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2008-09 Schedule/Results (23-10, 14-4 MVC)

Nov. 4	Dubuque (Exhib.)	W, 69-51
Nov. 10	Wayne State (Exhib.)	W, 44-27
Nov. 15	Denver	W, 61-56
Nov. 19	at Illinois-Chicago	L, 77-84
Chicago Invitational Challenge		
Nov. 23	Texas Southern	W, 74-67
Nov. 25	Chicago State (CFU)	W, 81-70
Nov. 28	&vs. #15 Marquette	L, 43-73
Nov. 29	&vs. Auburn	W, 67-61
Dec. 3 Iowa State (Fox 28) L, 66-71 (ot)		
Dec. 6	North Dakota (CFU)	W, 69-49
Dec. 9	at Iowa (ESPNU)	L, 46-65
Dec. 13	%vs. Wyoming	L, 65-74
Dec. 21	South Dakota State	W, 72-55
Dec. 28	*Indiana State (Mediacom)	L, 84-85 (2ot)
Dec. 31	*at Southern Illinois	W, 59-51
Jan. 3	*Wichita State (CFU)	W, 78-54
Jan. 6	*at Creighton	W, 69-66
Jan. 10	*Missouri State (FSMW/CSN)	W, 78-64
Jan. 13	*at Evansville	W, 58-47
Jan. 17	*at Drake (ESPN2)	W, 81-59
Jan. 21	*Bradley	W, 66-61
Jan. 25	*at Missouri State (ESPNU)	W, 78-69
Jan. 28	*Illinois State (CFU)	W, 59-55
Jan. 31	*at Indiana State (FSMW/CSN)	W, 61-57
Feb. 3	*at Bradley	W, 61-58
Feb. 8	*Creighton (CFU/Mediacom)	L, 71-77
Feb. 11	*Southern Illinois (Fox 28)	W, 81-55
Feb. 14	*at Wichita State	L, 61-69
Feb. 18	*Drake (Fox 28)	L, 46-47
Feb. 21	at Siena (ESPN2)	L, 75-81
Feb. 24	*at Illinois State	W, 69-67 (2ot)
Feb. 28	*Evansville (FSMW/CSN)	W, 69-62
Mar. 6	^vs. Indiana State	W, 73-69
Mar. 7	^vs. Bradley	W, 76-62
Mar. 8	^vs. Illinois State	W, 60-57 (ot)
Mar. 19	\$vs. Purdue	11:30 am (PDT)

Home games in **bold** and played in the McLeod Center

* Missouri Valley Conference game
 & at Sears Centre -- Hoffman Estates, Ill.
 % at Casper, Wyo.

! ESPNU BracketBusters

^ State Farm MVC Tournament -- St. Louis, Mo.

\$ NCAA Tournament -- Portland, Ore.

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UNI MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES



Game 34: UNI vs. Purdue
Thursday, Mar. 19 -- 11:30 am (PDT)
Rose Garden (20,000) -- Portland, Ore.
TV: CBS
Radio: UNI Sports Network



The University of Northern Iowa (23-10, 14-4 Missouri Valley Conference), seeded 12th in the West Regional, will face fifth-seeded Purdue (25-9, 11-7 Big Ten Conference) in the first round of the 2009 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship on Thursday. Tipoff from the Rose Garden in Portland, Ore., is set for 11:30 am (Pacific). The winner of that game will face either #4 seed Washington or #13 seed Mississippi State in the second round on Saturday.

JUMP BALLS...

- UNI has tied the school record for wins in a season with 23. The Panthers previously won 23 games in 2005-06, 1989-90, and 1963-64. In addition, when hitting the floor for their first-round NCAA tournament game, the Panthers will be playing their 34th game of the season, the most in school history.
- This is UNI's fifth trip to the Division I NCAA tournament since joining the Division I ranks in the 1980-81 season. Including this year, the Panthers have won 20 games in a season five times since becoming a DI program, and each of those seasons has advanced to the NCAA tournament (1990, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009).
- UNI finished in a tie for first in the 2008-09 Missouri Valley Conference standings, its first-ever outright or shared Valley regular-season title. UNI's previous best finish was a tie for second in the 2003-04 season. UNI also claimed this year's State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament title, its second-ever MVC tourney crown. The Panthers also won the league tournament in 2004.
- The 60-57 overtime win over Illinois State in the championship game of the Missouri Valley Tournament Mar. 8 was UNI's 12th win of the season away from the McLeod Center. The Panthers are now 12-6 in road and neutral site games in 2008-09, including 11-1 away from home versus Missouri Valley Conference opposition. UNI is 8-4 in true road games this year and 4-2 on neutral courts. Those 12 wins are the most victories away from home in one year for UNI.
- As a team, UNI has made 532 free throws this year, the second-most in school history, and the most ever since the school turned Division I in 1980-81. The Panthers also are shooting .752 at the free throw line as a team, which is the second-best percentage in UNI history, and the 17th-best percentage in the NCAA this season.

PROBABLE UNI STARTERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	PPG	RPG
34	Adam Koch	F	6-8	245	Jr.	Ashwaubenon, Wis.	12.3	5.2
53	Jordan Eglseder	C	7-1	290	Jr.	Bellevue, Iowa	10.1	6.5
5	Ali Farokhmanesh	G	6-0	190	Jr.	Iowa City, Iowa	9.6	1.8
11	Kwadzo Ahelegbe	G	6-2	205	So.	Oakdale, Minn.	11.8	3.2*
13	Johnny Moran	G	6-1	185	Fr.	Algonquin, Ill.	8.4	3.9

OFF THE BENCH

32	Lucas O'Rear	F	6-6	255	So.	Nashville, Ill.	5.4	5.4
21	Travis Brown	G	6-3	205	Sr.	Richfield, Minn.	5.2	2.4
22	Kerwin Dunham	G	6-6	205	So.	Bondurant, Iowa	3.7	1.5
43	Adam Rodenberg	F	6-6	240	Jr.	Garnaville, Iowa	1.4	1.1
10	Brian Haak	G	6-1	180	Jr.	Spencer, Iowa	0.9	0.7

*Assists per game

2008-09 Missouri Valley Conference Standings

School	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct
UNI	14-4	.778	23-10	.697
Creighton	14-4	.778	26-7	.788
Illinois State	11-7	.611	24-9	.727
Bradley	10-8	.556	18-14	.562
Evansville	8-10	.444	17-13	.567
Wichita State	8-10	.444	16-16	.500
Southern Illinois	8-10	.444	13-18	.419
Drake	7-11	.389	17-15	.531
Indiana State	7-11	.389	11-21	.344
Missouri State	3-15	.167	11-20	.355

2009 State Farm MVC Tournament

Thu., Mar. 5 -- Opening Round

G1: #9 Indiana State 62, #8 Drake 55

G2: #7 Wichita State 59, #10 Missouri State 45

Fri., Mar. 6 -- Quarterfinals

G3: #1 UNI 73, Indiana State 69

G4: #4 Bradley 67, #5 Bradley 55

G5: #2 Creighton 63, Wichita State 62

G6: #3 Illinois State 78, #6 Evansville 68

Sat., Mar. 7 -- Semifinals

G7: UNI 76, Bradley 62

G8: Illinois State 73, Creighton 49

Sun., Mar. 8 -- Championship

G9: UNI 60, Illinois State 57 (ot)

2009 Postseason Schedule

NCAA Tournament

Thu., Mar. 19 -- Portland, Ore.

#5 Purdue vs. #12 UNI, 11:30 am (PDT)

National Invitation Tournament

Wed., Mar. 18

Illinois State at Kansas State, 7:05 pm

Bowling Green at Creighton, 7:05 pm

College Basketball Invitational

Wed., Mar. 18

Buffalo at Wichita State, 7:05 pm

CollegeInsider.com Tournament

Wed., Mar. 18

Austin Peay at Bradley, 7:05 pm

Belmont at Evansville, 7:05 pm

Drake at Idaho, 7:05 pm (PDT)

RADIO/TV INFORMATION

UNI's men's basketball games can be heard on the UNI Sports Radio Network, with KXEL 1540 AM (Waterloo, Iowa) serving as flagship station. Affiliates include KCHA (95.9 FM, Charles City), KXNO (1460 AM, Des Moines), KVFD (1400 AM, Fort Dodge), KQCR (98.9 FM, Hampton), KQMG (95.3 FM, Independence), KRIB (1490 AM, Mason City), KILJ (105.5 FM, Mount Pleasant) and KQWC (1570 AM, Webster City). Long-time Panthers announcer Gary Rima handles play-by-play duties, while Kevin Boyle serves as analyst. Rima was named the state of Iowa's 2008 Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. All games from the NCAA tournament will be televised live by CBS.

UNI'S POSTSEASON HISTORY

UNI is making its fifth appearance in the NCAA tournament -- and fourth in the last six years -- since becoming a Division I program in the 1980-81 season. The Panthers made previous appearances in 1990, 2004, 2005 and 2006. UNI is 1-4 all-time in the tournament. In 1990, the 14th-seeded Panthers defeated #3 seed Missouri, 74-71, in the first round, before falling to sixth-seeded Minnesota, 81-78, in round two. In 2004, #14 seed UNI fell, 65-50, to #3 seed Georgia Tech in first round action. In 2005, the 11th-seeded Panthers dropped a 57-52 decision to sixth-seeded Wisconsin in the first round, and in 2006, #10 seed UNI lost to #7 seed Georgetown, 54-49, in its first round game.

SCOUTING PURDUE

Purdue has an overall record of 25-9, and was 11-7 in the Big Ten. The Boilermakers earned the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA tourney by winning the Big Ten Tournament last weekend. E'Twaun Moore averages a team-best 13.9 points per game, while JaJuan Johnson averages 13.2 ppg and Robbie Hummel averages 12.7 points and 6.9 rebounds per contest.

ALL-TIME SERIES WITH THE BOILERMAKERS

This is the first meeting between UNI and Purdue in men's basketball. UNI is 8-36 all-time against teams from the Big Ten, having posted a 7-31 record against Iowa; 1-4 versus Wisconsin; and 0-1 against Minnesota. This will be the third time the Panthers have met a Big Ten team in NCAA tournament play. In 1990, Minnesota posted an 81-78 victory over UNI in the second round, and in 2005, Wisconsin defeated UNI, 57-52, in the first round.

JACOBSON NAMED MVC COACH OF THE YEAR

UNI head coach Ben Jacobson was named the 2008-09 Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year. Jacobson guided the Panthers to their first-ever MVC regular-season title, after being picked sixth in the preseason standings. Jacobson becomes the second UNI hoops coach to earn the Valley's top honor, as Eldon Miller won the award in 1997.

PANTHERS PILE UP POSTSEASON AWARDS

The Panthers certainly piled up the postseason hardware this season. Forward Adam Koch was a first-team All-MVC selection, while guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe was a second-team pick and also named to the MVC All-Defensive Team and MVC Most-Improved Team. Ali Farokhmanesh was named to the MVC All-Newcomer team, and Johnny Moran was an MVC All-Freshman selection. Lucas O'Rear and Travis Brown were each named to the Valley's All-Bench Team, with O'Rear named as the MVC's Sixth-Man of the Year. In addition, Koch was a first-team MVC Scholar-Athlete.

2008-09 UNI Men's Basketball Quick Facts

School.....	University of Northern Iowa	Head Coach.....	Ben Jacobson
Nickname.....	Panthers	Record at UNI and Overall....	59-37 (3 yrs.)
Colors	Purple and Old Gold	Office.....	319-273-7609
Enrollment.....	12,908	Assistant Coaches	Kyle Green, P.J. Hogan,
President	Ben Allen	Ben Johnson
Director of Athletics.....	Troy Dannen	Director of BB Operations.....	Derrick Netten
Arena:	McLeod Center (7,293)	Athletic Trainer	Don Bishop

KOCH, AHELEGBE NAMED MVC ALL-TOURNAMENT

Kwadzo Ahelegbe and Adam Koch powered UNI to the 2009 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament title, and both were named to the All-Tournament team. Ahelegbe averaged 19.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game over the three games, while shooting 50 percent from three-point range and 83 percent at the free throw line. Koch averaged 15.7 points, 6.0 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 2.0 blocks over the weekend, while connecting on 63 percent of his field goal attempts.

KOCH, AHELEGBE VOTED NABC ALL-DISTRICT

Koch and Ahelegbe were each named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) All-District 16 team, as voted on by the coaching members of the NABC. Koch was a first-team all-district pick, while Ahelegbe was chosen to the second team.

GETTING IN DONE IN ST. LOUIS

The Panthers claimed their second-ever State Farm Missouri Valley Conference tournament title March 8 at Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Mo. The top-seeded Panthers topped Indiana State, 73-69, in the quarterfinals; defeated Bradley, 76-62, in the semis; and took down Illinois State, 60-57 (ot), in the championship game. UNI became the second straight team to win both the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season and tournament titles in the same year, following Drake in 2007-08.

ALI FOR THREE

Junior guard Ali Farokhmanesh has connected on 73-for-192 from three-point range this season, making him one of the top three-point marksmen in UNI history. His 73 makes are tied for the second-most in school annals, just six behind the school record of 79 (Erik Smith, 2001-02). His 192 trey attempts this year are the second-most in school history, with the record being 208 by Smith in the 2001-02 season. Farokhmanesh ranks 13th in UNI single-season annals with his .380 three-point percentage.

BUT HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE

Farokhmanesh is the team's top three-point marksman, but the Panthers have a host of weapons from behind the arc. Six different players have made at least 10 three-pointers on the season, and five players are shooting 37 percent or better from downtown. As a team, the Panthers have connected on 210 three-pointers, the sixth-best single-season total in school history. The school record is 226 treys in the 2004-05 season.

PANTHERS EARN FIRST-EVER VALLEY REGULAR-SEASON TITLE

UNI finished in a tie for first in the Missouri Valley Conference standings, its first-ever outright or shared Valley regular-season title. UNI's previous best finish was a tie for second in the 2003-04 season. That year, the Panthers tied for second in the regular-season standings, earned the #2 seed in the State Farm MVC Tournament and won the tournament title, defeating Missouri State, 79-74, in double-overtime in the championship game.

LAST TITLE NEARLY 30 YEARS AGO

Prior to this year, the Panthers last regular-season conference title was in the 1981-82 season, as a member of the fledgling Mid-Continent Conference. UNI, Western Illinois and Eastern Illinois -- the only schools in the league at the time -- tied for the Mid-Continent Conference title that year, as each finished with 2-2 league records. The Panthers became a Division I program in the 1980-81 season. UNI won or shared eight North Central Conference titles when it was a member of Division II, earning at least a share of NCC regular-season titles in 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953, 1962, 1964 and 1969.

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HEAD COACH BEN JACOBSON

Univ. of North Dakota '94
3rd Year at UNI
59-37 overall record



Ben Jacobson was hired as University of Northern Iowa head men's basketball coach on March 22, 2006, becoming the 21st head coach in UNI history.

He was voted MVC Coach of the Year in 2009, guiding the Panthers to their first-ever Valley regular-season title, and just their second MVC tournament championship. UNI has posted six straight upper-division finishes during the MVC's regular-season, three with Jacobson as head coach, and the other three with him as the team's top assistant. Prior to that streak starting in 2003-04 (when UNI tied for second and also won the MVC Tournament), UNI had only finished in the top half of the league standings twice since joining the conference in 1991.

