



**2003 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS  
(FINAL)**

School	Conference		Overall			
	W/L	Pct.	W/L	Pct.	H	A/N
SMS	17-1	.944	27-6	.818	14-1	13-5
UNI	16-2	.889	28-6	.824	11-0	17-6
Wichita St.	13-5	.722	21-10	.677	11-2	10-8
Illinois St.	11-7	.611	19-14	.576	9-4	10-10
Indiana St.	9-9	.500	14-15	.483	7-5	7-10
Creighton	9-9	.500	12-18	.400	5-5	7-13
Bradley	7-11	.389	11-20	.355	8-7	3-13
Drake	3-15	.167	11-21	.344	3-11	8-10
So. Illinois	3-15	.167	7-23	.233	3-10	4-13
Evansville	2-16	.111	7-23	.233	1-9	6-14

**RECENT RESULTS**

**2003 STATE FARM/MVC CHAMPIONSHIP**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 28**

**Quarterfinals**

#3 Wichita State 3, #6 Creighton 1  
#4 Illinois State 3, #5 Indiana State 0

**Semifinals**

#2 UNI 3, #3 Wichita State 1  
#1 SMS 3, #4 Illinois State 0

**SATURDAY, NOV. 29**

**Championship**

#2 UNI 3, #1 SMS 1

**2003 NCAA TOURNAMENT**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 5 -- FIRST ROUND**

UNI 3, UC Santa Barbara 2  
Arkansas 3, SMS 1

**SATURDAY, DEC. 6 -- SECOND ROUND**

Minnesota 3, UNI 1

**2003 MVC FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE**

Name	Team	Yr.
<b>Jill Arganbright</b>	UNI	Sr.
Chenille Bayless	SMS	Sr.
Emily Kabbes	ILSU	So.
Elizabeth Meyers	WSU	So.
Erin Murphy	SMS	Sr.
<b>Molly O'Brien</b>	UNI	Sr.
Jenna Passman	BU	Sr.
Lindsay Stalzer	BU	So.
<b>Rachael Tink</b>	UNI	So.
<b>Shari Vermeer</b>	UNI	Jr.
Linette White	SMS	Sr.
Sara Younes	WSU	Jr.

Co-Players of the Year: Molly O'Brien, UNI and Linette White, SMS

Coach of the Year: Melissa Stokes, SMS

Freshman of the Year: Savannah Knowles, ILSU

Liber of the Year: Karen Augspurger, WSU

**2003 MVC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Name	Team
Brittanie Stowell	Indiana State
Paige White	Illinois State
Ashley Williams	Creighton
Sara Younes	Wichita State
Erin Murphy	SMS
Linette White	SMS
<b>Jill Arganbright</b>	UNI
<b>Rachael Tink</b>	UNI
<b>Molly O'Brien</b>	UNI -- MVP

**MVC Career Kills Leaders**

1.	1,919	Michelle Witzke, SMS
3.	<b>1,779</b>	<b>Molly O'Brien, UNI</b>
2.	1,773	Chris Rehor, ILS
4.	1,725	Cheryl Berg, INS
5.	<b>1,720</b>	<b>Kate Galer, UNI</b>
6.	1,717	Jenny Pavlas, BU
7.	1,706	Jessica Kiefer, UE

**O'BRIEN BECOMES UNI CAREER KILLS LEADER, FINISHES SECOND ON MVC CHART**  
UNI senior middle blocker **Molly O'Brien** became the University of Northern Iowa's career leader in kills in the team's regular-season finale against Indiana State (Nov. 22). O'Brien, who finished her career with 1,779 kills, passed former Panther great Kate Galer (1720-- 1993-96) for the top spot in UNI annals. In addition, O'Brien, who

is UNI's and the Missouri Valley Conference's career leader in block assists (653) and total blocks (711), and ranks second in conference history in kills.

**RADIO/TELEVISION INFORMATION**

For the first year, many of UNI's volleyball matches were broadcast on "The Sports Station" KCNZ (1650/1250 AM), with KCNZ sports director Mark Simpson handling play-by-play and former UNI standout Mary Bernhardt serving as analyst. The games were also carried on UNI's official athletic website at www.unipanthers.com. In addition, a pair of UNI's games this past season -- vs. Illinois State Sept. 21 and at Nebraska Nov. 2 -- were televised live on College Sports Television (CSTV).

**HEAD COACH BOBBI PETERSEN**

**Bobbi Petersen (UNI '90)** has concluded her fourth season as the Panthers' head coach with a career coaching record of 111-20 (.847). Petersen went 18-9 while serving as UNI's interim head coach in 1997 when Iradge Ahrabi-Fard was serving as a consultant for USA Volleyball. Since taking over as permanent head coach in 2001, Becker has amassed a sparkling 93-11 (.894) mark, with a pair of trips to the NCAA third round. Petersen played for the Panthers from 1986-89 (as Bobbi Becker) and was named UNI's Volleyball Athlete of the Decade in 1992 by the Gateway Conference. She was named 2001 Central Region Coach of the Year by the AVCA, and was chosen 2002 AVCA National Coach of the Year after guiding the Panthers to a 34-3 mark. In addition, on Oct. 11, Petersen was inducted into the University of Northern Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame in conjunction with UNI Homecoming.

**PETERSEN REACHES 100 VICTORY MILESTONE**

With a win over Southern Illinois on Oct. 24, UNI's fourth-year coach Bobbi Petersen posted her 100th career win in four years as the Panthers' head coach. Petersen, who is now 111-20 (.847), became the second volleyball coach in UNI history to reach 100 career wins (Iradge Ahrabi-Fard is UNI's career leader with 503 wins in 19 years). Petersen has not yet coached the minimum five years the NCAA requires to be ranked among national coaching leaders in terms of winning percentage. However, through four years of coaching, she has a **current percentage of .847, which would rank her second on the list.** The current NCAA leader is Hawaii's Dave Shoji (840-149, .849).

**UNI STARTING LINEUP**

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	KPG	Att.%	DPG	BPG	PTS
11	MB	Molly O'Brien	6-0	Sr.	Parnell, Iowa	3.93	.281	2.54	1.49	599.0
2	OH	Rachael Tink	6-0	So.	Waterloo, Iowa	3.84	.259	2.58	0.67	521.5
12	MB	Shari Vermeer	6-0	Jr.	Sioux Center, Iowa	3.08	.341	0.72	1.18	465.0
5	MB	Stephanie Germann	6-3	So.	LeMars, Iowa	1.98	.293	0.60	0.99	215.5
4	OH	Jessi Worrell	5-10	Jr.	West Branch, Iowa	1.94	.218	2.85	0.59	312.0
9	S	Jill Arganbright	5-10	Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa	*13.11	.333	2.29	0.67	237.5
1	L	Stephanie May	5-8	Fr.	Dubuque, Iowa	0.00	-.300	1.80	0.00	0.0
						*APG				

**KEY SUBSTITUTES**

16	MB	Michelle Burvee	6-2	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa	1.59	.234	0.87	1.14	221.0
13	MB	Trista Humpal	6-1	Fr.	New Hampton, Iowa	1.11	.333	0.22	1.00	14.5
10	DS	Patricia Dietz	5-7	Fr.	Tripoli, Iowa	0.04	.500	0.93	0.00	3.0
15	DS	Abby Lemek	5-11	Jr.	Sioux City, Iowa	0.03	.053	1.51	0.00	4.0

