ... son of Jerry and Kay Blessington.

Fabian Brown, 6-3, 260, OL/DL, Des Moines, Iowa (Roosevelt HS/Iowa Central CC)

Earned first-team all-Region XI honors as a defensive lineman at Iowa Central in 2008 ... two-year letterman and voted captain his sophomore year (2008) ... member of the Iowa Central football team that won two Graphical Edge Bowl games in 2007 and 2008 ... helped head coach Kevin Twait's Iowa Central squad to a two-year combined record of 17-5 ... as a prep at Roosevelt High School, he was named to the Elite First-Team All-State football squad ... first-team all-CIML selection ... earned letters in football (3) and basketball (2) ... voted team captain as a senior in 2006 ... son of Annette Crawford and brother to Dwight Brown.

Zach Cutkomp, 5-11, 185, ATH, West Des Moines, Iowa (WDM Valley HS)

Named to the Iowa Newspaper Association's first-team all-state team ... first-team all-CIML pick ... named to the Des Moines Register's second-team all-state football squad in 2007 and 2008 ... helped lead Valley to a 14-0 season and state title as a senior ... earned three letters in football ... rushed for 1,468 yards and 21 touchdowns as a junior ... rushed for 1,876 yards and 32 touchdowns as a senior ... high school coach: Gary Swenson ... son of Shelley and Jeff Pinegar.

Zerrick Fuller, 6-0, 180, WR/DB, Brooklyn Park, Minn. (Champlin Park HS)

Two-time all-conference performer in football and basketball ... finished his senior season at Champlin Park with five interceptions and one that was returned for a touchdown ... added 36 tackles and 10 pass breakups ... returned two kicks for touchdowns in 2008 ... high school coach: Mike Korton ... son of Joe and Felicia Fuller ... father, Joe, played for UNI from 1982-1985 and was inducted into the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008.

Jordan Gacke, 6-2, 205, FB/LB/TE, Rock Rapids, Iowa (Central Lyon HS)

Elite All-State pick by the Des Moines Register as a senior ... first-team all-state linebacker ... captain of the Iowa Newspaper Association's Class 2A all-state team ... named to the INA's first-team all-state team ... all-Northwest Iowa selection ... invited to play in the Shrine Bowl ... academic all-district pick ... helped guide the Lions to the Class 2A state championship as a sophomore and state runner-up as both a junior and a senior ... the Lions were 21-0 in district play in his career and posted an overall record of 37-3 ... registered 335 career tackles ... gained 2,392 rushing yards ... passed for 943 yards and scored 36 touchdowns ... averaged 36.4 yards per punt ... two-time Class 1A state wrestling champion ... three-time Siouxland Conference wrestling champion ... a third-team all-state pick in baseball as a junior ... anchored the Class 1A 4x100 meter relay championship squad ... member of National Honor Society ... has a 3.9 grade point average ... high school coach: Toby Lorenzen ... son of Joe and Judy Gacke.

Jaz Granderson, 5-10, 182, DB, Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood HS/Harper JC)

Played one season at William Rainey Harper Junior College in Palatine, Ill. ... led Harper to the 2008 national junior college championship over Phoenix College, 39-38 ... Harper trailed 38-6 in the fourth quarter but scored five touchdowns in the final period to win the national title ... earned all-region honors and was the only true freshman on the ballot ... two-time all-conference pick at Kirkwood High School in Kirkwood, Mo. ... high school coach: John Johnson ... son of Johnny Granderson.

Airreo Greer, 5-11, 180, RB, Davenport, Iowa (North HS)

Earned second-team all-conference as a running back ... Davenport North's 2008 Offensive MVP ... earned first team all-conference as a running back his junior year at United Township in Moline, Ill. ... conference champ in the 200-meter dash in 2008 ... sectional champ in the 100 and 200 meter dashes in 2008 ... state qualifier in 100, 200, 4x100 and 4x200 meter relays in 2008 ... All-American in 400-meter dash in 2008 ... finished ninth in nation in the 200 meters in 2008 ... born July 3, 1991 ... son of Tameca Tot ... will also compete on the UNI track and field squad as a scholarship athlete.

Darion Howard, 6-4, 230, FB/LB/TE, Cedar Falls, Iowa (Cedar Falls HS)

Third-team all-state pick as a senior ... all-conference and all-metro selection ... a standout two-year starter for the Cedar Falls Tigers, despite an injury that sidelined him for part of the 2008 season ... led the Tigers with 24 receptions for 334 yards and grabbed six touchdowns in 2008 ... hauled in 47 career receptions for 641 yards and nine touchdowns from his tight end position ... also a three-year starter on the basketball team as a power forward ... averaged 11 points and eight rebounds per game in hoops ... undecided about his planned course of study at UNI ... son of Denise Overmohle and Sherrod Howard who resides in Chicago ... Sherrod was a standout football player at UNI from 1985-1988, earning first-team all-conference honors at tight end in 1987 and 1988.