Jacobson also coached UNI as it became the first college program ever to represent the United States of America at an international basketball competition. In August 2007, UNI was chosen to be Team USA at the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand. Donning the Red, White and Blue, UNI went 5-1 in the tournament, losing only to eventual gold medalist Lithuania, while posting wins over Angola, Turkey, China, Finland and Israel.

Prior to taking over as UNI's head coach, he had 12 years of prior assistant coaching experience. Before becoming the top assistant coach under Greg McDermott at UNI beginning with the 2001-02 campaign, he served one season as an assistant coach under McDermott at Division II North Dakota State.

Jacobson has a long history in the North Central Conference, having played at the University of North Dakota from 1989-93. He was a four-year letterman for the Sioux, a two-year starter, and he ended his career as the school's all-time assist leader. UND made two Elite Eight appearances and four regional appearances, along with winning two conference championships, during his career. He was team captain in 1991-92 and 1992-93, was named to the NCC's All-Academic Team in 1993, and was a player representative to UND's letterwinner's association from 1991-93. In September of 2008, his 1989-90 team was inducted into the UND Athletics Hall of Fame.

A native of Mayville, N.D., Jacobson graduated from Mayville-Portland High School in 1989 as Valedictorian. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of North Dakota in 1994. The 38-year-old Jacobson's wife's name is Dawn, and the couple has two sons: Hunter (5) and Tanner (3).

2008-09 MVC AWARD WINNERS

FIRST TEAM ALL-MVC

Osiris Eldridge	G	Jr.	Illinois State
Shy Ely	G/F	Sr.	Evansville
Adam Koch	F	Jr.	UNI
Theron Wilson	F	Sr.	Bradley
Booker Woodfox	G	Sr.	Creighton

SECOND TEAM ALL-MVC

Kwadzo Ahelegbe	G	So.	UNI
Jonathan Cox	F	Sr.	Drake
Champ Oguchi	G	Sr.	Illinois State
P'Allen Stinnett	G	So.	Creighton
Josh Young	G	Sr.	Drake

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-MVC

Chris Cooks	F	Sr.	Missouri State
Jason Holsinger	G	Sr.	Evansville
Harry Marshall	G	Jr.	Indiana State
Bryan Mullins	G	Sr.	Southern Illinois
Jay Tunnell	F	Sr.	Indiana State

ALL-NEWCOMER TEAM

Kevin Dillard	G	Fr.	Southern Illinois
Ali Farokhmanesh	G	Jr.	UNI
Clevin Hannah	G	Jr.	Wichita State
Toure' Murry	G	Fr.	Wichita State
Champ Oguchi	G	Sr.	Illinois State

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Kevin Dillard	G	Fr.	Southern Illinois
Johnny Moran	G	Fr.	UNI
Toure' Murry	G	Fr.	Wichita State
Kyle Weems	F	Fr.	Missouri State
Kaylon Williams	G	Fr.	Evansville

ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Kwadzo Ahelegbe	G	So.	UNI
Josh Dotzler	G	Sr.	Creighton
Osiris Eldridge	F	Jr.	Illinois State
Kenny Lawson	C	So.	Creighton
Bryan Mullins	G	Sr.	Southern Illinois
Dinma Odiakosa	F	Jr.	Illinois State
Theron Wilson	F	Sr.	Bradley

ALL-BENCH TEAM

Justin Bocot	G	So.	Southern Illinois
Travis Brown	G	Sr.	UNI
Will Creekmore	C	So.	Missouri State
Lucas O'Rear	F	So.	UNI
Brandon Sampay	F	Sr.	Illinois State
Kenton Walker	F/C	So.	Creighton
Antoine Young	G	Fr.	Creighton

MOST-IMPROVED TEAM

Kwadzo Ahelegbe	G	So.	UNI
Carlton Fay	F	So.	Southern Illinois
Nate Garner	F	Sr.	Evansville
Emmanuel Holloway	G	Sr.	Illinois State
Josh Parker	G	So.	Drake
Jay Tunnell	F	Sr.	Indiana State

Larry Bird Player of the Year: Booker Woodfox, Creighton
Rawlings Coach of the Year: Ben Jacobson, UNI
Newcomer of the Year: Champ Oguchi, Illinois State
Freshman of the Year: Kevin Dillard, Southern Illinois
Defensive MVP: Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois
Sixth-Man of the Year: Lucas O'Rear, UNI
Army National Guard Defensive Team of the Year: UNI
Prairie Farms Co-Scholar-Athletes of the Year:
 Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois & Jason Holsinger,
 Evansville
Most Improved Team Captain: Kwadzo Ahelegbe, UNI

JACOBSON NAMED FINALIST FOR HUGH DURHAM AWARD

UNI head coach Ben Jacobson has been named one of 10 finalists for the 2009 Hugh Durham national coach of the year award. The award is given annually to the nation's top mid-major coach, as voted on by a 20-member panel. The winner will be presented with the award at the 2009 Final Four in Detroit. The 10 finalists are Jacobson, Brad Stevens (Butler), Randy Bennett (Saint Mary's), Duggar Baucom (VMI), Todd Bozeman (Morgan State), Ed Conroy (The Citadel), Brad Greenberg (Radford), Saul Phillips (North Dakota State), J.P. Piper (Nicholls State) and Randy Rahe (Weber State).

RECORD SEVEN MVC TEAMS IN POSTSEASON PLAY

The Missouri Valley Conference had a record seven of its team reach postseason play this year. In addition to UNI in the NCAA tournament, Creighton and Illinois State were chosen to be in the NIT; Drake, Evansville and Bradley in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament, and Wichita State in the College Basketball Invitational.

BUZZER BEATER

Junior forward Adam Koch's putback as time expired in the second overtime gave UNI a 69-67 win over Illinois State Feb. 24. Koch grabbed a miss by freshman guard Johnny Moran and layed the ball in as the final horn sounded. Senior guard Travis Brown kept UNI alive at the end of the first overtime, as he grabbed an offensive board with 11 seconds left in that period and scored to pull the Panthers even at 62 and force the second extra session. Prior to the win against the Redbirds, UNI's last buzzer-beating victory was 67-66 at Wichita State on Feb. 28, 2005, when former star guard Ben Jacobson (no relation to the current UNI coach) drained a three-pointer from the left wing as time expired.

EGLSEDER NAMED MVC PLAYER OF THE WEEK MAR. 2

Junior center Jordan Eglseder was named State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week, the league office announced Mar. 2.

Eglseder averaged 15.5 points, 9.5 rebounds and 3.5 blocked shots over two games, helping lead UNI to a share of its first-ever Missouri Valley Conference regular-season title. Eglseder had 11 points, six rebounds and three blocked shots in the Panthers' 69-67 double-overtime win at Illinois State Feb. 24, and then had 20 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks – all team highs – in UNI's 69-62 victory over Evansville in the regular-season finale Feb. 28. He was 10-for-15 from the field over the two contests and 11-for-14 at the free throw line.

MORE THAN HALF A HUNDRED

UNI's 56 points in the second half at Siena Feb. 21 was a season-high by the Panthers. It was the second time this season UNI topped 50 in a half, with the other time being Jan. 3 against Wichita State. The Panthers scored 50 points in the second half that night against the Shockers in a 78-54 win.

EFFICIENT OFFENSE

Junior Jordan Eglseder has certainly made the most of his minutes in his last nine games. The 7-1 center has averaged 12.3 points and 7.9 rebounds per game over UNI's last nine contests, while averaging just 20 minutes per game. He has made 44-of-67 (65.7 percent) shots from the field during the stretch that started Feb. 11 against Southern Illinois, while blocking 16 shots, and posting three double-doubles.

SUPER SUB

On Feb. 11 against Southern Illinois, sophomore forward Lucas O'Rear tied his season high with 11 points. O'Rear, who was 5-for-5 from the field against the Salukis, also grabbed four rebounds and had a career-best three steals in the game. This year's Missouri Valley Conference Sixth-Man of the year, the 6-6, 255 pound O'Rear is averaging 5.9 points, 6.2 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.0 steals per game, while shooting 64 percent from the field, in MVC games.

Statistical Matchup

	UNI	PUR
Record:	23-10	25-9
Scoring Offense:	67.7	69.4
Scoring Defense:	63.5	59.1
Scoring Margin:	+4.2	+10.2
FG Percentage:	.455	.447
FG Percentage Defense:	.419	.389
3-Pt. FG Percentage:	.347	.351
3-Pt. FG % Defense:	.351	.328
3-Pt. FG Made Per Game:	6.4	6.7
FT Percentage:	.752	.700
Rebounding Offense:	33.5	34.3
Rebounding Defense:	30.4	34.6
Rebounding Margin:	+3.1	-0.3
Assists:	12.2	15.1
Turnovers:	11.6	11.6
Steals:	4.2	7.2
Blocked Shots:	2.4	4.8
Turnover Margin:	-0.9	+3.5
Assist/TO Ratio:	1.1	1.3

When UNI	Then UNI is
Shoots a Higher Percentage:	20-1
Shoots a Lower Percentage:	3-9
Shoots the Same:	0-0

Makes More Field Goals:	13-0
Makes Fewer Field Goals:	8-7
Makes the Same Number:	2-3

Makes More Threes:	8-1
Makes Fewer Threes:	8-7
Makes the Same Number:	7-2

Makes More Free Throws:	18-3
Makes Fewer Free Throws:	5-7
Makes the Same Number:	0-0

Outrebounds Its Opponent:	16-4
Is Outrebounded:	6-6
Ties in Rebounding:	1-0

Leads at the Half:	16-3
Trails at the Half:	3-7
Is Tied at the Half:	4-0

Plays in Overtime:	2-2
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Scores Less Than 60 Points:	3-3
Scores Between 60-69 Points:	10-3
Scores Between 70-79 Points:	7-3
Scores Between 80-89 Points:	3-1
Scores 90 or More Points:	0-0

Allows Less Than 60 Points:	12-1
Allows Between 60-69 Points:	10-2
Allows Between 70-79 Points:	1-4
Allows Between 80-89 Points:	0-3
Allows 90 or More Points:	0-0

Game is Decided By 1-3 Points:	4-2
Game is Decided by 4-6 Points:	6-3
Game is Decided by 7-10 Points:	4-3
Game is Decided by 11-14 Points:	4-0
Game is Decided by 15+ Points:	5-2

On Monday:	0-0
On Tuesday:	5-1
On Wednesday:	4-3
On Thursday:	0-0
On Friday:	1-1
On Saturday:	9-3
On Sunday:	4-2

PANTHERS' ROAD STREAK ONE OF VALLEY'S BEST EVER

When UNI dropped a 69-61 decision to Wichita State Feb. 14, it snapped an eight-game Missouri Valley Conference road winning streak for the Panthers. UNI won its final road game of last year (at Evansville) and its first seven road contests of this season. That eight-game streak is tied for the eighth-longest road winning streak in Missouri Valley Conference history. It's also just the fourth time since 1960, and second time since 1986, that a Valley school has won eight or more straight league games away from home.

UNI EQUALS LARGEST WIN EVER OVER SIU

The Panthers rolled to an 81-55 win over Southern Illinois Feb. 11 at the McLeod Center. The 26-point margin of victory was tied for UNI's largest winning margin in the 44-game series. In addition, the victory over the Salukis gave UNI its first season-sweep of SIU since the 1996-97 season.

CARDIAC CATS WIN AT BRADLEY

The Panthers won at Bradley on Feb. 3, 61-58, in amazing fashion. Trailing by eight points with less than four minutes remaining, and six points with 1:30 left, UNI went on a three-point barrage to come back and earn the win. Ali Farokhmanesh and Johnny Moran were a combined 5-for-6 from behind the arc in the game's final four minutes, with Moran hitting the game-winning trey with 5.4 seconds left for the win.

KOCH EARNS ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONORS

Junior forward Adam Koch was named first team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 7 Feb. 5, as voted on by the membership of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Koch, who leads UNI in scoring at 11.9 points per game and is also averaging 5.1 rebounds per contest, has a 3.43 cumulative GPA in biology.

KOCH NEARLY SETS SCHOOL RECORD AT FREE THROW LINE

Adam Koch's 18 made free throws against Missouri State Jan. 25 was not only a career-high, but it was one short of the UNI school record of 19, set by Bill McCoy against Bemidji State in the 1970-71 season. UNI made a season-high 30 free throws (in 36 attempts) against the Bears. Koch is shooting 77 percent at the free throw line this season (158-for-205).

MORE KOCH FREE THROW SUCCESS

Junior forward Adam Koch had his string of 28 consecutive made free throws snapped on Feb. 11 against Southern Illinois. That left Koch just four short of UNI's school record of 32 consecutive foul shots made, set by Bill McCoy in the 1971-72 season.

BOTH ENDS OF THE FLOOR CLICKING

The Panthers were firing on all cylinders during league play. In Missouri Valley Conference games, UNI ranked second in the league in scoring offense (68.3 ppg), first in scoring defense (61.3 ppg), first in scoring margin (+7.0), first in field goal percentage (45.8), first in field goal percentage defense (40.6), and second in rebounding margin (+3.5).

JACOBSON HAS MOST WINS OVER FIRST THREE YEARS

Panthers head coach Ben Jacobson picked up his 50th win at Missouri State Jan. 25. Jacobson, in his third season at the helm of the Panthers' program, has a 59-37 cumulative coaching record (31-22 in MVC games), with the 59 wins being the most by a Panther men's basketball coach in his first three years strolling the UNI sideline. He is just the second UNI men's basketball coach to reach 50 wins during his third season, joining former coach Norm Stewart (1961-67), who posted a 57-17 cumulative mark during his first three seasons. UNI was a Division II school known as the State College of Iowa during Stewart's tenure.

UNI in MVC Stats
All Games -- As of 3/15

Team

Scoring Offense.....	3rd.....	67.7
Scoring Defense.....	4th.....	63.5
Scoring Margin.....	3rd.....	+4.2
Free Throw Percentage.....	3rd.....	75.2
Field Goal Percentage.....	1st.....	45.5
Field Goal Percentage Defense.....	3rd.....	41.9
3-Pt. Field Goal Percentage.....	6th.....	34.7
3-Pt. Field Goal Percentage Defense.....	7th.....	35.1
Rebounding Offense.....	4th.....	33.5
Rebounding Defense.....	2nd.....	30.4
Rebounding Margin.....	3rd.....	+3.2
Blocked Shots.....	6th.....	2.4
Assists.....	7th.....	12.2
Steals.....	10th.....	4.2
Turnover Margin.....	9th.....	-0.9
Assist/Turnover Ratio.....	3rd.....	1.1
Offensive Rebounds.....	10th.....	8.7
Defensive Rebounds.....	2nd.....	24.9
3-Pt. Field Goals Made.....	5th.....	6.4

Individual

Scoring

Adam Koch.....	12th.....	12.3
Kwadzo Ahelegbe.....	15th.....	11.8

Rebounding

Jordan Eglseder.....	6th.....	6.5
Lucas O'Rear.....	14th.....	5.4

Field Goal Percentage

Jordan Eglseder.....	2nd.....	58.8
Adam Koch.....	7th.....	50.4

Assists

Kwadzo Ahelegbe.....	9th.....	3.2
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Free Throw Percentage

Kwadzo Ahelegbe.....	9th.....	77.6
Adam Koch.....	10th.....	77.1

Steals

Johnny Moran.....	13th.....	1.2
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3-Point Field Goals Percentage

Ali Farokhmanesh.....	12th.....	38.0
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3-Point Field Goals Made

Ali Farokhmanesh.....	3rd.....	2.2
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Blocked Shots

Jordan Eglseder.....	4th.....	1.3
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Assist/Turnover Ratio

Kwadzo Ahelegbe.....	10th.....	1.3
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Offensive Rebounds

Jordan Eglseder.....	8th.....	1.9
Lucas O'Rear.....	10th.....	1.8

Defensive Rebounds

Jordan Eglseder.....	6th.....	4.6
Adam Koch.....	15th.....	3.7

STREAKIN'

UNI won a school-record 11 straight games from Dec. 31 until Feb. 3, which when it ended was the fourth-longest active winning streak in the country. The 11-game streak started with a 59-51 win at Southern Illinois on New Year's Eve, and lasted through a 61-58 victory at Bradley Feb. 3. The streak ended with a 77-71 loss to Creighton at the McLeod Center on Feb. 8.