**USA TODAY/AVCA COACHES TOP 25**  
FINAL -- DEC. 24

No.	School	Total Points	2003 Record	Last Week
1.	USC (65)	1625	35-0	1
2.	Florida	1558	36-2	3
3.	Hawai'i	1494	36-2	2
4.	Minnesota	1370	26-11	14
5.	UCLA	1300	24-9	7
6.	Pepperdine	1232	27-3	4
7.	Penn State	1215	31-5	10
8.	Georgia Tech	1182	34-4	11
9.	Washington	1141	23-9	13
10.	Stanford	1054	25-7	5
11.	Kansas State	990	30-5	6
12.	California	941	25-7	8
13.	Nebraska	886	28-5	9
14.	Colorado State	823	30-5	12
15.	Illinois	717	26-7	15
16.	Texas A&M	637	23-10	17
17.	Loyola Marymount	578	26-7	16
18.	UNI	502	28-6	18
19.	Santa Clara	380	20-11	19
20.	Louisville	360	25-6	20
21.	Wisconsin	257	22-11	23
22.	UC Santa Barbara	240	19-9	21
23.	Utah	172	22-9	25
24.	Notre Dame	143	23-7	22
25.	Maryland	113	27-8	24

**Others receiving points and listed on two or more ballots:** Pittsburgh 36, Kansas 33, Arkansas 25, Ohio 23, Florida A&M 18, BYU 16, UC Irvine 14, Michigan 12, San Francisco 10, Arizona 7, Dayton 7.

**VOLLEYBALL MAGAZINE TOP 20**  
FINAL -- DEC. 22

No.	School	2003 Record	Last Week
1.	USC	35-0	1
2.	Florida	36-2	3
3.	Hawai'i	36-2	2
4.	Minnesota	26-11	4
5.	Washington	23-9	5
6.	UCLA	24-9	6
7.	Georgia Tech	34-3	7
8.	Penn State	31-5	8
9.	Pepperdine	27-3	9
10.	Stanford	25-7	10
11.	Nebraska	28-5	11
12.	California	25-7	12
13.	Colorado State	30-5	13
14.	Kansas State	30-5	13
15.	Illinois	26-7	15
16.	Texas A&M	23-10	16
17.	UNI	28-6	17
18.	Pittsburgh	26-6	18
19.	Louisville	25-5	19
20.	Kansas	22-11	20

**Others receiving votes:** Santa Clara, Notre Dame, Loyola Marymount, UC Santa Barbara, Wisconsin, Utah, Maryland, Pacific, Michigan, BYU, UC Irvine, Florida A&M, Arkansas, Dayton, Central Florida, Arizona.

**UNI IN WEEKLY NATIONAL RANKINGS**

Poll	USA Today/AVCA	Volleyball Magazine
Preseason	8	8
Sept. 1	6	6
Sept. 8	6	6
Sept. 15	6	5
Sept. 22	10	8
Sept. 29	10	8
Oct. 6	10	8
Oct. 13	10	7
Oct. 20	13	9
Oct. 27	12	9
Nov. 3	13	13
Nov. 10	14	13
Nov. 17	12	11
Nov. 24	16	13
Dec. 1	16	13
Dec. 8	18	17
FINAL	18	17

**HOME STREAK STILL INTACT**

UNI has won 71 straight home matches at the West Gym and ended its regular season a perfect 11-0. The Panthers' winning streak dates back to Nov. 1, 1997, and is the longest active home winning streak in the nation. It's also the **second-longest home volleyball winning streak of all-time**, as only Penn State (87, 1995-2000) has a longer run of home wins than the Panthers. The Panthers last loss at home was on Oct. 31, 1997, with a 3-1 setback at the hands of conference foe Illinois State. UNI's last non-conference loss was on Sept. 10, 1992, when Iowa State defeated the Panthers, 3-2 -- the Panthers have won 24 straight home matches against non-league opponents.

**ARGANBRIGHT, O'BRIEN EARN ALL-CENTRAL REGION AND HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICA HONORS**

Senior setter **Jill Arganbright (Iowa City, Iowa/West)** and senior middle blocker **Molly O'Brien (Parnell, Iowa/Williamsburg)** continued to pile up the individual honors, as they were each named first team American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Central Region. This is Arganbright's second time honored by being named All-Central Region, and the third time for O'Brien. In addition, both players were named honorable mention AVCA All-Americans. UNI sophomore **Rachael Tink (Waterloo, Iowa/Walnut Ridge)** earned honorable mention AVCA All-Central Region honors.

**ARGANBRIGHT, O'BRIEN EARN ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HONORS**

A pair of Panthers were honored Dec. 3 by being named to the College Sports Information Directors (CoSIDA) Academic All-America volleyball team. Senior setter **Jill Arganbright** was a first-team selection, and senior middle blocker **Molly O'Brien** was a second team pick. Arganbright holds a 3.97 cumulative grade point average in Biology/Chemistry, while O'Brien has a 3.86 GPA in Physical Education/Teaching. Arganbright was a 2002 second-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honoree.

**O'BRIEN NAMED MVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR; THREE OTHER PANTHERS HONORED**

Senior middle blocker **Molly O'Brien** was named 2003 Co-MVC Player of the Year last week, earning the conference's top individual honor for the third straight year. In addition, **Jill Arganbright, Rachael Tink** and **Shari Vermeer (Sioux Center, Iowa/Sioux Center)** also earned first-team all-conference honors for UNI. For Arganbright and O'Brien, it was their fourth straight first-team All-MVC honor, while it was the first for each Tink and Vermeer. In addition, O'Brien was named Missouri Valley Conference tournament MVP, and was joined on the all-tournament team by Arganbright and Tink.

**ARGANBRIGHT, O'BRIEN, WORRELL EARN MVC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE HONORS**

Panther seniors **Jill Arganbright** and **Molly O'Brien** were each unanimous selections to the 2003 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete first team, as voted on by the league's sports information directors. Junior **Jessi Worrell (West Branch, Iowa/West Branch)** was also a first-team pick. For Arganbright and O'Brien, this is the third straight year they have each been honored on the MVC scholar-athlete squad. Arganbright has been a unanimous pick all three years.

**THREE PANTHERS EARN CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONORS**

UNI's excellence doesn't stop on the volleyball court, as evidenced by the announcement Nov. 13 of the College Sports Information Directors (CoSIDA) Academic All-District VII volleyball team. Of the 12 players honored, three were Panthers. Senior setter **Jill Arganbright** and senior middle blocker **Molly O'Brien** each earned first-team honors. Arganbright holds a 3.97 cumulative grade point average in Biology/Chemistry, while O'Brien has a 3.86 GPA in Physical Education/Teaching. Earning second-team honors was junior outside hitter **Jessi Worrell** who holds a 3.92 cumulative GPA while majoring in Biology-Biomedical.

