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2005 SPRING RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Results
Feb 5	Truman State	W, 7-0
Feb 12	@ Wisconsin-Milwaukee	W, 7-0
Feb 13	@ Wisconsin-Green Bay	W, 7-0
Feb 19	Luther	W, 7-0
Feb 20	Chicago State	W, 7-0
Feb 25	Western Illinois	W, 6-1
Feb 27	Southeast Missouri State	W, 7-0
Mar 4	Drake*	L, 3-4
Mar 6	Northern Colorado	W, 5-2
Mar 25	@ Creighton*	W, 7-0
Mar 26	@ UMKC	W, 7-0
Apr 2	@ Eastern Illinois	W, 6-1
Apr 8	@ Illinois State*	L, 2-5
Apr 9	@ Indiana State*	L, 2-5
Apr 10	@ Bradley*	W, 5-2
Apr 15	Southern Illinois*	W, 5-2
Apr 17	Evansville*	W, 6-1
Apr 22	Wichita State*	W, 6-1
Apr 23	Southwest Missouri State*	W, 6-1
Apr 24	Iowa State	W, 5-2
Apr 29	MVC Championships @ Peoria, Ill. (vs. Wichita State)	W, 4-3
Apr 30	MVC Championships @ Peoria, Ill. (vs. Drake)	W, 4-3
May 1	MVC Championships @ Peoria, Ill. (Vs. Illinois State)	L, 0-4

* Missouri Valley Conference Match

2004 FALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Sept. 24-26, 2004	@ Creighton Invitational	No Scores
October 1-3, 2004	MVC Individual Championships @ Springfield, MO	No Scores
November 5-7	@ Lloyd Stokstad Invitational	No Scores

Athlete honors.

In addition, Sara Kendall, Muraca and Agnese Pukse were honorable mention Scholar Athletes.

Also, for the first time since 2002 two Panthers were recognized for their achievements on the court. Sophomore Meredith Esbeck earned All-Conference honors for her 18-1 regular season singles record and freshman Paritala earned All-Select honors for her 17-3 regular season singles record and 15-5 mark in doubles.

As for the future of UNI women's tennis, Chris Hoover, head coach of the conference champion Redbirds said, "Northern Iowa is one of the most improved teams in the league. They play really hard."

UNI WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM FINISHES BEST SEASON IN 20 YEARS

Cedar Falls – Two years after going 3-11, the University of Northern Iowa women's tennis team finished 19-4 overall and 8-4 in the Missouri Valley Conference this spring. It finished the regular season with a 17-3 record, 6-3 in the MVC.

With the amazing turnaround, the Panthers earned the fourth seed at the conference tournament held April 29-May 1 in Peoria, Ill.

The Cats faced Wichita State in the quarterfinals which provided fierce competition for the Panthers. After defeating the Shockers 6-1 in the regular season, the Panthers lost the doubles point for only the second time the entire season and had to win four-of-six singles matches to advance. The Panthers did just that as Meghana Paritala, Jaime Noyce, Mariana Muraca and Carolina Hannes won.

Hannes, a freshman from Brazil, won the match in a second set tie-breaker. "Even though I didn't play my best match that day, as coach says, 'a win is a win, doesn't matter how,'" Hannes said.

In the semifinal match, the Panthers faced the Drake Bulldogs, a team that earlier had handed them their first loss of the season. Instead of losing the match 4-3 like they did in the regular season, the Panthers won 4-3, again after losing the doubles point.

With the win, the Panthers earned a trip to their first ever Valley tennis championship against two-time defending champion Illinois State.

The Panthers got off to a slow start and by the time they were beginning to make a comeback, the Redbirds had their hands on the trophy with a 4-0 win.

While the loss hurt, all eight members of the team shared in something special and realize the change that has occurred inside the Valley and UNI women's tennis. Immediately following the loss, head coach Sachin Kirtane told the team, "We are now one of the elite. Now our goal is to win the Valley...second is no longer good enough."

The Panthers were picked to finish eighth in the preseason Valley poll. They will return seven of eight players for next season.

The lone senior, Jaime Noyce, graduated from UNI on May 7 with a career record of 68-98. She was 35-57 in singles and 33-41 in doubles. Her senior campaign (fall and spring) was by far her best, going 17-15 in singles and 23-10 in doubles. In the spring, she was 19-4 in both singles and doubles, earning her first-team Scholar

QUICK FACTS

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Conference: Missouri Valley

2005 Record (Overall; Conference):

19-4; 6-3 (4th)

Nickname: Panthers

Stadium: Black Hawk Tennis Center

Head Coach: Sachin Kirtane

Kirtane Overall: 29-27; 8-20 (3 yrs.)

Kirtane at UNI: 29-27; 8-20 (3 yrs.)

Kirtane is looking forward to the future of the program he has turned around in three short years. "I am very excited about next season because we have seven of eight girls coming back and I believe that after tasting this success, we are going to be even more hungry and try to make a run at the tournament again."