BALANCED SCORING EFFORT

UNI enters the NCAA tournament with three starters averaging double-figures in scoring, and two others just barely below that mark. The Panthers are led by forward Adam Koch at 12.3 ppg, followed by guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe (11.8 ppg) and center Jordan Eglseder (10.1). Guards Ali Farokhmanesh (9.6 ppg) and Johnny Moran (8.4 ppg) are just shy of double digits. In addition, all five of UNI's starters have reached the 20-point mark at least once this season. The Panthers have had a total of 14 20-plus point performances this season, including two games of 30 points or more (Jordan Eglseder, 31 at Wyoming; Adam Koch, 30 at Missouri State).

DIALING LONG DISTANCE

UNI connected on a season-best 11 three pointers against Wichita State Jan. 3, shooting a season-best 58 percent (11-for-19). The Panthers hit on 8-of-11 from behind the arc after halftime, led by junior Ali Farokhmanesh, who made five treys in the game and four in the second half. UNI tied its season-high with 11 threes against Drake Jan. 17, and has connected on eight or more treys in 10 games.

SHUT-DOWN DEFENSE

For much of the MVC season, UNI did an outstanding job of slowing down the opposing team's top offensive players. Against Evansville Jan. 13, the Panthers held the Missouri Valley Conference's top scorer, Shy Ely (18.6 ppg average), to just seven points, including 2-of-15 shooting from the floor; on Jan. 17 versus Drake, UNI held All-MVC guard Josh Young (third in the MVC in scoring at 15.3 ppg) to just three points, zero field goals made, and just two field goals attempted; on Jan. 21 versus Bradley, the Panthers held Theron Wilson (fifth in the Valley at 14.0 ppg) to zero points; on Jan. 25 against Missouri State, UNI kept Chris Cooks (10th in the league at 12.4 ppg) to nine points and 3-of-13 shooting; on Jan. 28 versus Illinois State, UNI kept All-MVC guard Osiris Eldridge (sixth in the league at 13.9 ppg) to four points on 2-of-8 shooting, and Champ Oguchi (fourth in the MVC at 15.0 ppg) to 11 points; on Feb. 8 against Creighton, held the Bluejays' top three scorers (Booker Woodfox, P'Allen Stinnett and Cavel Witter) to a combined 3-for-12 shooting; and on Feb. 11 versus Southern Illinois, held the Salukis' leading scorer Kevin Dillard (14th in the Valley at 12.2 ppg) to just four points on 1-of-8 shooting.

MORAN LEADS UNI TO BIG WIN AT DRAKE

Freshman guard Johnny Moran had 20 points, three rebounds, five assists and no turnovers against Drake Jan. 17, powering UNI to the 81-59 win. The freshman tied his career-high with six three-pointers, including four in the first half as UNI raced to a 47-25 halftime lead. Four UNI players scored in double-figures, as Kwadzo Ahelegbe (16 points), Lucas O'Rear (11 points), and Jordan Eglseder (10 points) joined Moran in double-digits. The Panthers, who drained 11 three-pointers against the Bulldogs, led by as many as 37 points in the second half.

SCHOOL-RECORD SHOOTING AGAINST MISSOURI STATE

UNI shot a school record 81.8 percent from the field in the first half (18-for-22) in the team's 78-64 win over Missouri State Jan. 10. That was also the fourth-best field goal percentage for a half in Missouri Valley Conference history. The Panthers shot 70.5 percent (31-for-44) for the game, which was the second-best total in UNI history and eighth-best in Valley annals. The UNI school record for field goal percentage is 73.2 percent (30-for-41), set on March 6, 1986 in a 73-68 loss to Cleveland State.

UNI in MVC Stats
Conference Games -- As of 3/15

Team

Scoring Offense.....	2nd.....	68.3
Scoring Defense.....	1st.....	61.3
Scoring Margin.....	1st.....	+7.0
Free Throw Percentage.....	4th.....	73.6
Field Goal Percentage.....	1st.....	45.8
Field Goal Percentage Defense.....	1st.....	40.6
3-Pt. Field Goal Percentage.....	3rd.....	37.2
3-Pt. Field Goal Percentage Defense.....	7th.....	35.0
Rebounding Offense.....	2nd.....	34.3
Rebounding Defense.....	2nd.....	30.8
Rebounding Margin.....	2nd.....	+3.5
Blocked Shots.....	T3rd.....	2.8
Assists.....	T6th.....	12.2
Steals.....	9th.....	5.1
Turnover Margin.....	6th.....	-0.3
Assist/Turnover Ratio.....	3rd.....	1.0
Offensive Rebounds.....	8th.....	9.2
Defensive Rebounds.....	1st.....	25.1
3-Pt. Field Goals Made.....	5th.....	6.7

Individual

Scoring

Adam Koch.....	11th.....	12.7
Kwadzo Ahelegbe.....	15th.....	11.6

Rebounding

Lucas O'Rear.....	T7th.....	6.1
Jordan Eglseder.....	T11th.....	5.8

Field Goal Percentage

Jordan Eglseder.....	2nd.....	54.2
Adam Koch.....	10th.....	48.4

Assists

Kwadzo Ahelegbe.....	11th.....	2.9
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Free Throw Percentage

Adam Koch.....	8th.....	79.4
Kwadzo Ahelegbe.....	9th.....	76.8

Steals

Johnny Moran.....	4th.....	1.6
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3-Point Field Goal Percentage

Ali Farokhmanesh.....	9th.....	40.4
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3-Point Field Goals Made

Ali Farokhmanesh.....	1st.....	2.3
Johnny Moran.....	15th.....	1.6

Blocked Shots

Jordan Eglseder.....	2nd.....	1.5
Lucas O'Rear.....	T11th.....	0.6

Assist/Turnover Ratio

Kwadzo Ahelegbe.....	13th.....	1.1
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Offensive Rebounds

Lucas O'Rear.....	T6th.....	2.1
Jordan Eglseder.....	T9th.....	1.9

Defensive Rebounds

Lucas O'Rear.....	11th.....	4.1
Adam Koch.....	T12th.....	4.0
Jordan Eglseder.....	T14th.....	3.9

KOCH NAMED PLAYER/SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK JAN. 26

Adam Koch was named State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week Jan. 26. He scored a career-high 30 points at Missouri State Jan. 25, leading UNI to its eighth straight win. Koch hit 6-of-8 shots from the field and was an amazing 18-for-20 at the free throw line, including making his first 13 free throw attempts. He did all his scoring in just 22 minutes of action. Koch had 11 points, on 4-of-7 shooting, in the Panthers' 66-61 victory over Bradley Jan. 21. The 6-8 Koch was also honored by being named Prairie Farms MVC Scholar-Athlete of the Week. He holds a 3.43 cumulative GPA in biology.

KOCH, FAROKHMANESH EARN MVC WEEKLY HONORS JAN. 12

Forward Adam Koch and guard Ali Farokhmanesh were named State Farm MVC Player and Newcomer of the Week, respectively, Jan. 12. Koch averaged 17.5 points, 10.0 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game, while shooting 61 percent from the field (11-for-18), as UNI won at Creighton (69-66, Jan. 6) and defeated Missouri State (78-64, Jan. 10). Included in that was a career-best 22-point effort against MSU, while he also grabbed 11 rebounds against the Bears for his third double-double of the year. Farokhmanesh averaged 15.5 points and shot 60 percent from the field in the two UNI wins. As part of his 18-point effort at CU, his baseline jumper with 1:14 left gave UNI the lead for good against the Bluejays, and he made two free throws with nine seconds left to push the Panthers to a three-point lead. That was UNI's first win over Creighton since the 2003-04 season, snapping a nine-game losing streak to the Bluejays.

MORAN LIGHTS IT UP AGAINST CREIGHTON

Panthers freshman guard Johnny Moran had a career-high 22 points in the team's 69-66 win at Creighton Jan. 6. Moran nailed 7-of-10 shots from the field, and was an impressive 6-for-8 from three-point range, to power UNI to its first win at the Qwest Center in six tries. Moran also grabbed eight rebounds.

UNI, WYOMING TO MEET IN MVC-MWC CHALLENGE

UNI will host Wyoming next year as part of the first Missouri Valley-Mountain West Challenge. The Cowboys will come to the McLeod Center on Dec. 23, 2009. This is the first of a four-year agreement between the MVC and MWC to have their teams face each other.

UNI BREAKS 11-GAME LOSING STREAK AT SIU...

The Panthers posted a 59-51 win at Southern Illinois Dec. 31. That was the team's first victory at SIU Arena since the 1996-97 season, when UNI posted a 92-81 win over the Salukis under head coach Eldon Miller. The Panthers' road victory on New Year's Eve is something SIU is not accustomed to in recent years, as it was just Southern Illinois' third Missouri Valley Conference home loss since the start of the 2001-02 campaign.

...AND A 12-GAME SKID AT CU A WEEK LATER

UNI's 69-66 win at Creighton Jan. 6 snapped a 12-game losing streak in Omaha. Before the win earlier this year, the last time UNI won at CU was in the 1995-96 season, posting a 58-57 overtime win at the Omaha Civic Auditorium that year. The win also broke a nine-game overall losing streak to the Bluejays. Prior to that victory, the Panthers' last win over Creighton was an 82-73 triumph on Jan. 14, 2004 at the UNI-Dome.

A RARE FEAT

With the wins at Southern Illinois Dec. 31, and Creighton Jan. 6, UNI became just the second Missouri Valley Conference team since the start of the 2001-02 season to win at both venues in the same year. Last year, Illinois State also posted wins at SIU Arena and the Qwest Center.

UNI IN NCAA STATS

Team (Out of 330 DI Teams)

Scoring Offense	168th	67.7
Scoring Defense	70th	63.5
Scoring Margin	110th	+4.2
Field Goal Percentage	85th	45.5
Field Goal Percentage Defense	106th	41.9
Three-Pointers Made Per Game	152nd	6.4
Three-Point Field Goal Percentage	143rd	34.7
Three-Point FG Percentage Defense	230th	35.1
Free Throw Percentage	17th	75.2
Rebound Margin	72nd	+3.2
Assists Per Game	230th	12.2
Assist/Turnover Ratio	95th	1.05
Blocked Shots Per Game	253rd	2.4
Steals Per Game	328th	4.2
Turnovers Per Game	18th	11.6
Turnover Margin	231st	-0.9
Personal Fouls Per Game	142nd	18.2

2008-09 COLLEGE BASKETBALL RPI (As of 3/15)

	RPI
UNI	58
Missouri Valley Conference	9
Missouri Valley Teams	RPI
Bradley	99
Creighton	42
Drake	167
Evansville	95
Illinois State	47
Indiana State	207
Missouri State	213
Southern Illinois	147
Wichita State	159
UNI Non-Conference Foes	RPI
Auburn	64
Chicago State	236
Denver	226
Illinois-Chicago	166
Iowa	117
Iowa State	164
Marquette	31
Siena	20
South Dakota State	284
Wyoming	96

DUNHAM LIKES SIU ARENA

Sophomore guard Kerwin Dunham had a season-high 11 points at Southern Illinois Dec. 31. Dunham hit all three three-point attempts versus the Salukis, including draining a three from the right wing with 1:46 left that gave the Panthers a 55-47 lead and sealed the game. Dunham has had great success in his two games at SIU Arena, as he scored a career-high 13 points there as a freshman on 2/20/08.

BENCH PLAY OUTSTANDING

It hasn't just been the Panthers' starters that have done the job for UNI this season, as it has also gotten impressive play from its bench, especially over the last two thirds of the season. UNI's reserves -- Travis Brown, Kerwin Dunham, Lucas O'Rear, Brian Haak and Adam Rodenberg -- are averaging a combined 17.3 points and 12.0 rebounds per game over that span, while shooting 49 percent from the field and 40 percent from three-point range.

BIG WIN OVER WSU

The Panthers' 78-54 win over Wichita State Jan. 3 was their largest margin of victory ever over the Shockers, spanning 37 games. That also marked UNI's second largest winning margin of the 2008-09 season, bettered only by the 81-55 win over Southern Illinois Feb. 11.

GO, GO, KWADZO

Sophomore point guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe scored a career-high 28 points, nearly leading UNI from a 21-point first half deficit to the win, in the team's 85-84 double-overtime loss to Indiana State on Dec. 28. Ahelegbe connected on 11-of-19 shots from the floor against the Sycamores, and was 2-of-3 from three-point range, while also grabbing three rebounds and dishing out three assists. The 28 points was also the most ever scored by a UNI player at the McLeod Center.

HOT AGAINST THE JACKS

UNI posted a 57.1 percent field goal shooting mark against South Dakota State Dec. 21. The Panthers connected on 28-of-49 shots from the floor, with the 28 field goals made a season-best up to that point. UNI made an even more impressive 63 percent (15-for-24) from the field in the first half, as it raced to a 40-19 halftime lead. The Panthers were also hot from the three-point line versus the Jackrabbits, as they shot a then season-high 55 percent (6-for-11).

GOING THE DISTANCE

The Panthers 85-84 double-overtime loss to Indiana State on Dec. 28 was the first double-overtime game in the three-year history of the McLeod Center. Prior to the clash with the Sycamores, the last time UNI played in a double-overtime game was on Feb. 18, 2006, in a 65-61 double OT win over 24th-ranked Bucknell at the UNI-Dome. That game was televised on ESPN2 as part of ESPNU BracketBusters Saturday.

BIG RALLY FALLS SHORT AGAINST ISU

After falling behind by as many as 21 points in the first half (39-18), and trailing by 17 points at halftime (41-24), UNI fought back to force overtime against Indiana State Dec. 28. Travis Brown hit a three-pointer from the top of the key with one second left to force the extra session tied at 65. Kwadzo Ahelegbe then made a layup with less than 20 seconds left in the first overtime to tie the score once again at 73 and force the second extra period, before UNI eventually fell, 85-84 in double OT.

IRON MEN

Two players saw career-high minute totals in UNI's double-overtime game with Indiana State Dec. 28. Sophomore guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe played 46 of 50 possible minutes against the Sycamores, while freshman guard Johnny Moran played 41 minutes.