**LONGEST HOME WINNING STREAKS IN NCAA HISTORY**

- 87 Penn State (1995-2000)
- 71 UNI (11/1/97 - present)
- 63 Nebraska (1999-2002)
- 58 Florida (1990-94)
- 57 Long Beach St. (1996-99)
- 55 Hawai'i (1986-89)
- 52 Oral Roberts (1993-99)
- 52 UCLA (1987-91)
- 50 UNI (10/13/92 - 10/4/96)
- 50 Stanford (1993-97)

**UNI IN 2003 MVC STATS  
(FINAL)**

**Team -- All Games**

Hitting Percentage	1st	.278
Opponent Hitting Percentage	2nd	.173
Assist Average	1st	15.22
Kills Average	1st	16.50
Blocks Average	1st	3.24
Service Aces Average	9th	1.34
Digs Average	3rd	15.24

**Individual -- All Games**

Hitting Pct. - Shari Vermeer	3rd	.341
Hitting Pct. - Jill Arganbright	4th	.333
Kills Avg. - Molly O'Brien	5th	3.93
Kills Avg. - Rachael Tink	7th	3.84
Assists Avg. - Jill Arganbright	1st	13.11
Blocks Avg. - Molly O'Brien	2nd	1.49
Blocks Avg. - Shari Vermeer	4th	1.18
Blocks Avg. - Michelle Burvee	6th	1.14
Digs Avg. - Jessi Worrell	10th	2.85

**Team - Conference Games**

Hitting Percentage	1st	.304
Opponent Hitting Percentage	2nd	.164
Assist Average	1st	15.55
Kills Average	1st	16.78
Blocks Average	1st	3.30
Service Aces Average	6th	1.50
Digs Average	5th	14.31

**Individual -- Conference Games**

Hitting Pct. - Shari Vermeer	4th	.366
Hitting Pct. - Steph Germann	5th	.360
Hitting Pct. - Molly O'Brien	8th	.329
Kills Avg. - Molly O'Brien	2nd	4.16
Kills Avg. - Rachael Tink	6th	3.75
Assists Avg. - Jill Arganbright	1st	13.45
Aces Avg. - Steph Germann	7th	0.41
Blocks Avg. - Molly O'Brien	3rd	1.56
Blocks Avg. - Michelle Burvee	5th	1.27
Blocks Avg. - Shari Vermeer	6th	1.24
Blocks Avg. - Steph Germann	8th	1.06

**UNI IN 2003 NCAA STATS  
(FINAL)**

Assists Per Game -- Team	13th	15.22
Blocks Per Game -- Team	3rd	3.24
Hitting Percentage -- Team	14th	.278
Kills Per Game -- Team	18th	16.50
Winning Percentage	15th	.824
Assists Per Game -- Individual		
Jill Arganbright	24th	13.11
Block Per Game -- Individual		
Molly O'Brien	15th	1.49

**PANTHERS CLAIM SIXTH STRAIGHT MVC CHAMPIONSHIP**

UNI went into Springfield, Mo., as the tournament's number two seed, but came out as the Missouri Valley Conference champion by virtue of a 3-1 win over #23 Southwest Missouri State on the Lady Bears home court Nov. 29. It snapped a 15-match home winning streak for SMS, and gave UNI its sixth straight MVC volleyball crown. It also marked the first time since 1992 that the #1 seeded team did not win the Missouri Valley Conference tournament title.

**NCAA Career Assist Leaders**

1.	Tammy Robertson, UAB	6,650
13.	Sheri Sanders, Long Beach St.	6,301
14.	Erika Selsor, UCLA	6,234
15.	Kelly Campbell, Colorado	6,228
16.	Andrea Nachtrieb, Ga. Tech	6,102
17.	<b>Jill Arganbright, UNI</b>	<b>6,064</b>
18.	Shelby Snyder, Northern Ill.	6,052
19.	Mary Frances Scott, Virginia	6,044
20.	Sharon Oesterling, Minnesota	6,024

**ARGANBRIGHT SETS MVC ASSIST MARK, RANKS AMONG NCAA ALL-TIME BEST**

Senior setter **Jill Arganbright** became UNI's all-time leader in assists on Friday, Sept. 19. With her 16th assist of the night against Indiana State, Arganbright passed Shannon Perry (4,881 - 1996-99) on the Panthers' career list for the No. 1 spot. Then, on Nov. 11 against Notre Dame, with her 28th assist she passed Marisa Brickley of Illinois State (5,614) for the MVC's career lead. Arganbright ended her career with 6,064 assists, which ranks her 17th all-time in

NCAA history. Arganbright has posted the four top single-season assist totals in UNI history, including a school-record 1,689 in 2002 when she earned first-team All-MVC honors for the third of four straight seasons. In addition, Arganbright has led the Missouri Valley Conference in assists per game each of her four seasons at UNI, becoming the first setter in conference history to lead the league in that statistical category for four straight years.

**WHERE NO ONE HAS GONE BEFORE**

Seniors **Molly O'Brien** and **Jill Arganbright** have certainly made their mark on Panthers' volleyball during their time wearing the Purple and Gold. But in addition to each setting numerous records -- both school and conference -- the pair reached uncharted Missouri Valley Conference territory as the conference awards were announced prior to the league tournament. Each were first-team All-MVC picks this year, which marks the fourth straight season each has earned that honor. That makes O'Brien and Arganbright **the first four time first-team All-MVC players in the history of the league.**

**MORE UNCHARTED TERRITORY**

**Molly O'Brien** was honored as the 2003 Missouri Valley Conference Co-Player of the Year this season, which is the third straight year that she has earned the league's top individual honor. By winning the award this year, O'Brien becomes **the first three-time MVP in Missouri Valley Conference history.**

**BLOCK PARTY**

The Panthers recorded a **season-high 26.5 total team blocks** against Wichita State Nov. 28 in the semifinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. Included in that were 45 block assists, also a season-high, and just one off the tournament and UNI single-match school record of 46. UNI has reached double figures in team blocks 18 times this season, including 11 of their last 17 matches, while posting at least nine blocks six other times. The Panthers also had 19.0 total team blocks and 36 block assists against Illinois State Nov. 21, and 18.5 total team blocks and 35 block assists against Minnesota Sept. 17. In the final set of NCAA statistics, the Panthers ranked third nationally in blocking, averaging 3.24 blocks per game as a squad.

**TRIPLE THE FUN**

Senior middle blocker **Molly O'Brien** posted a triple-double in UNI's MVC semifinal win over Wichita State. O'Brien, the 2003 MVC Co-Player of the Year, had 10 kills, 11 digs and a career-high 15 blocks versus the Shockers. It was her second-ever career triple-double, and the Panthers first since O'Brien accomplished the feat as a freshman on Oct. 27, 2000 against Creighton (14k, 11d, 12b).

## UNICAREER STATISTICS LEADERS

### Kills

1. 1779 **Molly O'Brien (2000-03)**
2. 1720 Kate Galer (1993-96)
3. 1611 Bobbi Becker (1986-89)
4. 1439 Kim Kester (1999-2002)
5. 1360 Alex Auker (1997-2000)

### Kill Average (min. 1,000 attempts)

1. 4.35 Kate Galer (1993-96)
2. **3.71 Molly O'Brien (2000-03)**
3. 3.49 Kim Kester (1999-2002)
4. 3.41 Bobbi Becker (1986-89)
5. 3.28 Alex Auker (1997-2000)
6. **3.26 Rachael Tink (2002-present)**

### Hitting Percentage (min. 1,000 attempts)

1. **.326 Shari Vermeer (2001-present)**
3. **.318 Jill Arganbright (2000-03)**
2. **.315 Molly O'Brien (2000-03)**
4. .308 Chris Less (1988-91)
5. .306 Jill Sprague (1985-88)