The three freshmen, Hannes, Paritala and Samantha Schnobel, already are planning on winning the tournament next year and getting a ticket to nationals. "I'm really excited for next season as I think we have a good chance to beat everyone in our conference and go to nationals," Hannes said.

Schnobel said, "There are some tough teams in the Valley, but I think we have shown them that UNI isn't going anywhere; we're here to win and I know we can do it."

Paritala, a freshman who now ranks fourth for singles wins in a season at UNI said, "This season was a good learning experience and having been part of a team that created history is really exciting."

Kirtane improves his career coaching record to 29-27, which is the third best winning percentage in UNI history.

Many of the Panthers will return home to spend time with their families and work on their games, determined to have an even better 2005-06 campaign where instead of breaking through the Valley, they hope to ace the competition.

Player Quotes:

"I love the feeling of being part of a team; working hard and sharing in our successes. I think this season surpasses our greatest hopes and I can't wait to come back next fall and do even better." - Samantha Schnobel

"We did a great job and I'm very happy with that, but it was not enough. We can do better than that so now we have to work harder to get even better results next year." -Carolina Hannes

"The whole year has been unbelievable for the team, culminating with the win against Drake." -Head coach Sachin Kirtane

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Name	Class	Hometown/High School
Meredith Esbeck*	SO	Des Moines, IA/Roosevelt
Carolina Hannes	FR	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Sara Kendall	SO	Brisbane, Queensland/Brisbane Girls Grammer
Mariana Muraca*	SO	Sao Paulo, Brazil/Elvira Brandas
Jaime Noyce***	SR	West Des Moines, IA/Valley
Meghana Paritala	FR	Secunderabad, India/Andhra Pradesh
Agnese Pukse*	SO	Riga, Latvia/Riga Secondary School #64
Samantha Schnobel	FR	Mississauga, Ontario/Lorne Park

*Letters Earned

2004-05 Individual Results

Doubles:

- 1) Paritala/Muraca 15-8
- 2) Hannes/Pukse 16-4
Noyce/Kendall 1-0
- 3) Noyce/Kendall 18-4
Esbeck/Schnobel 1-0

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Overall Doubles:

Esbeck 1-0	Noyce 19-4
Hannes 16-4	Paritala 15-8
Kendall 19-4	Pukse 16-4
Muraca 15-8	Schnobel 1-0

Singles:

Paritala (19-4) 1) 19-4	Pukse (10-11) 2) 10-11	Noyce (14-9) 2) 1-0 3) 12-9 4) 1-0	Muraca (18-4) 3) 1-0 4) 17-4
Hannes (19-3) 3) 1-0 5) 18-3	Esbeck (19-2) 4) 1-0 6) 18-2	Kendall (2-0) 5) 1-0 6) 1-0	Schnobel (1-0) 6) 1-0

2005 MVC Women's Tennis Final Regular Season Standings

School	MVC	PCT	Overall	PCT
Illinois State	8-1	.889	12-7	.667
Drake	8-1	.889	12-10	.545
Indiana State	8-1	.889	12-10	.545
UNI	6-3	.667	17-3	.850
Wichita State	5-4	.556	13-12	.520
Southern Illinois	4-5	.444	6-12	.333
Creighton	3-6	.333	11-10	.524
SMS	2-7	.222	4-15	.211
Bradley	1-8	.111	6-15	.286
Evansville	0-9	.000	3-14	.176

Year-By-Year (since 1975)

1974-75 1-3	1980-81 13-9	1986-87 10-18	1992-93 2-18	1998-99 14-11
1975-76 2-2	1981-82 25-10	1987-88 3-20	1993-94 3-17	1999-00 9-16
1976-77 1-5	1982-83 17-10	1988-89 6-11	1994-95 5-15	2000-01 17-8
1977-78 6-4	1983-84 13-18	1989-90 8-13	1995-96 4-13	2001-02 9-14
1978-79 4-5	1984-85 30-6	1990-91 8-9	1996-97 5-19	2002-03 3-11
1979-80 7-5	1985-86 13-14	1991-92 5-10	1997-98 12-7	2003-04 7-12
Overall Record: 281-337 (.455)				2004-05 19-4

Coaching History (since 1975)

		<u>Years</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1.	Betty Swanson	1974-81	7	34	33	.507
2.	Pete Mazula	1981-85	4	85	44	.659
3.	Carol Phillips	1985-87	2	23	32	.418
4.	Kathy Konigsmark	1987-91	4	25	50	.333
5.	Wanda Green	1991-92	1	4	8	.333
6.	Nancy Clark	1992-98	6	31	89	.258
7.	Eric Rebhuhn	1998-01	4	41	34	.547
8.	Dave Wolden	2001-02	1	9	14	.391
9.	Sachin Kirtane	2002-	3	29	27	.518

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Singles Season Wins – Singles