UNI SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

Field Goal Percentage (min. 50 made)

1. Jason Sims (1994-95)	.644
2. Lucas O'Rear (2008-09)	.629
3. David Gruber (2002-03)	.610
4. David Gruber (2001-02)	.610
5. Steve Phyfe (1989-90)	.608
6. Greg McDermott (1987-88)	.603
7. Greg McDermott (1986-87)	.597
8. Steve Phyfe (1989-90)	.593
9. Jordan Eglseider (2008-09)	.588
10. David Gruber (2003-04)	.586
11. Ron Lemons (1978-79)	.585
12. Jason Reese (1988-89)	.584
13. Jason Sims (1993-94)	.583
14. Greg McDermott (1985-86)	.582
15. Joe Breakenridge (2000-01)	.581

Three-Point Field Goals Made

1. Eric Smith (2001-02)	79
2. Cam Johnson (1993-94)	73
Ali Farokhmanesh (2008-09)	73
4. Nick Nurse (1987-88)	72
5. Ben Jacobson (2004-05)	71
6. Darian DeVries (1997-98)	69
7. Jason Daisy (1995-96)	68
Robbie Sieverding (1998-99)	68
9. Sean Stackhouse (1998-99)	63
10. Nick Nurse (1988-89)	61
11. Ben Jacobson (2005-06)	58
Chris Foster (2001-02)	58
13. Erik Crawford (2004-05)	57
Martin Coon (2000-01)	57
15. Matt Schneiderman (203-04)	56
Maurice Newby (1990-91)	56

Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

1. Eric Smith (2001-02)	208
2. Ali Farokhmanesh (2008-09)	192
3. Cam Johnson (1993-94)	189
4. Ben Jacobson (2005-06)	177
5. Sean Stackhouse (1998-99)	174
6. Jason Daisy (1995-96)	162
7. Tony Brus (1997-98)	157
Ben Jacobson (2004-05)	157
Chris Foster (2001-02)	157
Darian DeVries (1997-98)	157
11. Maurice Newby (1990-91)	156
Martin Coon (2000-01)	156
13. Robbie Sieverding (1998-99)	152
14. Robbie Sieverding (1999-2000)	151
15. Sredrick Robinson (1994-95)	149
16. Matt Schneiderman (2003-04)	146
Erik Crawford (2004-05)	146
18. Matt Schneiderman (2002-03)	145
Nick Nurse (1987-88)	145
20. Johnny Moran (2008-09)	140

Three-Point Field Goal Percentage (min. 50 made)

1. Nick Nurse (1987-88)	.497
2. Ben Jacobson (2004-05)	.452
3. Robbie Sieverding (1998-99)	.447
4. Darian DeVries (1997-98)	.439
5. Nick Nurse (1988-89)	.439
6. John Little (2005-06)	.420
7. Jason Daisy (1995-96)	.420
8. Ryan Paulsen (2002-03)	.413
9. Ben Jacobson (2003-04)	.392
10. Erik Crawford (2004-05)	.390
11. Cam Johnson (1993-94)	.386
12. Matt Schneiderman (2003-04)	.384
13. Ali Farokhmanesh (2008-09)	.380
14. Erik Smith (2001-02)	.380
15. Matt Schneiderman (2002-03)	.379

SEASON-HIGH SCORING AGAINST INDIANA STATE

UNI scored a season-high 84 points against Indiana State Dec. 28 in its double-over-time loss to the Sycamores. The Panthers' offense has scored more than 80 points four times this year, three times in Missouri Valley Conference play, and recorded 74 or more points in 11 games. By contrast, UNI scored 74 points or better just four times the entire 2007-08 season.

BIG JORDAN DOMINATES COWBOYS

Jordan Eglseider's 31-point effort against Wyoming Dec. 13 was not only a career-high for the 7-1 junior center, but it was also the most points scored by a UNI player since Feb. 9, 2005. Former Panthers' star guard Ben Jacobson (no relation to the team's current head coach) had 31 points that night, in an 83-82 loss at Creighton. Eglseider also had 11 rebounds against the Cowboys.

TAKING WHAT THEY GIVE YOU

UNI is shooting an impressive .752 from the free throw line as a team this season which ranks third in the MVC and 17th in the nation. Six of the UNI's 10 active players are shooting 75 percent or better from the line, with three of them shooting 80 percent or higher.

THEY SHOOT, THEY SCORE

Center Jordan Eglseider ranks second in the Missouri Valley Conference in field goal percentage. He has connected on 58.8 percent of his attempts this season (143-for-243). But he's not even tops on UNI's team, as sophomore forward Lucas O'Rear is shooting 62.9 percent from the floor (56-for-89), but does not have enough attempts to qualify for MVC ranking. Former UNI center Jason Sims holds the school's single-season record for field goal percentage, as he made 64.4 percent (121-188) of his shots in the 1994-95 season.

O'REAR MAKES IMPACT IN DEBUT

Sophomore forward Lucas O'Rear played in his first game of the season against Chicago State Nov. 25. He nearly posted his first career double-double, scoring nine points and grabbing 10 rebounds versus the Cougars. O'Rear, who shot just 50 percent from the foul line last season, also made 7-of-8 free throws in the win over CSU.

AHELEGBE OUTSTANDING VERSUS ISU, UND

Point guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe had one of the best two-game stretches of his UNI career the week of Dec. 1, averaging 17.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists over two games. Against Iowa State Dec. 3, he scored a career-high 18 points, while tying his career-best with six rebounds. He also had four assists and no turnovers in 38 minutes of playing time. Three days later against North Dakota, Ahelegbe again led UNI in scoring, this time with 17 points, making 6-of-8 shots from the floor against the Fighting Sioux, including a career-high three treys.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Junior forward Adam Koch has had a total of four double-doubles this season, and five for his career. Most recently, he had 23 points and season-best tying 12 rebounds against Creighton Feb. 8. His other double-doubles were 22 points and 11 rebounds against Missouri St. Jan. 10; 18 points and 12 rebounds against Iowa State Dec. 3; and 17 points and 11 boards versus Chicago St. Nov. 25. His fifth double-double came in 2007-08 against Illinois State with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

DISHING IT OUT

The Panthers' three primary ball-handlers, sophomore Kwadzo Ahelegbe, freshman Johnny Moran and junior Ali Farokhmanesh, have combined for 230 assists this season. Ahelegbe ranks ninth in the Valley in assists, averaging 3.2 per game, while Moran is just outside the top 15 with a 2.2 assists average, and Farokhmanesh averages 1.6 apg. In addition, forward Adam Koch averages 1.8 assists per contest. Last year, UNI's leading assist man (guard Jared Josten) averaged 2.0 assists per game.

UNI SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

Free Throws Made

1. Bill McCoy (1970-71)	212
2. Jason Daisy (1996-97)	175
3. Robbie Sieverding (2001-02)	168
4. Jason Reese (1989-90)	166
5. Adam Koch (2008-09)	158
6. Robbie Sieverding (1999-2000)	154
7. Bill McCoy (1971-72)	146
8. Jason Reese (1988-89)	143
9. Randy Blocker (1993-94)	141
Jerry Waugh (1967-68)	141
11. Bill McCoy (1972-73)	140
Ken Huelman (1968-69)	140
13. Howie Pigg (1954-55)	137
14. Jerry Holbrook (1961-62)	131
15. Randy Kraayenbrink (1985-86)	130
16. Kwadzo Ahelegbe (2008-09)	125

Free Throws Attempted

1. Bill McCoy (1970-71)	274
2. Jason Daisy (1996-97)	220
3. Jason Reese (1989-90)	217
4. Adam Koch (2008-09)	205
5. Ken Huelman (1968-69)	202
6. Bill McCoy (1971-72)	198
7. Jason Reese (1988-89)	196
8. Robbie Sieverding (2001-02)	195
9. Eric Coleman (2007-08)	191
10. Ken Huelman (1966-67)	190
11. Robbie Sieverding (1999-2000)	183
12. Randy Blocker (1993-94)	176
Jerry Waugh (1967-68)	176
14. Bill McCoy (1972-73)	175
15. Jim Jackson (1959-60)	172
Howie Pigg (1954-55)	172
Pete Spoden (1961-62)	172
18. John Martin (1969-70)	167
19. Jerry Holbrook (1961-62)	166
20. Jason Daisy (1995-96)	163

Blocked Shots

1. Grant Stout (2005-06)	80
2. Grant Stout (2004-05)	75
3. Scott Stafford (1983-84)	51
4. Grant Stout (2006-07)	50
5. Eric Coleman (2007-08)	43
Jason Sims (1994-95)	43
Jordan Eglseider (2008-09)	43
8. Jordan Eglseider (2007-08)	39
9. Ray Storck (1982-83)	36
10. Scott Stafford (1984-85)	34

Assists

1. Brooks McKowen (2006-07)	179
2. Dale Turner (1989-90)	152
3. Dale Turner (1990-91)	146
4. Robbie Williams (1983-84)	144
5. Jay Imhoff (1979-80)	140
6. Robbie Williams (1985-86)	129
7. Dale Turner (1988-89)	128
8. Brent Carmichael (1982-83)	126
9. Ben Jacobson (2005-06)	124
10. Andy Woodley (2000-01)	119
11. Robbie Williams (1984-85)	118
Chris Foster (2002-03)	118
13. Mark Long (1977-78)	114
14. Kwadzo Ahelegbe (2008-09)	104
15. Nick Nurse (1987-88)	99
Mark Long (1976-77)	99

BALL CONTROL

UNI had just three turnovers against Iowa State on Dec. 3, which was just one more than the school-record for fewest turnovers in a game. Versus the Cyclones, UNI also went the entire 40 minute regulation period with just one turnover, including none in the second half. The only time UNI has had fewer turnovers in a game was against Dayton on Dec. 23, 2005, when it had two in a game played in Las Vegas, Nev. UNI is averaging a Valley-low 11.6 turnovers per game this season, which ranks 218th-best in the nation.

BROWN DELIVERS AGAINST CSU

Guard Travis Brown -- the lone active senior on UNI's roster -- had a season-best 14 points versus Chicago State. He hit on 4-of-8 field goals (including a pair of three-pointers), and was a perfect 4-for-4 at the free throw line. Brown did all his work in just 18 minutes off the bench.

STRONG DEBUT FOR MORAN

True freshman point guard Johnny Moran had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds in his college debut against Denver on Nov. 15. That was the first double-double by a UNI player in his first game as a Panther since junior college transfer Brad Hill scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds against Missouri Western on 11/27/89

DOUBLE TIME

Center Jordan Eglseider has had six double-doubles this season, and nine for his career. He had his first of the year against Illinois-Chicago Nov. 19, with a then career-high 23 points and 10 rebounds. He also had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds against Auburn Nov. 29, and then had the best game of his career when he tallied a career-best 31 points and grabbed a season-high 11 rebounds at Wyoming Dec. 13. The 7-1, 290 pound Eglseider had back-to-back double-doubles with 11 points and 10 rebounds against Drake Feb. 18, followed by a 16-point, season-best 14 rebound effort at Siena Feb. 21. Most recently, he had 20 points and 13 boards against Evansville in the team's regular-season finale Feb. 28.

CLUTCH KERWIN

Sophomore guard Kerwin Dunham had a then season-high eight points and a career-best four rebounds versus Iowa State Dec. 3. The 6-6 Dunham was key down the stretch, as he made his first three-pointer of the season against the Cyclones, nailing a trey from the left corner with five seconds left to tie the game at 62 and force overtime.

ANOTHER SEASON-OPENING WIN

With its 61-56 victory over Denver Nov. 15, UNI has now won its last five season-openers, and also won its last eight home-opening contests. The last time the Panthers dropped a home opener was in the 2000-01 season, when Iowa State posted a 69-55 win over UNI in the UNI-Dome.

UNI PICKED SIXTH IN MVC PRESEASON POLL

The Panthers were picked sixth in the preseason Missouri Valley Conference men's basketball poll, in voting by the league's coaches, sports information directors and media. Creighton was a near-unanimous pick to win the league with 386 points and 36 of 39 first-place votes. Southern Illinois was second with two first-place votes and 322 points, followed by Illinois State with the other top vote and 309 points. Drake was fourth with 274 points, followed by Bradley (219) and UNI (186). Rounding out the preseason voting were Indiana State (137), Evansville (122), Wichita State (105) and Missouri State (85).

BLUE RIBBON LOVES UNI

Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook picked UNI to finish second in its 2008-09 preseason Missouri Valley Conference rankings. In addition to the high pick for the team, the magazine projected the Panthers to have the top front court in the Valley, in junior center Jordan Eglseider, junior forward Adam Koch, junior forward Adam Rodenberg, and sophomore forward Lucas O'Rear.

ESPN/USA Today Top 25
(as of Mar. 16)

Rk.	Team (First)	Record	Pts.
1.	Louisville (14)	28-5	752
2.	Memphis (11)	31-3	728
3.	North Carolina (6)	28-4	727
4.	Pittsburgh	28-4	692
5.	Duke	28-6	638
6.	Connecticut	27-4	621
7.	Michigan State	26-6	569
8.	Oklahoma	27-5	541
9.	Missouri	28-6	505
10.	Gonzaga	26-5	488
11.	Wake Forest	24-6	429
12.	Villanova	26-7	402
13.	Kansas	25-7	400
14.	Washington	25-8	389
15.	Syracuse	26-9	373
16.	Florida State	25-9	293
17.	UCLA	25-8	243
18.	Purdue	25-9	231
19.	Arizona State	24-9	212
20.	LSU	26-7	192
21.	Clemson	23-8	132
22.	Xavier	25-7	124
23.	Butler	26-5	104
24.	Marquette	24-9	80
25.	Utah State	30-4	40

Others Receiving Votes: Illinois 37, Ohio State 31, Utah 26, USC 24, West Virginia 22, BYU 7, Saint Mary's 6, Temple 5, Texas 4, Tennessee 3, Mississippi State 3, Siena 2.

Associated Press Top 25
(as of Mar. 9)

Rk.	Team (First)	Record	Pts.
1.	North Carolina (35)	27-3	1,734
2.	Pittsburgh (33)	28-3	1,731
3.	Connecticut	27-3	1,592
4.	Memphis (2)	28-3	1,544
5.	Louisville (1)	25-5	1,513
6.	Oklahoma	27-4	1,399
7.	Michigan State	25-5	1,349
8.	Wake Forest	24-5	1,246
9.	Duke	25-6	1,237
10.	Villanova	25-6	1,108
11.	Kansas	25-6	1,038
12.	Gonzaga	25-5	978
13.	Washington	24-7	910
14.	Missouri	25-6	779
15.	UCLA	24-7	752
16.	Butler	26-4	536
17.	Clemson	23-7	528
18.	Syracuse	23-8	518
19.	Xavier	24-6	465
20.	LSU	25-6	461
21.	Marquette	23-8	453
22.	Florida State	23-8	333
23.	Arizona State	22-8	199
24.	Purdue	22-9	169
25.	BYU	24-6	158

Others Receiving Votes: Illinois 131, Texas A&M 63, Saint Mary's 56, Utah 21, West Virginia 17, Auburn 9, Utah State 6, VCU 6, Weber State 5, Creighton 4, UNI 3, Siena 3, Oklahoma State 3, Penn State 2, New Mexico 2, California 2, Texas 2, American 1, Ohio State 1, Tennessee 1.

TOP HALF AGAIN

UNI finished in a tie for first in this year's Missouri Valley Conference standings. That marks the sixth straight season that the Panthers had posted an upper-division finish in the Valley. Prior to that streak starting in 2003-04, UNI had finished in the top five of the MVC standings just twice since joining the MVC for the 1991-92 basketball season.