### Total Attacks

1. 3817 Kate Galer (1993-96)
2. **3786 Molly O'Brien (2000-03)**
3. 3756 Bobbi Becker (1986-89)
4. 3753 Alex Auker (1997-2000)
5. 3321 Kim Kester (1999-2002)

### Assists

1. **6064 Jill Arganbright (2000-03)**
2. 4881 Shannon Perry (1996-99)
3. 4265 Kara Galer (1992-95)
4. 3977 Mary Bernhardt (1984-87)
5. 2780 Bobbie Kreple (1987-90)

### Assists Per Game (min. 200 assists)

1. **12.63 Jill Arganbright (2000-03)**
2. 12.08 Shannon Perry (1996-99)
3. 10.94 Kara Galer (1992-95)
4. 8.57 Mary Bernhardt (1984-87)
5. 6.39 Bobbie Kreple (1987-90)

### Total Blocks

1. **711 Molly O'Brien (2000-03)**
2. 550 Holly VanHofwegen (1996-99)
3. 539 Chris Less (1988-91)
4. **468 Michelle Burvee (2000-03)**
5. 407 Denise Cuttell (1987-90)
6. 401 Carrie Shurr (1991-94)
7. 400 Tricia Mills (1990-93)
- 400 Shari Vermeer (2001-present)**

### Block Average (min. 150 games)

1. **1.48 Molly O'Brien (2000-present)**
2. 1.40 Carrie Shurr (1991-94)
3. 1.38 Holly VanHofwegen (1996-99)
4. 1.27 Chris Less (1988-91)
5. 1.22 Jodi DeVries (1997-99)
6. **1.11 Shari Vermeer (2001-present)**
7. 1.10 Tricia Mills (1990-93)
8. **1.07 Michelle Burvee (2000-present)**

## ALL BY HERSELF

By being named MVC Player of the Week Oct. 27, Molly O'Brien became the **most decorated volleyball player in Missouri Valley Conference history**. O'Brien has now been named MVC Player of the Week nine times, the most ever for any student-athlete. Former UNI great Kate Galer (1993-96) was previously tied with O'Brien, having earned the honor a total of eight times.

### Kills After Sophomore Season

<b>763</b>	<b>Rachael Tink</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
754	Kate Galer	1993-94
720	Alex Auker	1997-98
<b>709</b>	<b>Molly O'Brien</b>	<b>2000-01</b>
692	Bobbi Becker	1986-87

## TINK AMONG UNI KILLS LEADERS AFTER TWO SEASONS

Sophomore outside hitter **Rachael Tink** has put together two impressive seasons for the Panthers. The former Iowa High School State Player of the Year, who earned All-Missouri Valley Conference newcomer team honors after her freshman season and first-team All-MVC honors this year, has recorded 763 kills in her two-year Panther career. That is the most kills by a UNI player ever after her first two seasons, as Tink passed former UNI great Kate Galer during the Panthers' second round NCAA match with Minnesota for the top spot on that chart. Tink posted 306 kills as a freshman and had 457 in 2003. The 457 kills this year is also the most kills ever by a UNI sophomore, with the old record was 416, set by her coach, Bobbi (Becker) Petersen, in 1987.

## NOT A FRIENDLY PLACE TO VISIT

UNI has an all-time record of 277-36 (.885) at home, including having won 71 straight matches at the West Gym, the longest active streak in the nation and the second-longest of all-time. UNI's last loss at home was on 10/31/97 to Illinois State.

## MORE HOME COURT DOMINANCE

The Panthers are 157-5 (.969) since 1990 at the West Gym, and have posted a 98-3 home mark against Missouri Valley Conference foes since the league began sponsoring women's athletics in 1992. The team with the most success winning in the West Gym is Illinois State, having claimed three victories since 1990. The Redbirds are also responsible for stopping UNI's 50-match winning streak in 1996.

## YEAR-BY-YEAR IN THE WEST GYM

Only two teams have managed to defeat the Panthers in Cedar Falls since 1992 -- Illinois State (three times -- 1992, 1996 and 1997) and Iowa State (once -- 1992). The Panthers current 71-match home winning streak, which is the second longest of all-time, is not the only place where UNI's name appears on the NCAA's home court winning chart. The Panthers also posted a 50-match winning streak earlier in the '90s, which is tied for the ninth-longest streak in NCAA volleyball annals.

## LEADER OF THE PACK

The Panthers ranked first in the Missouri Valley Conference in four statistical categories during the 2003 season -- hitting percentage (.278), kills per game (16.50), assists per game (15.22) and blocks per game (3.24). UNI also ranked second in opponents' hitting percentage (.173) and was third in digs per game (15.24).

## O'BRIEN SETS UNI BLOCK RECORD

Panthers senior middle blocker **Molly O'Brien** recorded four blocks against Iowa State on September 9. That gave UNI's All-American 554 for her career, which made her UNI's new career leader, passing Holly VanHofwegen (550 -- 1996-99). O'Brien ended her career with 711 total blocks and 653 block assists, both UNI and MVC records.

### UNI Volleyball Year-by-Year in the West Gym Since 1990

<u>Year</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1990	14-1	.933
1991	9-0	1.000
1992	11-2	.846
1993	10-0	1.000
1994	14-0	1.000
1995	14-0	1.000
1996	8-1	.889
1997	9-1	.900
1998	9-0	1.000
1999	12-0	1.000
2000	10-0	1.000
2001	14-0	1.000
2002	12-0	1.000
<u>2003</u>	<u>11-0</u>	<u>1.000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>157-5</b>	<b>.969</b>

## UNICAREER STATISTICS LEADERS

### Block Assists

1. **653** *Molly O'Brien (2000-03)*
2. 476 Chris Less (1988-91)
3. 464 Holly VanHofwegen (1996-99)
4. **428** *Michelle Burvee (2000-03)*
4. 407 Denise Cuttell (1987-90)
5. **385** *Shari Vermeer (2001-present)*
6. 335 Tricia Mills (1990-93)
7. 328 Carrie Schurr (1991-94)
8. 313 Kate Marovich (1993-96)
9. 305 Kari Warren (1983-86)
10. 297 Jodi DeVries (1997-99)
11. **290** *Jill Arganbright (2000-03)*

### Matches Played

1. **138** *Molly O'Brien (2000-03)*  
**138** *Jill Arganbright (2000-03)*
3. 136 Denise Cuttell (1987-90)  
136 Bobbi Becker (1986-89)
5. 135 Miranda Weber (1999-2002)
6. **134** *Michelle Burvee (2000-03)*

### Games Played

1. **480** *Molly O'Brien (2000-03)*  
**480** *Jill Arganbright (2000-03)*
3. 478 Denise Cuttell (1987-90)
4. 473 Bobbi Becker (1986-89)
5. 464 Miranda Weber (1999-2002)  
464 Mary Bernhardt (1984-87)
7. 441 Lisa Meeker (1983-86)
8. **437** *Michelle Burvee (2000-03)*

### Digs

1. 1457 Bobbi Becker (1986-89)
2. 1368 Kate Galer (1993-96)
3. 1303 Alex Auken (1997-00)
4. 1202 Mary Bernhardt (1984-87)
5. 1148 Miranda Weber (1999-2002)
6. **1025** *Jill Arganbright (2000-03)*
7. 1015 Kim McCaffrey (1997, 99-01)
8. 1013 Kim Kester (1999-2002)
9. **988** *Molly O'Brien (2000-03)*

### Service Aces

1. 321 Dawn Meester (1989-92)
2. 234 Bobbi Becker (1986-89)
3. 183 Kari Warren (1983-86)
4. 169 Mary Bernhardt (1984-87)
5. 166 Sylvia Eder (1982-85)
6. **149** *Jill Arganbright (2000-03)*

## IMPRESSIVE WINNING STREAKS

Over the last 18 seasons, the UNI volleyball team has posted at least one eight-match winning streak in every season but one (1992), and 23 different winning streaks of eight wins or longer. Eleven of those streaks have reached double-digits, with six reaching at least 20 and one reaching 30. The Panthers had a nine-match winning streak snapped earlier this season at Southwest Missouri State.