Chris Jepsen, 6-3, 230, OL/DL, Urbandale, Iowa (Urbandale HS)

First-team all-state pick in 2008 ... first-team all-CIML selection as a senior ... named his prep team's MVP as a senior ... served as team captain in 2008 ... three-time academic all-conference honoree ... four-year letterwinner in track ... placed fifth in the state in discus ... two-year letterwinner in wrestling ... high school coach: Sam Anderson ... son of Doug and Betsy Jepsen.

Josh Johnson, 6-8, 260, OL/DL, Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar HS)

Earned all-conference honors and this past season as a defensive end ... finished second on the team in sacks ... was a three-year starter for the Panthers ... won the Lineman challenge at the Kearney, Mo., football camp ... participated in basketball and track and field, which he was an all conference selection in the shot put ... recipient of the outstanding MAP score his junior year ... born April 8, 1991 ... son of Cliff and Karen Johnson.

Dan Kruger, 6-5, 285, OL/DL, Wesley, Iowa (West Hancock HS)

Two-time first-team all-state pick in football (2007, 2008) ... two-time first-team all-conference honoree ... served as team captain in 2008 ... three-year letterwinner in track ... placed third in the state in the discus and ninth in the shot put in 2008 ... member of two state championship squads in track and field ... four-year letterwinner in wrestling ... has tallied more than 100 wins in wrestling as a prep ... placed seventh in the state wrestling tournament ... named his high school's outstanding wrestler in 2008 ... active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 4-H, Future Farmers of America, National Honor Society ... academic all-conference honoree in football and wrestling ... high school coach: Bob Sanger ... son of Dennis and Debra Kruger ... has three siblings (Dawn, Darrin and Darcy).

Adrian Mims, 6-7, 250, OL/DL, Kansas City, Mo. (Hickman Mills HS)

A three-year starter at Hickman Mills High School ... earned first-team all-conference, all-district, and all-state honors in 2008 ... helped lead the Cougars to playoff berths in 2006, 2007 and 2008 ... helped lead his prep squad to undefeated district titles in 2006, 2007 and 2008... did not miss a game during his high school career - started 33 straight contests ... began playing football in 8th grade... honor roll student ... high school coach: Brett Greble ... born Oct. 24, 1990, in Kansas City, Mo. ... son of Bobby and Margie Mims ... looking to major in computer science or criminology.

Ian Moore, 6-4, 185, WR/DB, St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette HS)

First-team all-state pick on defense ... second-team all-state pick on offense ... first-team all-conference selection ... served as team captain in 2008 and led his squad to an 8-3 record and conference championship ... holds the school record for receiving yards in a season ... ranks third on his school's all-time receiving yards list ... a standout track and field performer as well ... placed second in the state in the 400-meter dash and eighth in the 200 meters ... anchored his team to a sixth place finish in the 4x400 meter relay at the state track meet ... also lettered in basketball ... high school coach: Boyd Manne ... born Feb. 22, 1991, in Miami, Fla. ... son of Kimberly Moore and Raymond Murphy.

Mac O'Brien, 6-2, 230, FB/LB/TE, Waterloo, Iowa (Waterloo Columbus HS)

Named the Waterloo Columbus Most Valuable Player in 2008 ... an all-state, all-metro and all-district performer as a senior ... three-year starter at fullback and linebacker for the Sailors ... as a fullback he rushed for more than 1,700 yards and 18 touchdowns ... in 2008, he recorded 61 solos tackles, 42 assisted tackles, 11 tackles-for-loss and two interceptions from the middle linebacker position ... finished his career with 194 solo tackles, 140 assisted stops, 37 tackles-for-loss and three interceptions ... his 194 career solo tackles are the most recorded by a Sailor player in the last 20 years ... solid student as well with a 3.67 cumulative grade point average and has been involved in student government throughout his high school career ... a pre-med candidate at UNI ... son of Donna and Joe O'Brien ... father, Joe, was a standout player at UNI from 1981-1984, which included him being named the 1984 Gateway Defensive Player of the Year.

B.J. Ray, 6-3, 205, ATH, Waynesville, Mo. (Waynesville HS)

2008 Missouri Class 5A Offensive Player of the Year ... 2007 Missouri Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year ... made 45 receptions for 677 yards ... rushed for 230 yards ... secured 110 tackles and made six interceptions on defense ... won the state championship in 2007 ... finished second in the state in 2008 ... two-time all-conference player as a wide receiver, defensive back and return specialist ... all-district honoree at wide receiver and defensive back ... served as team captain ... named his team's MVP ... all-state in track and field in the 400m, 4x200 relay and 4x400 relay ... all-district pick in basketball ... Mosports Top-50 player in basketball ... a McDonald's All-America nominee in basketball ... high school coach: Rick Vernon ... son of Charlotte and Billy Ray ... high school teammate of current UNI Panther L.J. Fort.

Tobi Saporu, 6-3, 230, FB/LB/TE, Blaine, Minn. (Blaine HS)

Honorable mention all-state selection as a senior ... all-conference and all-metro pick ... saw action in 10 games as a senior and racked up 95 tackles, 10 tackles-for-loss, four sacks and one interception ... also ran for a score and caught a touchdown pass in 2008 ... helped his Bengals' squad to a second-place finish in the state of Minnesota with an overall record of 11-2 ... high school coach: Shannon Gerrety ... son of Godwyn and Eunice Saporu.