PANTHERS SIGN TWO IN EARLY PERIOD

UNI signed a pair of guards for the 2009-10 season, UNI head coach Ben Jacobson announced Nov. 12. Inking to play with the Panthers starting next fall were 6-3 guard Marc Sonnen (St. Paul, Minn./Tartan High School) and 6-1 guard Matt Morrison (Solon, Iowa/Solon High School).

SALAD DAYS

The Panthers have won 124 games since the start of the 2003-04 season, marking the winningest six-year stretch in school history, with a cumulative record of 124-67. UNI has won at least 18 games six years in a row, including tying the school record for wins this year with 23. The second-best UNI six-year victory total is 104, as UNI went 104-37 from 1959-60 through 1964-65, when UNI was a Division II school known as the State College of Iowa.

2008-09 University of Northern Iowa Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
5	Ali Farokhmanesh	G	6-0	190	Jr.	Iowa City, Iowa
10	Brian Haak	G	6-1	180	Jr.	Spencer, Iowa
11	Kwadzo Ahelegbe	G	6-2	205	So.	Oakdale, Minn.
13	Johnny Moran	G	6-1	185	Fr.	Algonquin, Ill.
20	Jake Koch	F	6-8	230	Fr.	Ashwaubenon, Wis.
21	Travis Brown	G	6-3	205	Sr.	Richfield, Minn.
22	Kerwin Dunham	G	6-6	205	So.	Bondurant, Iowa
25	Carlton Reed	G	6-4	195	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa
32	Lucas O'Rear	F	6-6	255	So.	Nashville, Ill.
33	Austin Pehl	C	6-10	230	Fr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa
34	Adam Koch	F	6-8	245	Jr.	Ashwaubenon, Wis.
43	Adam Rodenberg	F	6-6	235	Jr.	Garnavillo, Iowa
52	Anthony James	G	6-0	175	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
53	Jordan Eglseder	C	7-1	290	Jr.	Bellevue, Iowa

Head Coach: Ben Jacobson (Univ. of North Dakota '94), Third Year

Assistant Coaches: Kyle Green, P.J. Hogan, Ben Johnson

Director of Basketball Operations: Derrick Netten

Director of Athletic Training: Don Bishop

Pronunciation Guide

Kwadzo Ahelegbe	Ka-JOE Uh-HEL-ig-buh
Jordan Eglseder	EGGLE-seed-er
Ali Farokhmanesh	Ah-LEE Fuh-ROAK-muh-NESH
Brian Haak	HAKE
Adam/Jake Koch	COOK
Austin Pehl	PEEL

UNI MVC TOURNAMENT HISTORY

APPEARANCES: 17
 OVERALL RECORD: 13-15

1992		
Illinois State	L	58-70
1993		
Drake	L	59-63
1994		
Illinois State	W	84-70
Tulsa	W	79-73
Southern Illinois	L	74-77
1995		
Did Not Qualify		
1996		
Illinois State	L	58-64
1997		
Evansville	W	73-65
Illinois State	L	65-69
1998		
Southern Illinois	L	72-91
1999		
Wichita State	L	72-74 (ot)
2000		
Drake	L	57-58
2001		
Drake	W	59-53
Bradley	L	56-59
2002		
Evansville	W	78-75
Creighton	L	65-80
2003		
Indiana State	L	60-61
2004		
Illinois State	W	68-54
Wichita State	W	63-56
Missouri State	W	79-74 (2ot)
2005		
Missouri State	L	62-70
2006		
Missouri State	W	57-42
Southern Illinois	L	46-55 (ot)
2007		
Bradley	L	48-51
2008		
Southern Illinois	W	54-49
Illinois State	L	42-56
2009		
Indiana State	W	73-69
Bradley	W	76-62
Illinois State	W	60-57 (ot)

UNI POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT HISTORY

APPEARANCES: 7 (3 DIVISION II, 4 Div. I)
 OVERALL RECORD: 6-8 (5-4 DIVISION II, 1-4 Div. I)

1962		
<i>NCAA College Division Regional -- Lincoln, Neb.</i>		
Hamline	W	81-68
Nebraska Wesleyan	L	77-78
1964		
<i>NCAA College Division Regional -- Cedar Falls, Iowa</i>		
Washington University	W	71-56
Mankato State	W	71-64
<i>NCAA College Division National Tournament -- Evansville, Ind.</i>		
Southeast Missouri	W	93-85
Evansville	L	67-82
North Carolina A&T	L	72-91
1979		
<i>NCAA Division II North Central Regionals -- Omaha, Neb.</i>		
Nebraska-Omaha	W	84-72
Wisconsin-Green Bay	L	50-56
1990		
<i>NCAA Division I First and Second Rounds -- Richmond, Va.</i>		
#3 Missouri	W	74-71
#6 Minnesota	L	78-81
2004		
<i>NCAA Division I First and Second Rounds -- Milwaukee, Wis.</i>		
#3 Georgia Tech	L	60-65
2005		
<i>NCAA Division I First and Second Rounds -- Oklahoma City, Okla.</i>		
#6 Wisconsin	L	52-57
2006		
<i>NCAA Division I First and Second Rounds -- Dayton, Ohio</i>		
#7 Georgetown	L	49-54



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All games**



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	23-10	11-4	8-4	4-2
CONFERENCE	14-4	6-3	8-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	9-6	5-1	0-3	4-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg									
34	Koch, Adam	33-33	917	27.8	117-232	.504	13-40	.325	158-205	.771	48	122	170	5.2	87	5	61	66	14	16	405	12.3	
11	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo	33-33	1016	30.8	121-294	.412	23-63	.365	125-161	.776	12	80	92	2.8	84	4	104	80	2	14	390	11.8	
53	Eglseder, Jordan	33-28	634	19.2	143-243	.588	2-14	.143	45-69	.652	63	151	214	6.5	61	0	22	43	43	5	333	10.1	
05	Farokhmanesh, Ali	33-33	964	29.2	104-256	.406	73-192	.380	36-46	.783	4	57	61	1.8	78	2	53	36	0	14	317	9.6	
13	Moran, Johnny	33-33	981	29.7	93-247	.377	48-148	.324	44-59	.746	24	104	128	3.9	60	1	73	57	3	38	278	8.4	
32	O'Rear, Lucas	29-1	670	23.1	56-89	.629	3-8	.375	41-56	.732	52	105	157	5.4	74	1	35	27	14	24	156	5.4	
21	Brown, Travis	33-0	604	18.3	53-128	.414	29-78	.372	38-45	.844	18	61	79	2.4	69	0	18	32	2	6	173	5.2	
22	Dunham, Kerwin	33-4	599	18.2	38-89	.427	16-40	.400	30-36	.833	10	40	50	1.5	44	2	24	16	0	11	122	3.7	
52	James, Anthony	1-0	7	7.0	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0	
43	Rodenberg, Adam	21-0	126	6.0	12-25	.480	0-1	.000	6-17	.353	7	17	24	1.1	23	0	1	16	1	4	30	1.4	
15	Montgomery, Jon	6-0	50	8.3	3-12	.250	0-8	.000	1-3	.333	3	9	12	2.0	6	0	1	1	0	1	7	1.2	
10	Haak, Brian	24-0	182	7.6	5-20	.250	3-12	.250	8-10	.800	3	14	17	0.7	12	0	11	5	1	7	21	0.9	
Team											42	60	102		1		4						
Total.....		33	6750		746-1638	.455	210-606	.347	532-707	.752	286	820	1106	33.5	599	15	403	383	80	140	2234	67.7	
Opponents.....		33	6750		736-1756	.419	237-675	.351	388-547	.709	293	710	1003	30.4	652	23	399	352	72	161	2097	63.5	

TEAM STATISTICS	UNI	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.			
SCORING	2234	2097	11/15/08	DENVER	W 61-56	3127			
Points per game	67.7	63.5	11/19/08	at Illinois-Chicago	L 77-84	3399			
Scoring margin	+4.2	-	11/23/08	TEXAS SOUTHERN	W 74-67	3142			
FIELD GOALS-ATT	746-1638	736-1756	11/25/08	CHICAGO STATE	W 81-70	3019			
Field goal pct	.455	.419	11/28/08	vs Marquette	L 43-73	3087			
3 POINT FG-ATT	210-606	237-675	11/29/08	vs Auburn	W 67-61	4780			
3-point FG pct	.347	.351	12/03/08	IOWA STATE	Lot 66-71	5558			
3-pt FG made per game	6.4	7.2	12/06/08	NORTH DAKOTA	W 69-49	3403			
FREE THROWS-ATT	532-707	388-547	12/09/08	at Iowa	L 46-65	9435			
Free throw pct	.752	.709	12/13/08	vs Wyoming	L 65-74	4048			
F-Throws made per game	16.1	11.8	12/21/08	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	W 72-55	2359			
REBOUNDS	1106	1003	12/28/08	INDIANA STATE	Lot 84-85	3462			
Rebounds per game	33.5	30.4	12/31/08	at Southern Illinois	W 59-51	5380			
Rebounding margin	+3.1	-	01/03/09	WICHITA STATE	W 78-54	3261			
ASSISTS	403	399	01/06/09	at Creighton	W 69-66	15575			
Assists per game	12.2	12.1	01/10/09	MISSOURI STATE	W 78-64	4063			
TURNOVERS	383	352	01/13/09	at Evansville	W 58-47	5347			
Turnovers per game	11.6	10.7	01/17/09	at Drake	W 81-59	6213			
Turnover margin	-0.9	-	01/21/09	BRADLEY	W 66-61	5143			
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.1	01/25/09	at Missouri State	W 78-69	7351			
STEALS	140	161	01/28/09	ILLINOIS STATE	W 59-55	4536			
Steals per game	4.2	4.9	01/31/09	at Indiana State	W 61-57	3958			
BLOCKS	80	72	02/03/09	at Bradley	W 61-58	9566			
Blocks per game	2.4	2.2	02/08/09	CREIGHTON	L 71-77	6234			
ATTENDANCE	63181	140038	02/11/09	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W 81-55	4575			
Home games-Avg/Game	15-4212	12-7752	02/14/09	at Wichita State	L 61-69	10502			
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	6-7836	02/18/09	DRAKE	L 46-47	5109			
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Totals				
UNI	1022	1163	31	18	2234	02/21/09	at Siena	L 75-81	8065
Opponents	931	1116	33	17	2097	02/24/09	at Illinois State	Wot 69-67	8232
						02/28/09	EVANSVILLE	W 69-62	6190
						03/06/09	vs Indiana State	W 73-69	10631
						03/07/09	vs Bradley	W 76-62	15333
						03/08/09	vs Illinois State	Wot 60-57	9136

* - Conference game



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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-4	6-3	8-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	14-4	6-3	8-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds					pts	avg						
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf			dq	a	to	blk	stl	
34	Koch, Adam	18-18	512	28.4	60-124	.484	9-26	.346	100-126	.794	25	72	97	5.4	42	2	37	42	7	10	229	12.7	
11	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo	18-18	532	29.6	63-155	.406	10-27	.370	73-95	.768	5	45	50	2.8	49	1	53	49	1	9	209	11.6	
05	Farokhmanesh, Ali	18-18	530	29.4	63-149	.423	42-104	.404	15-19	.789	2	29	31	1.7	47	2	29	17	0	10	183	10.2	
53	Eglseder, Jordan	18-17	312	17.3	64-118	.542	1-8	.125	26-43	.605	34	71	105	5.8	35	0	13	22	27	3	155	8.6	
13	Moran, Johnny	18-18	572	31.8	51-135	.378	29-84	.345	22-33	.667	17	58	75	4.2	32	1	42	28	3	28	153	8.5	
32	O'Rear, Lucas	18-1	460	25.6	42-66	.636	2-5	.400	21-32	.656	37	73	110	6.1	49	1	28	19	11	19	107	5.9	
21	Brown, Travis	18-0	337	18.7	31-68	.456	15-38	.395	22-25	.880	10	36	46	2.6	33	0	9	12	1	3	99	5.5	
22	Dunham, Kerwin	18-0	298	16.6	22-45	.489	11-25	.440	10-13	.769	3	19	22	1.2	22	1	6	8	0	7	65	3.6	
43	Rodenberg, Adam	17-0	88	5.2	10-22	.455	0-1	.000	5-13	.385	5	12	17	1.0	17	0	0	14	0	2	25	1.5	
10	Haak, Brian	11-0	59	5.4	1-7	.143	1-5	.200	1-2	.500	2	8	10	0.9	4	0	3	2	0	0	4	0.4	
Team											26	27	53		1		3						
Total.....		18	3700		407-889	.458	120-323	.372	295-401	.736	166	450	616	34.2	331	8	220	216	50	91	1229	68.3	
Opponents.....		18	3700		387-954	.406	119-340	.350	210-295	.712	171	384	555	30.8	363	10	210	211	38	80	1103	61.3	

TEAM STATISTICS	UNI	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1229	1103	• 12/28/08	INDIANA STATE	Lot 84-85	3462
Points per game	68.3	61.3	• 12/31/08	at Southern Illinois	w 59-51	5380
Scoring margin	+7.0	-	• 01/03/09	WICHITA STATE	w 78-54	3261
FIELD GOALS-ATT	407-889	387-954	• 01/06/09	at Creighton	w 69-66	15575
Field goal pct	.458	.406	• 01/10/09	MISSOURI STATE	w 78-64	4063
3 POINT FG-ATT	120-323	119-340	• 01/13/09	at Evansville	w 58-47	5347
3-point FG pct	.372	.350	• 01/17/09	at Drake	w 81-59	6213
3-pt FG made per game	6.7	6.6	• 01/21/09	BRADLEY	w 66-61	5143
FREE THROWS-ATT	295-401	210-295	• 01/25/09	at Missouri State	w 78-69	7351
Free throw pct	.736	.712	• 01/28/09	ILLINOIS STATE	w 59-55	4536
F-Throws made per game	16.4	11.7	• 01/31/09	at Indiana State	w 61-57	3958
REBOUNDS	616	555	• 02/03/09	at Bradley	w 61-58	9566
Rebounds per game	34.2	30.8	• 02/08/09	CREIGHTON	L 71-77	6234
Rebounding margin	+3.4	-	• 02/11/09	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	w 81-55	4575
ASSISTS	220	210	• 02/14/09	at Wichita State	L 61-69	10502
Assists per game	12.2	11.7	• 02/18/09	DRAKE	L 46-47	5109
TURNOVERS	216	211	• 02/24/09	at Illinois State	Wot 69-67	8232
Turnovers per game	12.0	11.7	• 02/28/09	EVANSVILLE	w 69-62	6190
Turnover margin	-0.3	-	* - Conference game			
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.0				
STEALS	91	80				
Steals per game	5.1	4.4				
BLOCKS	50	38				
Blocks per game	2.8	2.1				
ATTENDANCE	42573	72124				
Home games-Avg/Game	9-4730	9-8014				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Totals
UNI	567	629	15	18	1229
Opponents	506	565	15	17	1103