## ARGANBRIGHT CLAIMS WEEKLY MVC ACADEMIC HONOR

Senior setter **Jill Arganbright** was selected the Prairie Farms/Missouri Valley Conference Scholar Athlete of the Week

for the period of Nov. 3-9, it was announced Nov. 14. The Valley's Scholar-Athlete program, which is sponsored by Prairie Farms, Roberts and Hiland Dairies, honors conference student-athletes for their athletic performance for a one-week period and academic success in the classroom. The program began during the 1999-00 academic year. Arganbright, led the Panthers to a four-game victory at Bradley on Nov. 8. Arganbright, who has a 3.97 cumulative grade-point average in biology/chemistry, tied her season-high with 63 assists (15.8 per game) and collected nine digs, two service aces and six block assists while hitting .308 (6 kills, 2 errors, 13 attacks). Arganbright is the second UNI volleyball player to win the award this year, as fellow senior **Molly O'Brien** earned the inaugural honor this season on Aug. 30.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pick</u>	<u>MVC Record</u>	<u>Tourney Winner</u>
2003	1st	16-2 (2)	UNI
2002	1st	17-1 (1)	UNI
2001	1st	17-1 (1)	UNI
2000	1st	18-0 (1)	UNI
1999	1st	18-0 (1)	UNI
1998	1st	18-0 (1)	UNI
1997	3rd	13-5 (2)	ILSU
1996	2nd	14-4 (3)	ILSU
1995	1st	20-0 (1)	UNI
1994	1st	19-1 (1)	UNI
1993	4th	13-3 (3)	SMS
1992	2nd	11-5 (3)	ILSU

the first time in the previous 12 seasons that the Panthers have not claimed the Missouri Valley Conference regular season title, but rebounded to win the MVC tournament title. The Panthers finished lower than first in 1992, 1993, 1996 and 1997 prior to 2003, failing to win the MVC tournament crown each year.

## O'BRIEN EARNS MVC WEEKLY ACADEMIC HONOR SEPT. 1

O'Brien was named the inaugural winner of the weekly Prairie Farms/Missouri Valley Conference female student-athlete of the week, for action ending Aug. 31. O'Brien, a senior from Parnell, Iowa, collected women's volleyball all-tournament honors at the USC Invitational in Los Angeles, Calif., on Aug. 29-30. O'Brien, who has a 3.83 cumulative grade-point average in physical education/teaching, averaged 4.10 kills and 1.40 blocks per game, as the sixth-ranked Panthers defeated Ball State and South Carolina but lost to the #1 Women of Troy. The two-time reigning league MVP, O'Brien, who led UNI in kills and blocks for the week, posted 21 kills, 13 digs and seven total blocks in a season-opening victory against Ball State on Aug. 29.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Long Streak</u>	<u>Snapped by</u>
2003	9	at SMS
2002	21	vs. Washington State (NCAA)
2001	18	at Bradley
2000	24	at Wisconsin (NCAA)
1999	30	at Pacific (NCAA)
1998	23	vs. Indiana (NCAA)
1997	8	at Indiana State
1996	8	at SMS
1995	27	at Stanford (NCAA)
1994	20	at Colorado (NCAA)
1993	9	at SMS
1992	5	at Wichita State
1991	8	at Long Beach State (NCAA)
1990	14	vs. Memphis State
1989	10	Illinois State
1988	9	vs. SMS (Gateway Tourney)
1987	12	Minnesota
1986	11	Twice, Southern Illinois and Illinois (NCAA)

## HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

In eight of the last 12 years, UNI has been pegged as the favorite to win the Missouri Valley Conference title. In each of the previous occasions when the Panthers were picked to win the conference, they have won the conference crown, and this year was the first season they did not also win the regular-season title. This year also marked

**2003 HOME ATTENDANCE LEADERS**  
**FINAL -- DEC. 15**

<u>Rk.</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>MP</u>
1.	Hawai'i	7,486	172,178	23
2.	Wisconsin	4,294	64,405	15
3.	Nebraska	4,239	63,587	15
4.	Penn State	2,687	40,299	15
5.	Florida	2,617	44,489	17
6.	Minnesota	2,430	43,746	18
7.	Kansas State	1,951	31,223	16
8.	Texas A&M	1,801	27,009	15
9.	UNI	1,787	19,661	11
10.	Stanford	1,782	28,516	16
11.	North Carolina	1,713	22,266	13
12.	Pacific	1,704	27,257	16
13.	Eastern Washington	1,614	16,137	10
14.	Illinois	1,598	23,963	15
15.	Texas	1,589	27,015	17
16.	Notre Dame	1,576	23,643	15
17.	Montana State	1,570	20,414	13
18.	Michigan State	1,539	16,929	11
19.	Long Beach State	1,534	26,078	17
20.	Purdue	1,534	19,937	13
21.	Washington	1,523	13,706	9
22.	Colorado State	1,502	21,029	14
23.	New Mexico State	1,438	15,816	11
24.	Illinois State	1,428	18,566	13
25.	Missouri	1,418	18,435	13

**2003 TOP MATCH ATTENDANCES**

<u>Rk.</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Date</u>
1.	16,126	Duke at North Carolina	10-17
2.	10,300	San Jose State at Hawai'i	11-15
3.	9,412	Georgia Tech at Hawai'i	12-13
4.	9,345	USC at Hawai'i	8-23
5.	9,111	Illinois at Hawai'i	12-12
6.	8,740	Stanford at Hawai'i	9-13
7.	8,643	Virginia Tech at Notre Dame	11-7
8.	8,529	Nevada at Hawai'i	10-4
9.	8,436	SMU at Hawai'i	10-18
10.	7,428	Pacific at Hawai'i	9-6
50.	4,133	UNI at Nebraska	11-2
131.	2,103	UNI at SMS	10-18
135.	2,084	UNI vs. UCSB (at Minneapolis, Minn.)	12-5
139.	2,052	Iowa State at UNI	9-9
	2,052	Notre Dame at UNI	11-11
	2,052	SMS at UNI	11-14
148.	2,014	UNI at Minnesota	12-6
157.	1,950	Bradley at UNI	10-11
174.	1,850	Wichita State at UNI	11-15
183.	1,770	Evansville at UNI	10-25
211.	1,669	Indiana State at UNI	9-19
216.	1,649	Southern Illinois at UNI	10-24
223.	1,626	UNI vs. Minnesota (at Rochester, Minn.)	9-27
227.	1,601	Drake at UNI	10-4
234.	1,575	Creighton at UNI	10-3
241.	1,552	UNI at Iowa	10-1
288.	1,441	Illinois State at UNI	9-21
366.	1,204	UNI at Wichita State	10-17
377.	1,177	UNI at Illinois State	11-21