		<u>Year</u>	<u>Wins</u>
1.	Cathy Crowl	1981-82	32
2.	Nancy Nelson	1981-82	30
3.	Maria McDonald	1984-85	29
4.	Meghana Paritala	2004-05	28
	Nancy Land	1984-85	28
6.	Nancy Land	1981-82	27
7.	Mariana Muraca	2004-05	26
	Carolina Hannes	2004-05	26
	Tami Williams	1984-85	26
10.	Meredith Esbeck	2004-05	24
	Rose Quirk	1980-81	24
	Kendra Lindeman	1997-98	24

Single Season Winning Percentage – Singles (10 matches)

		<u>Year</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1.	Kendra Lindeman	1997-98	24	3	.889
2.	Carolina Hannes	2004-05	26	5	.839
3.	Meghana Paritala	2004-05	28	6	.824
4.	Cathy Crowl	1981-81	32	7	.821
5.	Carrie Amsbaugh	1998-01			.808
6.	Meredith Esbeck	2004-05	24	6	.800
	Kylene Wong				.800
8.	Mariana Muraca	2004-05	26	7	.788
9.	Nancy Land	1984-85	28	8	.778
10.	Marggie Lutgen	1977-78	10	3	.769

Career Winning Percentage – Singles (25 matches)

		<u>Years</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Pct</u>
1.	Carolina Hannes	2004-05	26	5	.839
2.	Meghana Paritala	2004-05	28	6	.824
3.	Robbin Ross	1982-84	25	9	.735
4.	Mariana Muraca	2003-05	37	14	.725
5.	Kendra Lindeman	1997-01	83	35	.703
6.	Cathy Crowl	1978-82	54	26	.675
7.	Rose Quirk	1979-81	29	15	.659
8.	Nancy Land	1981-85	84	46	.646
9.	Lin Kobliska	1978-82	33	19	.635
10.	Maria McDonald	1982-86	83	49	.629
13.	Meredith Esbeck	2003-05	32	25	.561

Singles Season Wins – Doubles

		<u>Year</u>	<u>Wins</u>
1.	Joni Eaton	1984-85	31
	Maria McDonald	1984-85	31
	Tami Williams	1984-85	31
4.	Nina Nelson	1981-82	30
5.	Nancy Land	1981-82	29
	Renee Kern	1984-85	29
7.	Cathy Crowl	1982-83	28
8.	Samantha Schnobel	2004-05	24
	Tanna Riehl	1981-82	24
	Maria McDonald	1985-86	24
11.	Jaime Noyce	2004-05	23

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Single Season Winning Percentage – Doubles (10 matches)

		<u>Year</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Pct</u>
1.	Sara Kendall	2004-05	24	6	.800
2.	Tammi Williams	1984-85	31	8	.795
3.	Joni Eaton	1984-85	31	9	.775
	Maria McDonald	1985-86	31	9	.775
5.	Maria McDonald	1985-86	24	7	.774
6.	Melanie Becker	1997-98	17	5	.773
	Kendra Lindeman	1997-98	17	5	.773
8.	Joni Eaton	1985-86	23	7	.767
9.	Renee Kern	1984-85	29	9	.763
10.	Cathy Crowl	1981-82	28	9	.757

Career Winning Percentage – Doubles (25 matches)

		<u>Years</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Pct</u>
1.	Sara Kendall	2004-05	24	6	.800
2.	Carolina Hannes	2004-05	20	9	.713
3.	Carrie Knudsen	1981-83	29	14	.674
4.	Nancy Land	1981-85	81	43	.653
5.	Maria McDonald	1982-86	83	46	.643
6.	Tanna Riehl	1980-83	42	25	.627
7.	Rose Quirk	1979-81	25	15	.625
8.	Cathy Crowl	1978-82	46	28	.622
9.	Nina Nelson	1979-83	60	37	.619
10.	Robbin Ross	1982-84	24	15	.615

Missouri Valley Conference Champions – Singles

		<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>
1.	Carrie Amsbaugh	2001	#5

UNI Conference Scholar Athletes

First Team

Melanie Becker	1999
Cari Houghton	1997

Jamie Noyce **2004, 05**

Second Team

Carrie Amsbaugh	2001
Melanie Becker	1998
Lisa Castenson	1995,96
Amie Crowley	2001
Tiffany Dammer	1993,94
Danielle Farr	1994,95
Cari Houghton	1995
Traci Jesse	1993
Kendra Lindeman	2001
Heather Mowery	1997,98
Karen Olsen	1997,98
Lisa Stanley	1998

Honorable Mention

Carrie Amsbaugh	2002
Sara Kendall	2005
Mariana Muraca	2005
Jaime Noyce	2003
Agnese Pukse	2005
Kylie Wong	2002

UNI All-MVC First Team

Carrie Amsbaugh	2002
Meredith Esbeck	2005
Kylie Wong	2002

UNI All-MVC Select Team

Meghana Paritala	2005
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