2008-09 UNI Game-By-Game Stats

DATE	OPPONENT	UNI								REB					
		RESULT	SCORE	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	O-D-T	PF	A	TO	B	S
11-15	DENVER	W	61-56	20-41	.488	4-14	.286	17-20	.850	6-23-29	17	13	9	0	2
11-19	at Illinois-Chicago	L	77-84	26-54	.481	8-26	.308	17-19	.895	7-20-27	19	14	17	1	5
11-23	TEXAS SOUTHERN	W	74-67	23-52	.442	9-23	.391	19-26	.731	14-16-30	18	13	8	1	5
11-25	CHICAGO STATE	W	81-70	23-51	.451	7-17	.412	28-33	.848	12-35-47	20	14	15	0	3
11-28	vs. #15 Marquette	L	43-73	18-51	.353	3-21	.143	4-7	.571	6-23-29	21	13	14	1	5
11-29	vs. Auburn	W	67-61	22-41	.537	8-17	.471	15-22	.682	4-26-30	14	16	16	1	2
12-3	IOWA STATE	L (ot)	66-71	24-71	.338	6-32	.188	12-16	.750	9-27-36	22	13	3	1	6
12-6	NORTH DAKOTA	W	69-49	22-45	.489	6-15	.400	19-28	.679	12-28-40	16	19	13	4	4
12-9	at Iowa	L	46-65	18-40	.450	5-21	.238	5-8	.625	4-17-21	15	11	10	1	3
12-13	vs. Wyoming	L	65-74	24-55	.436	4-12	.333	13-14	.929	6-29-35	20	9	14	4	3
12-21	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	W	72-55	28-49	.571	6-11	.545	10-15	.667	6-23-29	16	10	11	1	0
12-28	*INDIANA STATE	L (2ot)	84-85	27-63	.429	10-24	.417	20-24	.833	14-21-35	26	9	14	2	6
12-31	*at Southern Illinois	W	59-51	19-39	.487	6-12	.500	15-21	.714	5-25-30	15	13	13	3	7
1-3	*WICHITA STATE	W	78-54	27-57	.474	11-19	.579	13-19	.684	12-20-32	17	16	10	4	11
1-6	*at Creighton	W	69-66	24-49	.490	8-19	.421	13-19	.684	10-24-34	25	16	16	1	2
1-10	*MISSOURI STATE	W	78-64	31-44	.705	6-12	.500	10-17	.588	2-24-26	19	17	7	1	4
1-13	*at Evansville	W	58-47	19-43	.442	4-15	.267	16-20	.800	3-31-34	28	9	15	6	7
1-17	*at Drake	W	81-59	31-60	.517	11-26	.423	8-17	.471	11-24-35	18	17	4	3	4
1-21	*BRADLEY	W	66-61	19-42	.452	10-21	.476	18-23	.783	9-20-29	17	13	14	0	1
1-25	*at Missouri State	W	78-69	22-49	.449	4-14	.286	30-36	.833	8-31-39	17	10	9	1	2
1-28	*ILLINOIS STATE	W	59-55	21-51	.412	8-19	.421	9-16	.563	7-25-32	10	10	10	3	6
1-31	*at Indiana State	W	61-57	23-46	.500	1-9	.111	14-22	.636	8-23-31	16	9	8	3	6
2-3	*at Bradley	W	61-58	21-40	.525	7-15	.467	12-14	.857	4-21-25	18	18	15	3	4
2-8	*CREIGHTON	L	71-77	18-62	.290	5-26	.192	30-32	.938	20-29-49	25	7	12	3	6
2-11	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W	81-55	28-52	.538	5-16	.313	20-24	.833	13-23-36	19	15	10	0	7
2-14	*at Wichita State	L	61-69	19-52	.365	6-21	.286	17-28	.607	10-25-35	19	10	9	2	4
2-18	*DRAKE	L	46-47	15-43	.349	4-19	.211	12-19	.632	13-23-36	17	7	21	4	7
2-21	*at Siena	L	75-81	23-57	.404	7-25	.280	22-25	.880	8-28-36	22	11	10	2	4
2-24	*at Illinois State	W (2ot)	69-67	23-52	.442	8-23	.348	15-22	.682	8-39-47	18	14	17	5	4
2-28	*EVANSVILLE	W	69-62	20-45	.444	6-13	.462	23-28	.821	9-22-31	17	10	12	6	3
3-6	vs. Indiana State	W	73-69	24-48	.500	7-13	.538	18-26	.692	11-21-32	13	7	9	2	3
3-7	vs. Bradley	W	76-62	24-48	.500	4-17	.235	24-30	.800	10-26-36	20	13	8	6	2
3-8	vs. Illinois State	W (ot)	60-57	20-46	.435	6-19	.316	14-17	.824	5-28-33	14	7	10	5	2
UNI Totals				746-1638	.455	210-606	.347	532-707	.752	286-870-1106	599	403	383	80	140
Opponent Totals				736-1756	.419	237-675	.351	388-547	.709	293-710-1003	652	399	352	72	161

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DATE	OPPONENT	UNI								REB					
		RESULT	SCORE	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	O-D-T	PF	A	TO	B	S
11-15	DENVER	W	61-56	20-43	.465	8-25	.320	8-12	.667	3-17-20	22	16	11	3	0
11-19	at Illinois-Chicago	L	77-84	26-52	.500	10-16	.625	22-26	.846	7-22-29	14	19	13	1	7
11-23	TEXAS SOUTHERN	W	74-67	26-45	.578	10-16	.625	5-14	.357	6-20-26	22	14	11	3	4
11-25	CHICAGO STATE	W	81-70	22-54	.407	9-26	.346	17-26	.654	8-19-24	25	7	10	4	6
11-28	vs. #15 Marquette	L	43-73	24-53	.453	11-27	.407	14-22	.636	12-30-42	15	20	10	1	8
11-29	vs. Auburn	W	67-61	24-60	.400	8-27	.296	5-9	.556	13-18-31	23	15	11	1	9
12-3	IOWA STATE	L (ot)	66-71	25-54	.463	2-14	.143	19-26	.731	6-39-45	18	6	12	2	1
12-6	NORTH DAKOTA	W	69-49	18-49	.367	7-24	.292	6-10	.600	7-17-24	23	6	9	1	7
12-9	at Iowa	L	46-65	24-48	.500	9-21	.429	8-8	1.000	7-19-26	14	13	5	0	7
12-13	vs. Wyoming	L	65-74	24-57	.421	7-18	.389	19-24	.792	8-26-34	13	14	9	6	10
12-21	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	W	72-55	21-55	.382	6-23	.261	7-13	.538	11-17-28	20	8	12	0	2
12-28	*INDIANA STATE	L (2ot)	84-85	27-55	.491	10-25	.400	21-29	.724	10-26-36	19	13	15	3	3
12-31	*at Southern Illinois	W	59-51	19-55	.345	6-16	.375	7-8	.875	12-17-29	20	12	12	4	5
1-3	*WICHITA STATE	W	78-54	18-50	.360	7-18	.389	11-16	.688	16-23-39	22	7	21	3	6
1-6	*at Creighton	W	69-66	19-48	.396	6-18	.333	22-29	.759	8-18-26	20	12	10	3	6
1-10	*MISSOURI STATE	W	78-64	21-53	.396	6-21	.286	16-22	.727	10-17-27	14	12	7	1	4
1-13	*at Evansville	W	58-47	18-55	.327	3-8	.375	8-13	.615	8-24-32	22	15	13	1	4
1-17	*at Drake	W	81-59	20-49	.408	7-25	.280	12-17	.706	8-22-30	19	7	9	0	1
1-21	*BRADLEY	W	66-61	23-52	.442	9-22	.409	6-7	.857	10-19-29	23	10	14	1	1
1-25	*at Missouri State	W	78-69	24-61	.393	12-32	.375	9-18	.500	11-21-32	25	16	9	3	3
1-28	*ILLINOIS STATE	W	59-55	24-53	.453	5-18	.278	2-7	.286	7-27-34	18	11	11	1	8
1-31	*at Indiana State	W	61-57	19-50	.380	11-24	.458	8-9	.889	9-20-29	16	11	11	2	3
2-3	*at Bradley	W	61-58	20-52	.385	2-13	.154	16-19	.842	13-17-30	19	8	10	3	7
2-8	*CREIGHTON	L	71-77	24-51	.471	6-17	.353	23-33	.697	5-24-29	24	18	11	5	5
2-11	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W	81-55	20-56	.357	5-16	.313	10-12	.833	15-15-30	20	13	13	1	3
2-14	*at Wichita State	L	61-69	25-53	.472	8-18	.444	11-17	.647	8-30-38	19	18	8	3	4
2-18	*DRAKE	L	46-47	16-41	.390	6-17	.353	9-10	.900	3-20-23	18	6	16	1	8
2-21	*at Siena	L	75-81	29-59	.492	7-19	.368	16-22	.727	5-26-31	18	18	8	3	4
2-24	*at Illinois State	W (2ot)	69-67	25-70	.357	8-24	.333	9-16	.563	12-26-38	21	13	9	2	6
2-28	*EVANSVILLE	W	69-62	25-50	.500	2-8	.250	10-13	.769	6-18-24	24	8	12	1	3
3-6	vs. Indiana State	W	73-69	26-53	.491	10-25	.400	7-10	.700	6-17-23	18	14	8	3	5
3-7	vs. Bradley	W	76-62	21-57	.368	4-19	.211	16-19	.842	12-16-28	25	10	5	1	3
3-8	vs. Illinois State	W (ot)	60-57	19-63	.302	10-35	.286	9-11	.818	14-23-37	19	9	7	5	8
Opponent Totals				736-1756	.419	237-675	.351	388-547	.709	293-710-1003	652	399	352	72	161
UNI Totals				746-1638	.455	210-606	.347	532-707	.752	286-870-1106	599	403	383	80	140



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UNI - TEAM GAME HIGHS

POINTS	84	INDIANA STATE (12/28/08)
	81	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (02/11/09)
	81	at Drake (01/17/09)
	81	CHICAGO STATE (11/25/08)
	78	at Missouri State (01/25/09)
	78	MISSOURI STATE (01/10/09)
	78	WICHITA STATE (01/03/09)
FIELD GOALS MADE	31	at Drake (01/17/09)
	31	MISSOURI STATE (01/10/09)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	71	IOWA STATE (12/03/08)
	63	INDIANA STATE (12/28/08)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.705 (31-44)	MISSOURI STATE (01/10/09)
	.571 (28-49)	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (12/21/08)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	11	at Drake (01/17/09)
	11	WICHITA STATE (01/03/09)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	32	IOWA STATE (12/03/08)
	26	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	26	at Drake (01/17/09)
	26	at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.579 (11-19)	WICHITA STATE (01/03/09)
	.545 (6-11)	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (12/21/08)
FREE THROWS MADE	30	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	30	at Missouri State (01/25/09)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	36	at Missouri State (01/25/09)
	33	CHICAGO STATE (11/25/08)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.938 (30-32)	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	.929 (13-14)	vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
REBOUNDS	49	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	47	at Illinois State (02/24/09)
	47	CHICAGO STATE (11/25/08)
ASSISTS	19	NORTH DAKOTA (12/06/08)
	18	at Bradley (02/03/09)
STEALS	11	WICHITA STATE (01/03/09)
	7	DRAKE (02/18/09)
	7	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (02/11/09)
	7	at Evansville (01/13/09)
	7	at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
BLOCKED SHOTS	6	vs Bradley (03/07/09)
	6	EVANSVILLE (02/28/09)
	6	at Evansville (01/13/09)
TURNOVERS	21	DRAKE (02/18/09)
	17	at Illinois State (02/24/09)
	17	at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
FOULS	26	INDIANA STATE (12/28/08)
	25	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	25	at Creighton (01/06/09)



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Opponent - GAME HIGHS

POINTS	85	INDIANA STATE (12/28/08)
	84	at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	81	at Siena (02/21/09)
	77	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	74	vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
FIELD GOALS MADE	29	at Siena (02/21/09)
	27	INDIANA STATE (12/28/08)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	70	at Illinois State (02/24/09)
	63	vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.578 (26-45)	TEXAS SOUTHERN (11/23/08)
	.500 (26-52)	at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	.500 (25-50)	EVANSVILLE (02/28/09)
	.500 (24-48)	at Iowa (12/09/08)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	12	at Missouri State (01/25/09)
	11	at Indiana State (01/31/09)
	11	vs Marquette (11/28/08)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	35	vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	32	at Missouri State (01/25/09)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.625 (10-16)	TEXAS SOUTHERN (11/23/08)
	.625 (10-16)	at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
FREE THROWS MADE	23	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	22	at Creighton (01/06/09)
	22	at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	22	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	33	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	29	at Creighton (01/06/09)
	29	INDIANA STATE (12/28/08)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	1.000 (8-8)	at Iowa (12/09/08)
	.900 (9-10)	DRAKE (02/18/09)
REBOUNDS	45	IOWA STATE (12/03/08)
	42	vs Marquette (11/28/08)
ASSISTS	20	vs Marquette (11/28/08)
	19	at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
STEALS	10	vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	9	vs Auburn (11/29/08)
BLOCKED SHOTS	6	vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	5	vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	5	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
TURNOVERS	21	WICHITA STATE (01/03/09)
	16	DRAKE (02/18/09)
FOULS	25	vs Bradley (03/07/09)
	25	at Missouri State (01/25/09)
	25	CHICAGO STATE (11/25/08)



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UNI - GAME LOWS

POINTS	43		vs Marquette (11/28/08)
	46		at Iowa (12/09/08)
	46		DRAKE (02/18/09)
	58		at Evansville (01/13/09)
	59		at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
FIELD GOALS MADE	59		ILLINOIS STATE (01/28/09)
	15		DRAKE (02/18/09)
	18		vs Marquette (11/28/08)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	18		at Iowa (12/09/08)
	18		CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	39		at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
	40		at Iowa (12/09/08)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	40		at Bradley (02/03/09)
	.290	(18-62)	CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
	.338	(24-71)	IOWA STATE (12/03/08)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	1		at Indiana State (01/31/09)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	3		vs Marquette (11/28/08)
	9		at Indiana State (01/31/09)
	11		SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (12/21/08)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.111	(1-9)	at Indiana State (01/31/09)
FREE THROWS MADE	.143	(3-21)	vs Marquette (11/28/08)
	4		vs Marquette (11/28/08)
	5		at Iowa (12/09/08)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	7		vs Marquette (11/28/08)
	8		at Iowa (12/09/08)
	.471	(8-17)	at Drake (01/17/09)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.563	(9-16)	ILLINOIS STATE (01/28/09)
REBOUNDS	21		at Iowa (12/09/08)
	25		at Bradley (02/03/09)
	7		CREIGHTON (02/08/09)
ASSISTS	7		DRAKE (02/18/09)
	7		vs Indiana State (03/06/09)
	7		vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	0		SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (12/21/08)
	1		BRADLEY (01/21/09)
STEALS	0		DENVER (11/15/08)
	0		CHICAGO STATE (11/25/08)
	0		BRADLEY (01/21/09)
	0		SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (02/11/09)
TURNOVERS	3		IOWA STATE (12/03/08)
	4		at Drake (01/17/09)
FOULS	10		ILLINOIS STATE (01/28/09)
	13		vs Indiana State (03/06/09)