**UNI IN YEAR END REGIONAL RANKINGS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Region</u>
2002	2nd	Central
2001	4th	Central
2000	T6th	Central
1999	7th	District 5
1998	7th	District 5
1997	10th	District 5
1996	10th	District 5
1995	2nd	District 5
1994	6th	Mideast
1993	11th	Mideast
1992	T11th	Mideast

**ARGANBRIGHT EARNS MVC PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS NOV. 16**

UNI senior setter **Jill Arganbright** earned MVC Player of the Week honors Nov. 16, after leading the then 14th-ranked Panthers to three wins at the West Gym last week, over 12th-ranked Notre Dame, league-leader Southwest Missouri State and third-place Wichita State. Arganbright had 52 assists and 10 digs against the Fighting Irish, a season-high 66 assists with nine kills against SMS, and 29 assists, four kills and four digs in a three-game sweep of the Shockers. In addition, against Notre Dame, Arganbright became the MVC's career leader in assists, ending the week with 5,764 for her career. Arganbright's weekly stats were 12.25 assists per game, 1.42 digs per game and 1.50 kills per game, while posting a .308 hitting percentage (18-6-39). Arganbright is the third Panther to earn the weekly honor this year, joining sophomore outside hitter Rachael Tink (10/6) and senior middle blocker Molly O'Brien (10/27).

**O'BRIEN NAMED MVC PLAYER OF THE WEEK OCT. 27**

Senior middle blocker **Molly O'Brien** was named the State Farm/MVC Volleyball Athlete of the Week for the period ending Oct. 27. She had a stellar week for the Panthers as No. 13 UNI swept Southern Illinois and Evansville in the West Gym in Cedar Falls. The wins extended UNI's home winning streak to 68 matches. O'Brien recorded 10 kills, with nine blocks and seven digs against the Salukis and then turned around one night later and had a match-high 16 kills, 10 blocks and seven digs against Evansville. In six games and two matches, O'Brien nailed 26 kills, hit .450 and averaged 4.33 kills per game while also collecting 14 digs and 18 blocks.

**TINK NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK OCT. 6**

Sophomore outside hitter **Rachael Tink (Waterloo, Iowa/Walnut Ridge)** was named the State Farm/Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week for the period of Sept. 29 - Oct. 5. Tink led the 10th-ranked Panthers in kills and digs as the Panthers won all three of their matches. In those three matches -- wins at Iowa and home against Creighton and Drake -- the 6-0 sophomore notched 41 kills and 32 digs. Tink hit .338 over the three matches (41-14-80), and averaged a team-best 4.10 kills per game, and a team-high 3.20 digs per contest. She recorded a career-high 16 digs against Drake on Oct. 4, and recorded 18 kills versus Creighton and 15 against Iowa. The 18 kills was her second-highest total ever for a single match.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Game 5 score</u>
Dec. 4, 2003	vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara	W, 16-14
Nov. 21, 2003	at Illinois State	L 13-15
Nov. 14, 2003	SMS	W 15-9
Dec. 7, 2002	#20 Missouri	W 15-10
Nov. 30, 2002	vs. #3 Florida	W 15-11
Nov. 29, 2002	vs. Georgia	W 15-7
Nov. 8, 2002	at Southwest Missouri State	W 15-10
Oct. 25, 2002	Bradley	W 15-7
Aug. 24, 2002	vs. #8 Pepperdine	W 15-13
Dec. 1, 2001	Minnesota	W 17-15
Nov. 24, 2001	vs. Southwest Missouri State	W 15-8
Oct. 19, 2001	at Bradley	L 13-15
Sept. 18, 2001	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	W 15-12
Sept. 8, 2001	at #3 Wisconsin	W 15-13
Dec. 2, 1999	vs. Ball State	W 15-12
Sept. 15, 1999	vs. Minnesota	W 15-11
Sept. 4, 1999	at Oregon State	W 15-6
Nov. 7, 1998	at Illinois State	W 15-12
Oct. 31, 1998	Southern Illinois	W 15-6
Sept. 19, 1998	at Wichita State	W 15-13
Sept. 18, 1998	at SMS	W 17-15
Sept. 5, 1998	at #24 Florida State	L 12-15

**FIFTH-GAME SUCCESS**

The Panthers had their nine-match winning streak in five game matches snapped Nov. 21 at Illinois State. Still, the Panthers have won 19 of their last 22 such matches dating back to the start of the 1998 season. In fact, three of the final five matches of the 2002 season extended to five games, with UNI posting wins over Georgia and #3 Florida in the Missouri Valley/SEC Challenge, as well as #20 Missouri in the NCAA tournament. The win over the Tigers propelled UNI into the Sweet 16 for the second straight season. UNI also topped 20th-ranked UC-Santa Barbara in the first round of the 2003 NCAA tourney in five games.

### UNI ALL-TIME POSTSEASON APPEARANCES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tourney</u>	<u>Rcd.</u>
1986	NCAA	0-1
1987	NCAA	0-1
1989	NIVC	2-1
1990	NIVC	1-3
1991	NCAA	0-1
1993	NIVC	4-1
1994	NCAA	1-1
1995	NCAA	1-1
1998	NCAA	0-1
1999	NCAA	2-1
2000	NCAA	1-1
2001	NCAA	2-1
2002	NCAA	2-1
2003	NCAA	1-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>NCAA (11)</b>	<b>10-11</b>
	<b>NIVC (3)</b>	<b>7-5</b>
<b>All-Time Postseason (14)</b>		<b>17-16</b>

### 2003 MVC PRESEASON COACHES POLL

	<u>Total</u>
1. UNI (10)	100
2. SMS	89
3. Wichita State	78
4. Bradley	68
5. Illinois State	63
6. Indiana State	42
7. Southern Illinois	39
8. Drake	32
9. Creighton	24
10. Evansville	15

### 2003 PRESEASON ALL-MVC TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>
<b>Jill Arganbright</b>	UNI
<b>Molly O'Brien</b>	UNI
Sara Younes	Wichita State
Erin Murphy	SMS
Jenna Passman	Bradley
Linette White	SMS

### DON'T PANIC, IT'S EARLY

The Panthers dropped the first game to Wichita State on Nov. 28 in the semifinals of the MVC tournament, but responded to win the match in four. That was the **eighth time this season** that UNI has lost the first game and rebounded to win the match. In seven of the eight matches where the Panthers have dropped the opening game and come back to win the match, it has been in four games. Only three times this season – at #1 USC (8/30), at #11 Nebraska (11/2) and at Illinois State (11/21) – has UNI lost the first game and failed to rebound and win the match.

### PANTHER WINNING WAYS

The University of Northern Iowa volleyball team finished the year with its 23rd straight non-losing season (1981-2003), which is tied with seven other teams as an NCAA record. Brigham Young, Hawai'i, Nebraska, Pacific, Penn State, Stanford and UCLA have also posted 23 straight non-losing campaigns to stand tied with UNI.

### EVERYDAY PLAYERS

Senior **Molly O'Brien** has started all 138 matches of her four-year Panther career, and fellow senior **Jill Arganbright** has started 137 of 138 of the matches in her career, including 102 straight. With the match against UCSB in the first round of the NCAA tournament on Dec. 5, the pair moved into sole possession of first place in UNI history in matches played with 137, and extended that record to 138 with their second-round match versus Minnesota. O'Brien and Arganbright have been two of the linchpins in UNI's posting of a 122-16 (.890) overall record from 2000 to present, including 68-4 (.944) in Missouri Valley Conference matches, with four conference titles, four NCAA appearances and two NCAA Sweet 16 berths. The duo has also each been selected first-team All-MVC each of their four years in the conference, the first two players ever to achieve that feat.