Tyler Sievertsen, 6-2, 175, PK, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Kennedy HS)

Named to the Iowa all-state team ... named the MVC kicker of the year in 2008 ... set new school record with a 48-yard field goal ... set a school record with 74 career PATs ... tied school record with three field goals in a single game ... tied the school record with 10 career field goals ... connected on five field goals of more than 40 yards in his career ... born Sept. 19, 1990 ... son of Rick and Cynthia Sievertsen.

Terrell Sinkfield, 6-1, 180, RB, Minnetonka, Minn. (Hopkins HS)

Named to the Minneapolis Star Tribune's all-metro third team ... rushed for 831 yards (7.2 avg) on 115 carries ... scored 10 rushing touchdowns as senior ... high school coach: John DenHartog ... son of Terrell Sinkfield and Kim Alston.

Varmah Sonie. 5-9, 160, WR/DB, Burnsville, Minn. (Apple Valley HS)

Won the 2008 Mr. Football Award in Minnesota ... three-year starter at Apple Valley ... recorded 19 interceptions and returned five kicks for touchdowns ... caught 41 passes for 416 yards and five touchdowns in 2008 ... rushed 36 times for 342 yards and a touchdown as a senior ... returned three punts for touchdowns in 2008 ... secured six interceptions and returned one for a touchdown as a senior ... also a standout performer in basketball and a talented sprinter, relay runner and long jumper in track ... high school coach: Mike Fritze ... son of Abraham and Harriet Sonie.

J.J. Swain, 6-0, 180, WR/DB, Burnsville, Minn. (Academy of Holy Angels HS)

Possesses great speed and excellent quickness ... strong cover corner who has the ability to come up and make big hits ... excellent return man ... can play the slot receiver with the ability to run precise routes ... tremendous student with a GPA above 3.0 ... high school coach: Mike Smalley ... born Dec. 12, 1990 ... son of John and Stacy Swain ... father, John, graduated from the University of Miami in 1981 and was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings ... John played eight seasons in the NFL with the Vikings, Miami Dolphins and Pittsburgh Steelers.

Sam Tim, 6-2, 190, FB/LB/TE, Ames, Iowa (Ames HS)

Elite First-Team All-State pick in 2008 ... three-time first-team all-CIML selection ... team captain in 2008 ... rushed for 1,585 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior ... Elite All-State track honoree ... three-year letterwinner in football ... high school coach: Bruce Vertanen ... son of Sunday and Hazel Tim.

Blake White, 5-10, 180, WR/DB, Davenport, Iowa (North HS)

Earned first team all-conference as a running back and defensive back ... first team all-metro as a defensive back ... 2008 Team MVP ... 2009 Shrine Bowl All-Star game invitee ... all-conference running back as a junior ... state qualifier in track in the 100 meter, 4x100, 4x200 and sprint medley relays ... four-year letterwinner in track ... first-team academic all-conference honors carrying a 3.89 GPA ... born Nov. 14, 1990 ... son of Eilee and Sheri White.

Justin Wissler, 6-6, 320, OL, Wall Lake, Iowa (East Sac County HS/Iowa Central)

First-team all-region selection at Iowa Central in 2008 ... all-conference pick ... preseason All-America honoree prior to the 2008 season ... all-state designee out of high school ... four-year letterwinner in football, basketball and track ... played in the Shrine Bowl ... high school coach: Eric McCullough ... son of Jim and Lisa Wissler.

Phil Wright, 5-10, 180, WR/DB, Sioux Falls, S.D. (O'Gorman HS)

Possessed the ability to change games with his speed and natural athletic ability as both a return specialist and running back as a prep ... returned two kickoffs and two interceptions for touchdowns in 2008 ... one game in particular Wright showed that game changing ability on a series of two plays ... after fumbling a kickoff in the Sioux Falls Washington game that led to a touchdown, Wright returned the ensuing kickoff back for a 98 yard touchdown, then on the next play from scrimmage on defense he intercepted a ball and ran it back for a 65 yard touchdown ... high school coach: Steve Kueter ... son of Dwaine (Tex) and Sheila Wright ... father, Dwaine, played fullback at Arizona State for head coach Frank Kush.

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Joe Johnson III, 5-9, 185, RB/DB, West Des Moines, Iowa (Valley HS)
Andre Martin II, 6-0, 185, DB, Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer HS)
Craig Ralls, 6-1, 205, ATH, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Westmoore HS)
Tim Sauer Jr., 6-8, 260, OL, Rosemount, Minn. (Rosemount HS)
Garrett Scott, 6-0, 190, DB, Davenport, Iowa (Bettendorf HS)
Quentin Scott, 6-5, 215, FS, Des Moines, Iowa (North HS/Iowa Central CC)
Rayon Simmons, 5-9, 190, RB, University City, Mo. (Christian Brothers College HS)
De'Andre Vandevender, 6-1, 205, ATH, Trenton, Mo. (Trenton HS)
Nico Watson, 6-0, 180, CB, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City HS)
Derek Williams, 6-3, 185, WR, Marshalltown, Iowa (Marshalltown HS)