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Opponent - GAME LOWS

POINTS	47		at Evansville (01/13/09)
	47		DRAKE (02/18/09)
	49		NORTH DAKOTA (12/06/08)
	51		at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
	54		WICHITA STATE (01/03/09)
FIELD GOALS MADE	16		DRAKE (02/18/09)
	18		NORTH DAKOTA (12/06/08)
	18		WICHITA STATE (01/03/09)
	18		at Evansville (01/13/09)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	41		DRAKE (02/18/09)
	43		DENVER (11/15/08)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.302	(19-63)	vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	.327	(18-55)	at Evansville (01/13/09)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	2		IOWA STATE (12/03/08)
	2		at Bradley (02/03/09)
	2		EVANSVILLE (02/28/09)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	8		at Evansville (01/13/09)
	8		EVANSVILLE (02/28/09)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.143	(2-14)	IOWA STATE (12/03/08)
	.154	(2-13)	at Bradley (02/03/09)
FREE THROWS MADE	2		ILLINOIS STATE (01/28/09)
	5		TEXAS SOUTHERN (11/23/08)
	5		vs Auburn (11/29/08)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	7		BRADLEY (01/21/09)
	7		ILLINOIS STATE (01/28/09)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.286	(2-7)	ILLINOIS STATE (01/28/09)
	.357	(5-14)	TEXAS SOUTHERN (11/23/08)
REBOUNDS	20		DENVER (11/15/08)
	23		DRAKE (02/18/09)
	23		vs Indiana State (03/06/09)
ASSISTS	6		IOWA STATE (12/03/08)
	6		NORTH DAKOTA (12/06/08)
	6		DRAKE (02/18/09)
STEALS	0		DENVER (11/15/08)
	1		IOWA STATE (12/03/08)
	1		at Drake (01/17/09)
	1		BRADLEY (01/21/09)
BLOCKED SHOTS	0		at Iowa (12/09/08)
	0		SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (12/21/08)
	0		at Drake (01/17/09)
TURNOVERS	5		at Iowa (12/09/08)
	5		vs Bradley (03/07/09)
FOULS	13		vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	14		at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	14		at Iowa (12/09/08)
	14		MISSOURI STATE (01/10/09)



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UNI - INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Points	31		Eglseder, Jordan vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	30		Koch, Adam at Missouri State (01/25/09)
	28		Ahelegbe, Kwadzo vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	25		Koch, Adam at Illinois State (02/24/09)
	23		Koch, Adam vs Creighton (02/08/09)
Field Goals Made	23		Eglseder, Jordan at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	13		Eglseder, Jordan vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
Field Goal Att.	11		Ahelegbe, Kwadzo vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	22		Eglseder, Jordan vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
FG Pct (min 5 made)	19		Ahelegbe, Kwadzo vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	1.000	(5-5)	O'Rear, Lucas vs Southern Illinois (02/11/09)
3-Point FG Made	.889	(8-9)	Eglseder, Jordan vs Denver (11/15/08)
	6		Moran, Johnny at Drake (01/17/09)
	6		Moran, Johnny at Creighton (01/06/09)
	6		Moran, Johnny vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
3-Point FG Att.	6		Farokhmanesh, Ali at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	14		Farokhmanesh, Ali at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
3-Pt FG Pct (min 2 made)	13		Moran, Johnny at Drake (01/17/09)
	1.000	(3-3)	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo vs Wichita State (01/03/09)
	1.000	(3-3)	Dunham, Kerwin at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
	1.000	(2-2)	Koch, Adam vs Bradley (03/07/09)
	1.000	(2-2)	Brown, Travis at Evansville (01/13/09)
	1.000	(2-2)	Farokhmanesh, Ali vs South Dakota State (12/21/08)
Free Throws Made	1.000	(2-2)	Farokhmanesh, Ali vs North Dakota (12/06/08)
	18		Koch, Adam at Missouri State (01/25/09)
Free Throw Att.	13		Koch, Adam vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	20		Koch, Adam at Missouri State (01/25/09)
FT Pct (min 3 made)	13		Koch, Adam vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	1.000	(13-13)	Koch, Adam vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	1.000	(10-10)	Koch, Adam at Bradley (02/03/09)
	1.000	(9-9)	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo vs Bradley (03/07/09)
	1.000	(7-7)	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo vs Southern Illinois (02/11/09)
	1.000	(6-6)	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo at Evansville (01/13/09)
	1.000	(6-6)	Koch, Adam vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	1.000	(6-6)	Moran, Johnny vs Auburn (11/29/08)
	1.000	(6-6)	Haak, Brian vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
	1.000	(6-6)	Moran, Johnny vs Denver (11/15/08)
	1.000	(5-5)	Dunham, Kerwin at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	1.000	(4-4)	O'Rear, Lucas vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	Brown, Travis vs Bradley (03/07/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	O'Rear, Lucas at Siena (02/21/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	Brown, Travis vs Chicago State (11/25/08)
	1.000	(4-4)	Moran, Johnny vs Chicago State (11/25/08)
	1.000	(4-4)	Farokhmanesh, Ali vs Denver (11/15/08)
Rebounds	1.000	(3-3)	Brown, Travis vs Southern Illinois (02/11/09)
	1.000	(3-3)	O'Rear, Lucas vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	1.000	(3-3)	Eglseder, Jordan vs South Dakota State (12/21/08)
	1.000	(3-3)	Koch, Adam vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	1.000	(3-3)	Eglseder, Jordan at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
Assists	14		Eglseder, Jordan at Siena (02/21/09)
	13		Eglseder, Jordan vs Evansville (02/28/09)
Assists	7		Ahelegbe, Kwadzo at Bradley (02/03/09)
	6		Moran, Johnny at Bradley (02/03/09)

Steals	4	Moran, Johnny at Evansville (01/13/09)
	4	Dunham, Kerwin vs Wichita State (01/03/09)
Blocked Shots	4	Eglseder, Jordan vs Evansville (02/28/09)
	3	Koch, Adam vs Bradley (03/07/09)
	3	Eglseder, Jordan at Illinois State (02/24/09)
	3	Eglseder, Jordan vs Drake (02/18/09)
	3	Eglseder, Jordan at Bradley (02/03/09)
	3	Eglseder, Jordan vs Wichita State (01/03/09)
	3	Eglseder, Jordan vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
Turnovers	6	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo vs Bradley (01/21/09)
	6	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo at Evansville (01/13/09)
	6	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
Fouls	5	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo at Siena (02/21/09)
	5	Koch, Adam at Siena (02/21/09)
	5	Farokhmanesh, Ali vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	5	Dunham, Kerwin vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	5	Koch, Adam vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	5	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo at Creighton (01/06/09)
	5	Moran, Johnny vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	5	Farokhmanesh, Ali vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	5	O'Rear, Lucas vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	5	Koch, Adam vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	5	Koch, Adam vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	5	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo vs Iowa State (12/03/08)
	5	Dunham, Kerwin vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
	5	Ahelegbe, Kwadzo at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	5	Koch, Adam vs Denver (11/15/08)



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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Points	32		Brackins, Craig vs Iowa State (12/03/08)
	28		Miller, Matthew vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
	27		MAYO, Josh at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	26		Ely, Shy vs Evansville (02/28/09)
	25		Parker, Josh at Drake (01/17/09)
	25		Holston, David vs Chicago State (11/25/08)
Field Goals Made	12		Brackins, Craig vs Iowa State (12/03/08)
	11		Ely, Shy vs Evansville (02/28/09)
Field Goal Att.	23		Brackins, Craig vs Iowa State (12/03/08)
	22		Ely, Shy vs Evansville (02/28/09)
FG Pct (min 5 made)	.900	(9-10)	Miller, Matthew vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
	.750	(6-8)	JOHNSON, Tyson vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
3-Point FG Made	7		Miller, Matthew vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
	5		Eldridge, Osiris vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	5		Dunson, Dodie vs Bradley (01/21/09)
	5		Bledsoe, Travis vs North Dakota (12/06/08)
3-Point FG Att.	14		Eldridge, Osiris vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	13		Holston, David vs Chicago State (11/25/08)
3-Pt FG Pct (min 2 made)	1.000	(2-2)	Baryenbruch, Jacob vs Drake (02/18/09)
	1.000	(2-2)	Korver, Kaleb vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	1.000	(2-2)	Holmes, Denver at Evansville (01/13/09)
	1.000	(2-2)	FAY, Carlton at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
Free Throws Made	12		MAYO, Josh at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	9		Marshall, Harry vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	9		Garrett, Diante vs Iowa State (12/03/08)
Free Throw Att.	14		Marshall, Harry vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	12		Garrett, Diante vs Iowa State (12/03/08)
	12		MAYO, Josh at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
FT Pct (min 3 made)	1.000	(12-12)	MAYO, Josh at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	1.000	(8-8)	EWING, Brandon vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	1.000	(4-4)	Oguchi, Champ vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	Dunson, Dodie vs Bradley (03/07/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	Maniscalco, Sam vs Bradley (03/07/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	Ely, Shy vs Evansville (02/28/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	FAY, Carlton vs Southern Illinois (02/11/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	Witter, Cavel vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	Stanley, Craig at Drake (01/17/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	Creekmore, Will vs Missouri State (01/10/09)
	1.000	(4-4)	BOYLE, Tony at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
	1.000	(4-4)	Reed, Rashad vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	1.000	(4-4)	Peterson, Jeff at Iowa (12/09/08)
	1.000	(4-4)	REED, DeWayne vs Auburn (11/29/08)
	1.000	(3-3)	Young, Antoine vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	1.000	(3-3)	Collins, David at Bradley (02/03/09)
	1.000	(3-3)	Dunson, Dodie vs Bradley (01/21/09)
	1.000	(3-3)	Carter, Aaron vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
Rebounds	16		Brackins, Craig vs Iowa State (12/03/08)
	12		Sampay, Brandon at Illinois State (02/24/09)
Assists	8		Miller, Matthew vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
	7		Hannah, Clevin at Wichita State (02/14/09)
	7		Phillips, Lloyd vs Illinois State (01/28/09)
	7		EWING, Brandon vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
Steals	4		Holloway, Emmanuel vs Illinois State (03/08/09)

	3	Rossiter, Ryan at Siena (02/21/09)
	3	Wilson, Theron at Bradley (02/03/09)
	3	Williams, Kaylon at Evansville (01/13/09)
	3	Stinnett,P'Allen at Creighton (01/06/09)
	3	JOHNSON, Tyson vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	3	MUOJEKE, Afam vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	3	OGIRRI, Sean vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	3	Tate, Cyrus at Iowa (12/09/08)
	3	Bledsoe, Travis vs North Dakota (12/06/08)
Blocked Shots	3	Rossiter, Ryan at Siena (02/21/09)
	2	Eldridge,Osiris vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	2	Richard, Carl vs Indiana State (03/06/09)
	2	Carter,Justin vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	2	Walker,Kenton vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	2	Weems,Kyle at Missouri State (01/25/09)
	2	EVANS, Nick at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
	2	LINSKENS, Mikhail vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	2	THIAM, Djibril vs Wyoming (12/13/08)
	2	Vanderbeken, Jamie vs Iowa State (12/03/08)
	2	Montgomery, Carl vs Chicago State (11/25/08)
	2	Jones,Jacques vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
Turnovers	6	Lewis, Rob vs Denver (11/15/08)
	5	Holsinger, Jason vs Evansville (02/28/09)
	5	Murry, Toure' vs Wichita State (01/03/09)
	5	Carter, Aaron vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
	5	Marshall, Harry vs Indiana State (12/28/08)
Fouls	5	Miller,Matthew vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
	5	Sampay,Brandon vs Illinois State (03/08/09)
	5	Roberts, Chris vs Bradley (03/07/09)
	5	Williams, Kaylon vs Evansville (02/28/09)
	5	Heemskerk, Brent vs Drake (02/18/09)
	5	HARE, Ryan vs Southern Illinois (02/11/09)
	5	Harriman,Casey vs Creighton (02/08/09)
	5	Weems,Kyle at Missouri State (01/25/09)
	5	Cooks,Chris at Missouri State (01/25/09)
	5	McFarland,Cardell at Missouri State (01/25/09)
	5	McCain, Eddren vs Bradley (01/21/09)
	5	Williams, Kaylon at Evansville (01/13/09)
	5	FAY, Carlton at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
	5	Benter, Derek vs North Dakota (12/06/08)
	5	Mitchell, Pat vs North Dakota (12/06/08)
	5	Porter, Wes vs North Dakota (12/06/08)
	5	ROBERTSON, Quantez vs Auburn (11/29/08)
	5	WALLER, Tay vs Auburn (11/29/08)
	5	HAZEL, Patrick vs Marquette (11/28/08)
	5	Walton, Tawrence vs Chicago State (11/25/08)
	5	Boyles,Ricky vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
	5	Jones,Jacques vs Texas Southern (11/23/08)
	5	VANDERMEER, Scott at Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
	5	Hooper, Andrew vs Denver (11/15/08)

Exhibition 1: UNI 69, Dubuque 51

Nov. 4, 2008

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa - Sophomore guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe scored 19 points, junior guard Ali Farokhmanesh had 14 points, and junior forward Adam Koch chipped in with 13 as the University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team posted a 69-51 exhibition win over the University of Dubuque.

Ahelegbe, who sat out the entire 2007-08 season with a shoulder injury, connected on 6-of-10 shots from the floor, including three three-pointers, and made all four of his free throws. He also had four rebounds, two assists and one steal. Farokhmanesh, playing in his first game as a Panther after earning All-America honors at Kirkwood Community College last season, hit four treys and grabbed three rebounds in 20 minutes of action. Koch, one of two returning starters for UNI, hit 6-of-11 field goals and also hauled in three rebounds.

A pair of true freshmen, center Austin Pehl and guard Anthony James, also made their presence felt for UNI. Pehl scored four points, had a game-high nine rebounds and blocked one shot in 20 minutes off the bench, while James had seven points, four rebounds, four assists and four steals. Josh Bellaire and Austin Gorsch led Dubuque with eight points apiece.

UNI shot 49 percent in the opening half, including making seven three-pointers, while holding Dubuque to just 29 percent shooting in the first 20 minutes. The Panthers rolled to a 43-28 lead at the break, going on a 12-3 run over the final four minutes to extend its advantage to as many as 17 points. The Panthers built their lead to as many as 25 points after halftime, and led by 20 for most of the second half.

Dubuque (51)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
25	Russell	21	2-9	2-2	3	1	3	7		
30	Peek	21	0-2	1-2	6	1	2	1		
35	Okpalaeze	23	0-6	4-4	1	1	3	4		
2	Blum	25	2-3	0-2	4	2	0	6		
33	Bellaire	29	2-9	3-4	5	5	1	8		
5	Wilson	8	1-3	0-0	3	0	0	2		
10	Niesen	8	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0		
14	Slowik	3	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	2		
15	Tebbe	2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0		
20	Poirier	17	1-3	0-0	4	1	0	3		
22	Walusayi	2	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	2		
23	Kushmir	9	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0		
32	Gorsch	8	3-3	0-0	1	0	0	8		
40	Jetter	3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0		
45	Schreen	10	2-3	0-0	1	0	2	4		
50	White	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0		
55	Weeks	9	2-5	0-0	2	0	1	4		
Totals		200	16-50	12-16	38	11	12	51		

UNI (69)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
34	Koch	24	6-11	1-1	3	0	1	13		
5	Farokhmanesh	20	5-10	0-0	3	1	3	14		
10	Haak	27	0-4	0-0	0	2	2	0		
11	Ahelegbe	25	6-10	4-4	4	2	1	19		
21	Brown	22	3-6	0-0	4	1	1	7		
1	Kelly	11	1-2	0-0	1	0	3	2		
15	Montgomery	24	1-8	0-0	6	2	1	3		
33	Pehl	20	1-3	2-4	9	1	3	4		
52	James	27	3-8	0-2	4	4	3	7		
Totals		200	26-62	7-11	37	13	18	69		

Halftime -- UNI 43, UD 28. 3-Pt. Shooting -- UD 7-20 (Russell 1-5, Okpalaeze 0-2, Blum 2-2, Bellaire 1-3, Wilson 0-2, Poirier 1-2, Gorsch 2-2, Jetter 0-1, White 0-1), UNI 10-29 (Farokhmanesh 4-9, Haak 0-4, Ahelegbe 3-6, Brown 1-2, Kelly 0-1, Montgomery 1-4, James 1-3). Turnovers -- UD 18, UNI 13. Blocks -- UD 2, UNI 3. Steals -- UD 7, UNI 11. Att. -- 2,815.