### STATE SUCCESS

After the Panthers 3-0 win over Drake Oct. 31, UNI has now claimed 25 straight victories against intrastate volleyball opponents. Against the other three Division I schools in the state of Iowa, the Panthers are a combined 104-51-2 all-time; UNI has compiled a record of 25-21 against Iowa, 29-18 against Iowa State and 52-12-2 against Drake. Since 1997, the Panthers are 15-0 against Drake, 4-0 against Iowa, and 6-0 against Iowa State. UNI head coach Bobbi Petersen is a perfect 14-0 against the other three Iowa schools.

### HOME GROWN IN IOWA

The Panthers' success against in-state rivals -- 25 straight victories over Drake, Iowa and Iowa State combined dating back to 1997 -- is made even more special by the fact that 16 of the 17 players on this year's team were from the state of Iowa, and the one out-of-state player is from right across the state line in Omaha, Neb. All four of UNI's coaches hailed from the state of Iowa as well.

### USC ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS

UNI seniors **Molly O'Brien** and **Jill Arganbright** were each named to the Holiday Inn Classic All-Tournament team, Aug. 29-30 at USC. O'Brien led the team with 41 kills, 14 total blocks and 51.5 points over three matches. Arganbright dished out 128 assists in three matches (12.80 apg) and led the team with 26 digs.

### WMU ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS

Three Panthers were named to the WMU/Radisson All-Tournament team (Sept. 12-13). Senior middle blocker **Molly O'Brien** was named tournament MVP after recording 41 kills and posting a .410 hitting percentage for the weekend. Also earning all-tourney honors were **Jill Arganbright**, who averaged 12.60 assists per game, and **Shari Vermeer** who posted 29 kills and hit .417 over the three matches.

### 2003 ALL-MVC FIRST TEAM

Name	Team
<b>Jill Arganbright</b>	UNI
Chenille Bayless	SMS
Emily Kabbes	Illinois State
Elizabeth Meyers	Wichita State
Erin Murphy	SMS
<b>Molly O'Brien</b>	UNI
Jenna Passman	Bradley
Lindsay Stalzer	Bradley
<b>Rachael Tink</b>	UNI
<b>Shari Vermeer</b>	UNI
Linette White	SMS
Sara Younes	Wichita State

Co-Players of the Year: Linette White, SMS  
Molly O'Brien, UNI

Coach of the Year: Melissa Stokes, SMS

Freshman of the Year: Savannah Knowles, ILSU

Libero of the Year: Karen Augspurger, WSU

### 2003 ALL-MVC SECOND TEAM

Name	Team
Laura Doornbos	Illinois State
Leah Ratzlaff	Creighton
Jen Ray	Wichita State
Kelly Rikli	Illinois State
Kylee Osborne	Indiana State
Ashley Williams	Creighton

### 2003 ALL-MVC FRESHMAN TEAM

Name	Team
Brittany Coleman	Creighton
Haley Hann	Southern Illinois
Eve Johnson	Drake
Savannah Knowles	Illinois State
Sarah Lansing	SMS
Megan Spurlock	Evansville

### 2003 MVC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Name	Team
Paige White	Illinois State
Sara Younes	Wichita State
Linette White	SMS
Erin Murphy	SMS
Ashley Williams	Creighton
Brittanie Stwoell	Indiana State
<b>Jill Arganbright</b>	UNI
<b>Rachael Tink</b>	UNI
<b>Molly O'Brien (MVP)</b>	UNI

### 2003 MVC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE FIRST TEAM

Name	Team
<b>Jill Arganbright</b>	UNI
Karen Augspurger	Wichita State
Chenille Bayless	SMS
Staci Boyce	Illinois State
Lara Geer	Wichita State
Kelly Harman	Southern Illinois
Andee Hartig	Wichita State
Katie Kreimer	SMS
Erica Miller	Southern Illinois
<b>Molly O'Brien</b>	UNI
Jenna Passman	Bradley
Leah Ratzlaff	Creighton
Lindsay Stalzer	Bradley
Ashley Williams	Creighton
<b>Jessi Worrell</b>	UNI
Sara Younes	Wichita State

### HEAVY HITTERS

The Panthers led the Missouri Valley Conference and ranked 14th nationally in hitting percentage (.278) in 2003. In fact, UNI has the three top players in school history in career hitting percentage on this year's team, in junior **Shari Vermeer (.326)**, as well as seniors **Jill Arganbright (.318)** and **Molly O'Brien (.315)**.

### HEAVY HITTERS -- PART II

UNI has three players in the top 10 of the league in hitting -- **Jill Arganbright (.349 -- 3rd)**, **Shari Vermeer (.340 - 4th)**, and **Stephanie Germann (.322 - 7th)**. But outstanding hitting is nothing new for the Panthers program -- UNI has led the conference in hitting percentage six years in a row, and 16 of the last 21 seasons.

### SUPER SOPHOMORE

Sophomore middle blocker **Stephanie Germann (LeMars, Iowa/Gehlen Catholic)** had the best match of her career on Nov. 8 at Bradley. Germann posted career highs in kills (18) and blocks (9), while hitting .389 (18-4-36). She also came through at clutch time for the Panthers, recording three straight kills at the end of game four to win the game, 30-28, and clinch the match for UNI.

### DEFENSE THE KEY

In 26 of UNI's 28 victories this season, the Panthers have managed to record a higher hitting percentage than their opponent. However, the Panthers' defense has been just as critical in the team's success. In 20 of the Panthers wins, UNI has held its opponent to less than .200 hitting, and recorded more digs in each of those matches as well. The Panthers have held two opponents to negative hitting this season (Drake, 10/4, -.009 and Evansville, 10/25, -.067), and held a total of nine opponents to less than .100 hitting.

### THE LAST TIME UNI...

Won a match 3-0 ..... vs. Wichita State, 11/15/03  
 Won a match 3-1 ..... at #23 SMS, 11/29/03  
 Won a match 3-2 ..... vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara, 12/5/03  
 Lost a match 3-0 ..... at #11 Nebraska, 11/2/03  
 Lost a match 3-1 ..... at #17 Minnesota, 12/6/03  
 Lost a match 3-2 ..... at Illinois State, 11/21/03  
 Beat a Top 10 team ..... 3-2 vs. #3 Florida, 11/30/02  
 Lost to a ranked team ..... 3-1 at #17 Minnesota, 12/6/03  
 Beat a ranked team ..... 3-2 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara, 12/5/03  
 Won a match it trailed 2-0 ..... vs. #20 Missouri, 12/7/02  
 Lost a match it led 2-0 ..... vs. Northern Arizona, 8/30/96  
 Lost to an unranked team ..... 3-2 at Illinois State, 11/21/03  
 Had 90 or more kills in a match ..... 91 at Creighton, 10/27/00  
 Had 100 or more kills in a match ..... 104 vs. SMS, 11/22/86  
 Had 200 or more attacks in a match ..... 211 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara, 12/5/03  
 Had 10 or more services aces in match ..... 12 vs. Southern Illinois, 10/24/03  
 Had 100 or more digs in a match ..... 103 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara, 12/5/03  
 Had 25 or more team blocks in a match ..... 26.5 vs. Wichita State, 11/28/03  
 Hit .500 or better as a team in a match ..... .537 vs. Iowa State, 9/14/99  
 Had a player with 75 or more assists ..... 75, Jill Arganbright at Creighton, 10/27/00  
 Had a player with 40 or more kills ..... 40, Bobbi Becker vs. Illinois State, 11/11/89  
 Had a player with 30 or more kills ..... 31, Kate Galer vs. Creighton, 10/12/96  
 Had a player with 10 or more blocks ..... 10, Steph Germann vs. Wichita St., 11/28/03  
 Had a player with 7 or more service aces ..... 7, Alex Auker vs. Minnesota, 9/15/99  
 Had a player with 25 or more digs ..... 29, Jeni Schneckloth at Creighton, 10/27/00  
 Had a player with a triple double ..... 10k, 11d, 15b -- Molly O'Brien vs. Wichita St.,  
 ..... 11/28/03  
 Had a player with 20 kills and 20 digs ..... 21k, 21d, Alex Auker at Iowa, 9/26/00  
 Had two players with 20 or more kills in a match ..... 26, Rachael Tink and 21, Shari Vermeer  
 ..... at Illinois State, 11/21/03

# UNI Individual Season/Career Highs

## **#1 -- Stephanie May**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 0  
Aces: 0  
Blocks: 0  
Digs: 20 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara (12/5/03)  
Assists: 4 vs. Iowa State (9/9/03)  
Points: 0

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 0  
Aces: 0  
Blocks: 0  
Digs: 20 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara (12/5/03)  
Assists: 4 vs. Iowa State (9/9/03)  
Points: 0

## **#2 -- Rachael Tink**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 26 at Illinois State (11/21/03)  
Aces: 3, twice  
Blocks: 7 vs. Evansville (10/25/03)  
Digs: 20 at Creighton (11/1/03)  
Assists: 3, twice  
Points: 26.0 at Illinois State (11/21/03)

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 26 at Illinois State (11/21/03)  
Aces: 3, twice  
Blocks: 7 vs. Evansville (10/25/03)  
Assists: 3, twice  
Digs: 20 at Creighton (11/1/03)

## **#4 -- Jessi Worrell**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 14, twice  
Aces: 5 vs. Niagara (9/12/03)  
Blocks: 6, twice  
Digs: 24 at Bradley (11/8/03)  
Assists: 4 vs. Indiana State (9/19/03)  
Points: 16.5 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara (12/5/03)

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 14, twice  
Aces: 5 vs. Niagara (9/12/03)  
Blocks: 6, twice  
Digs: 24 at Bradley (11/8/03)  
Assists: 4 vs. Indiana State (9/19/03)  
Points: 16.5 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara (12/5/03)

## **#5 -- Stephanie Germann**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 18 at Bradley (11/8/03)  
Aces: 4 vs. Drake (10/4/03)  
Blocks: 10 at SMS (11/29/03)  
Digs: 5 vs. Bradley (11/11/03)  
Assists: 1, several times  
Points: 24.0 at Bradley (11/8/03)

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 18 at Bradley (11/8/03)  
Aces: 4 vs. Drake (10/4/03)  
Blocks: 10 at SMS (11/29/03)  
Digs: 5 vs. Bradley (11/11/03)  
Assists: 1, several times  
Points: 24.0 at Bradley (11/8/03)

## **#9 -- Jill Arganbright**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 9, twice  
Aces: 5 vs. Southern Illinois (10/24/03)  
Blocks: 6 at Bradley (11/8/03)  
Digs: 21 vs. Iowa State (9/9/03)  
Assists: 71 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara (12/5/03)  
Points: 11.5 vs. Ball State (8/30/03)

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 11 vs. #20 Missouri (12/7/02)  
Aces: 6 vs. Western Illinois (9/19/00)  
Blocks: 8 at Drake (10/28/00)  
Digs: 21 vs. Iowa State (9/09/03)  
Assists: 75 at Creighton (10/27/00)  
Points: 11.5 vs. Ball State (8/30/03)

## **#10 -- Patricia Dietz**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 1 at Western Michigan  
Aces: 1, twice  
Blocks: 0  
Digs: 3, three times  
Assists: 2 vs. Ball State (8/30/03)  
Points: 1, three times

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 1 at Western Michigan  
Aces: 1, twice  
Blocks: 0  
Digs: 3, three times  
Assists: 2 vs. Ball State (8/30/03)  
Points: 1, three times

# UNI Individual Season/Career Highs

## **#11 - Molly O'Brien**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 23 at Indiana State (11/22/03)  
Aces: 3, twice  
Blocks: 15 vs. Wichita State (11/28/03)  
Digs: 21 at SMS (11/29/03)  
Assists: 5, twice  
Points: 28.5 at Indiana State (11/22/03)

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 29 vs. Creighton (9/21/02)  
Aces: 5 vs. Indiana State (10/6/01)  
Blocks: 15 vs. Wichita State (11/28/03)  
Digs: 21 vs. SMS (11/29/03)  
Assists: 5 vs. Wichita State (11/28/03)  
Points: 28.5 at Indiana State (11/22/03)

## **#12 -- Shari Vermeer**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 21 at Illinois State (11/21/03)  
Aces: 3 at Illinois State (11/21/03)  
Blocks: 12 vs. Wichita State (11/28/03)  
Digs: 7 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara (12/5/03)  
Assists: 4, four times  
Points: 29.5 at Illinois State (11/21/03)

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 21 at Illinois State (11/21/03)  
Aces: 4 vs. Saint Louis (9/7/01)  
Digs: 9 at Wichita State (11/9/02)  
Blocks: 12 vs. Wichita State (11/28/03)  
Assists: 4, four times  
Points: 29.5 at Illinois State (11/21/03)

## **#13 -- Trista Humpal**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 2, twice  
Aces: 0  
Blocks: 4 vs. Evansville (10/25/03)  
Digs: 1, twice  
Assists: 0  
Points: 3.0, twice

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 2, twice  
Aces: 0  
Blocks: 4 vs. Evansville (10/25/03)  
Digs: 1, twice  
Assists: 0  
Points: 3.0, twice

## **#15 -- Abby Lemek**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 1, three times  
Aces: 1 at Evansville (9/26/03)  
Blocks: 0  
Digs: 14 vs. #20 UC-Santa Barbara (12/5/03)  
Assists: 3 vs. SMS (11/14/03)  
Points: 1, four times

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 1, three times  
Aces: 2, twice last vs. Drake (11/10/01)  
Blocks: 0  
Digs: 18 at SMS (9/29/01)  
Assists: 3 vs. SMS (11/14/03)  
Points: 1, four times

## **#16 -- Michelle Burvee**

### **Season Highs**

Kills: 10 vs. Western Michigan (9/13/03)  
Aces: 2, four times  
Blocks: 8, twice  
Digs: 9 vs. Ball State (8/30/03)  
Assists: 1 at Bradley (11/8/03)  
Points: 14.0 vs. Western Michigan (9/13/03)

### **Career Highs**

Kills: 16 at SMS (11/8/02)  
Aces: 4, three times  
Blocks: 9, twice  
Digs: 14 at Iowa State (10/15/02)  
Assists: 2, twice  
Points: 14.0 vs. Western Michigan (9/13/03)