2008-09 RECAPS/BOXSCORES
Exhibition 2: UNI 44, Wayne State 27

Nov. 10, 2008

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa - The University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team used a stifling defensive effort to defeat Wayne State (Neb.), 44-27, in an exhibition game at the McLeod Center.

UNI held Wayne State to just 28 percent shooting on the night, including 2-for-19 (11 percent) from three-point range. In addition, the Panthers forced 27 Wildcat turnovers, with 13 of those coming on UNI steals. WSC made just 11 total field goals on the night and had just two assists. The Panthers connected on 30 percent of their field goals, but were able to make seven three-pointers and turned the ball over just seven times.

The Panthers got balanced scoring, as six players had between five and eight points on the night, including all five starters. Forward Adam Koch led the way with eight points and six rebounds, while freshman guard Johnny Moran, playing in his first college game, had seven points, five steals and two assists. Guards Ali Farokhmanesh, Travis Brown and Brian Haak each added six points for UNI.

UNI got off to a hot start to the game, as Moran and Brown each hit three-pointers in the opening minutes. A Farokhmanesh steal led to a Koch layup in transition, and Moran followed with a steal and layup of his own to give the Panthers a 10-2 lead just four minutes in.

After Wayne State pulled within 12-7 with 14:21 left, UNI really put on the defensive clamps. It allowed just one Wildcat basket the rest of the first half, holding WSC scoreless for nearly 12 minutes. Farokhmanesh hit a pair of deep three-pointers, and Moran had another steal and layup right before the halftime buzzer, as UNI built a 22-9 lead at the break.

UNI kept up the defensive intensity early in the second half. It allowed just four Wayne State points in the first nine minutes coming out of the locker room, pushing its lead to 31-13, as Koch had a pair of layups and Kerwin Dunham nailed a three-pointer. The Panthers maintained their double-digit lead throughout the second stanza, building its advantage to as many as 22 points en route to the 44-27 win.

Wayne State (27)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
11	Thomas	28	2-6	0-1	4	0	1	4		
40	Metz	24	3-5	2-2	6	0	3	8		
10	Rudloff	18	0-1	0-0	2	1	1	0		
22	Walters	30	2-9	0-0	6	1	1	5		
24	Jackman	16	1-9	0-0	0	0	1	2		
5	Humphries	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0		
12	Abner	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	0		
14	McGriff	14	1-4	0-0	0	0	1	3		
20	Miller	21	0-2	0-0	4	0	4	0		
25	Spiker	20	1-1	0-1	13	0	1	2		
33	Trueblood	6	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0		
34	Stokelin	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0		
45	Delano	5	1-1	1-1	1	0	1	3		
Totals		200	11-40	3-5	44	2	18	27		

UNI (44)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
34	Koch	28	4-10	0-1	6	1	0	8		
5	Farokhmanesh	24	2-4	0-0	3	0	0	6		
11	Ahelegbe	18	2-6	0-1	1	3	3	5		
13	Moran	25	3-9	0-0	2	2	1	7		
21	Brown	25	2-9	0-0	2	0	2	6		
1	Kelly	4	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0		
10	Haak	17	1-3	4-4	2	1	2	6		
15	Montgomery	17	0-3	0-0	2	0	3	0		
22	Dunham	16	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	3		
33	Pehl	11	1-4	1-2	2	0	1	3		
52	James	15	0-3	0-0	4	0	1	0		
Totals		200	16-54	5-8	27	7	14	44		

Halftime -- UNI 22, WSC 9. 3-Pt. Shooting -- WSC 2-19 (Thomas 0-2, Rudloff 0-1, Walters 1-8, Jackman 0-4, McGriff 1-3, Trueblood 0-1), UNI 7-28 (Koch 0-2, Farokhmanesh 2-4, Ahelegbe 1-3, Moran 1-4, Brown 2-7, Haak 0-2, Montgomery 0-3, Dunham 1-1, James 0-2). Turnovers -- WSC 27, UNI 8. Blocks -- WSC 2, UNI 1. Steals -- WSC 3, UNI 13. Att. -- 2,131.

Game 1: UNI 61, Denver 56

Nov. 15, 2008

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa - Junior center Jordan Eglseder came off the bench to score 17 points, and freshman point guard Johnny Moran had a double-double in his college debut, to lead UNI to a 61-56 win over the University of Denver.

Eglseder connected on 8-of-9 shots in his 21 minutes of action, and also grabbed four rebounds. Moran had 14 points, 10 rebounds and two assists, and Ali Farokhmanesh and Adam Koch also scored in double-figures for UNI with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Moran started the game off with five straight points, on a short runner in the lane and a three, as the Panthers built a 7-2 lead. Denver was ice-cold at the start, missing seven of its first eight shots. The Pioneers' Rob Lewis tied the score at nine on a conventional three-point play with 9:33 left in the first half, and Denver took its first lead, 12-11, on a Lewis jumper from behind the three-point arc.

UNI moved back in front 15-14 on an Eglseder layup with 6:46 on the clock, and a Brown trey from the top of the key put UNI in front 19-16 with three minutes left. Denver scored the final four points of the half to take a 20-19 lead into the locker room.

To start the second half, Denver's Kyle Lewis hit a trey to give the Pioneers their largest lead, 23-19, with 18:29 on the clock. But Farokhmanesh answered with a triple of his own on the next possession, and the back-and-forth basketball began. There were seven ties and five lead changes over the next 13 minutes, with neither team holding more than a two-point lead.

Denver's Nate Rohnert hit a three-pointer to give UD a 42-39 lead with 6:37 left. After a UNI miss, Moran fought for an offensive rebound on the next possession, which started five straight Panther points, going in front 44-42 on an Eglseder layup with 5:14 remaining. On the next possession, Nigel Peter-Denman hit a three from the left wing to put the Pioneers in front, 45-44, but UNI then hit eight straight free throws and got a layup from Ahelegbe to open a 54-48 advantage.

After a Sabatino Chen three-pointer pulled Denver within 54-51 with 1:13 left, Moran hit perhaps the biggest basket of the game. With the shot clock running down, he drained a three to extend the Panthers' lead to 57-51 with 41 seconds left. Moran and Farokhmanesh each hit a pair of free throws in the final 30 seconds to seal the 61-56 victory.

Denver (56)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
10	R.Lewis	40	5-10	2-3	3	4	4	13		
24	Rohnert	40	6-13	6-8	5	5	4	20		
33	Hooper	19	0-2	0-0	1	1	5	0		
5	Stafford	12	1-2	0-0	2	1	3	2		
11	K.Lewis	40	6-9	0-1	2	2	4	15		
23	Chen	18	1-2	0-0	3	0	1	3		
35	Peter-Denman	31	1-5	0-0	1	3	1	3		
Totals		200	20-43	8-12	20	16	22	56		

UNI (61)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
34	Koch	20	3-3	5-6	4	2	5	11		
5	Farokhmanesh	38	4-8	4-4	1	0	0	13		
11	Ahelegbe	34	1-7	1-2	3	5	2	3		
13	Moran	33	3-8	6-6	10	2	3	14		
22	Dunham	11	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0		
10	Haak	19	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0		
15	Montgomery	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0		
21	Brown	17	1-4	0-0	4	2	3	3		
53	Eglseder	21	8-9	1-2	4	1	2	17		
Totals		200	20-41	17-20	29	13	17	61		

Halftime -- UD 20, UNI 19. 3-Pt. Shooting -- UD 8-25 (R.Lewis 1-5, Rohnert 2-6, Hooper 0-2, Stafford 0-1, K.Lewis 3-6, Chen 1-1, Peter-Denman 1-4), UNI 4-14 (Farokhmanesh 1-5, Ahelegbe 0-2, Moran 2-4, Haak 0-1, Brown 1-2). Turnovers -- UD 11, UNI 9. Blocks -- UD 3, UNI 0. Steals -- UD 0, UNI 2. Att. -- 3,127.

Game 2: Illinois-Chicago 84, UNI 77

Nov. 19, 2008

UIC Pavilion -- Chicago, Ill.

Chicago, Ill. - Center Jordan Eglseder had a double-double with 23 points and a game-high 10 rebounds, and guard Ali Farokhmanesh added a career-best 20 points, but it was not enough as Illinois-Chicago posted an 84-77 win over UNI.

Eglseder, coming off the bench for the second straight game, connected on 10-of-13 shots from the field and made all four of his free throws. Four of his 10 rebounds were offensive, and he also added a block and a steal. Farokhmanesh drained a career-best six three-pointers on the night, several of them from well beyond the arc.

A Johnny Moran three-pointer gave UNI an early 5-2 lead, but UIC reeled of seven straight points - six of them by Mayo - to go in front 12-5 less than four minutes in. After the first media timeout, UNI responded with an Eglseder layup, a three-pointer from Farokhmanesh and a short jumper from Moran to pull the Panthers even at 12-all.

UIC built its lead back to 19-14, but the Panthers were able to tie the score again, this time at 21, on a Kwadzo Ahelegbe jumper with 7:45 left in the first half. Trailing 25-24, Eglseder and Ahelegbe scored back-to-back baskets to give UNI a 28-25 lead, but UIC immediately tied it on a Robo Kreps trey. Ahelegbe gave the Panthers a 33-31 lead at halftime, draining a pull-up three from the right wing as the first-half horn sounded.

UIC held a 46-45 lead with 14:02 left in the game. UIC then went on the game's decisive run, scoring 15 straight points over the next six minutes to extend its lead to 61-45. The Flames held a double-digit lead the next five minutes, and were in front 76-63 with two minutes left, when the Panthers made a late run.

UIC center Scott VanderMeer fouled Kerwin Dunham on a three-point attempt with 1:56 left, and also was whistled for a technical foul. UNI made all five free throws to pull within 76-68. Farokhmanesh drained two straight triples, sandwiched around three UIC free throws, to pull the Panthers within five, 79-74, with 53 seconds left. But that was as close as the game would get, as UIC sealed the game at the free throw line.

UNI (77)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	32	3-5	2-2	4	2	4	12
5	Farokhmanesh	32	6-14	2-2	2	1	4	20
11	Ahelegbe	35	3-9	1-2	0	4	5	8
13	Moran	34	4-10	0-0	4	5	0	9
22	Dunham	22	0-2	5-5	3	2	3	5
10	Haak	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
21	Brown	11	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
53	Eglseder	26	10-13	3-3	10	0	1	23
Totals	200	26-54	17-19	27	14	19	77	

Illinois-Chicago (84)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
21	Eppinger	28	5-7	0-0	4	1	2	10
41	Vandermeer	22	3-7	2-3	3	2	5	8
1	Mayo	34	6-9	12-12	2	6	1	27
3	Kreps	36	2-5	1-2	2	4	0	6
22	Harris	8	2-4	1-1	2	1	0	5
25	Stewart	27	1-3	5-6	1	4	1	8
31	Buchanan	4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	3
32	Ignjatovic	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
33	Buttall	6	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0
35	Poston	4	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0
42	Boyd	27	6-12	1-2	7	1	3	17
Totals	200	26-52	22-26	29	19	14	84	

Halftime - UNI 33, UIC 31. 3-Pt. Shooting - UNI 8-26 (Farokhmanesh 6-14, Ahelegbe 1-4, Moran 1-7, Eglseder 0-1), UIC 10-16 (Mayo 3-4, Kreps 1-2, Stewart 1-2, Buchanan 1-2, Buttall 0-1, Boyd 4-5). Turnovers - UNI 17, UIC 13. Blocks - UNI 1, UIC 1. Steals - UNI 5, UIC 7. Att. - 3,399.

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Game 3: UNI 74, Texas Southern 67

Nov. 23, 2008

McLeod Center - Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa - Freshman guard Johnny Moran had a career-high 21 points to lead the University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team to a 74-67 win over Texas Southern at the McLeod Center.

Moran connected on 7-of-11 shots from the floor and was 6-for-8 on three-pointers, while grabbing five rebounds, dishing out two assists and getting a pair of steals. He was joined in double-figure scoring by junior forward Adam Koch (season-high 18 points), and sophomore guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe (career-best 11 points). Texas Southern's Matthew Miller led all scorers with 28 points, including tying a McLeod Center record by making seven three-pointers.

Koch had a conventional three-point play and Moran nailed a trey from the corner to give UNI a 6-2 lead to start the game. The Tigers scored nine of the next 12 points to take an 11-9 lead with 12:28 left, but UNI responded by scoring nine straight to take the lead for good, 18-11, with 8:14 on the clock.

Miller hit a jumper in the lane to get TSU within 25-19 with slightly less than five minutes left in the first half, but UNI was able to extend its lead to double-digits, 33-23, on a jumper from Ahelegbe just before the first half horn.

Moran nailed a three to push the Panthers' lead to 38-27 three minutes into the second half, but Miller drained a pair of treys during an 8-2 run that got Texas Southern to its closest point in the second half, 40-35, with 14:37 left in the game. But UNI then went on a decisive 13-2 run over the next seven minutes, with Koch and Ahelegbe combining for eight of UNI's points during that stretch, as the Panthers extended their advantage to 53-37 with 7:51 remaining.

The Panthers held a double-digit lead much of the rest of the way, and although Miller made three three-pointers in the final minute to keep the Tigers in the game, UNI made 9-of-10 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Texas Southern (67)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
15	Jones	29	4-6	0-2	2	3	5	8
20	Boyles	27	3-4	0-2	9	0	5	6
55	Drewy	36	1-4	0-0	5	1	2	2
1	Hall	38	4-12	1-2	4	1	3	9
3	Miller	36	9-10	3-6	1	8	4	28
00	Henderson	1	2-2	0-0	1	0	1	4
23	Burrell	5	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
31	Norwood	25	3-6	1-2	3	1	2	10
41	Price	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-45	5-14	26	14	22	67	

UNI (74)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	32	6-12	6-9	3	1	0	18
5	Farokhmanesh	27	1-6	0-1	1	1	3	3
11	Ahelegbe	33	2-8	6-7	5	5	1	11
13	Moran	28	7-11	1-3	5	2	4	21
22	Dunham	32	2-5	0-0	3	2	5	4
10	Haak	12	0-0	6-6	0	0	0	6
15	Montgomery	3	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	2
21	Brown	19	1-3	0-0	5	1	2	3
53	Eglseder	14	3-5	0-0	4	1	3	6
Totals	200	23-52	19-26	30	13	18	74	

Halftime - UNI 33, TSU 23. 3-Pt. Shooting - TSU 10-16 (Hall 0-2, Miller 7-8, Norwood 3-6), UNI 9-23 (Koch 0-1, Farokhmanesh 1-6, Moran 6-8, Dunham 0-2, Montgomery 0-1, Brown 1-2). Turnovers - TSU 11, UNI 8. Blocks - TSU 3, UNI 1. Steals - TSU 4, UNI 5. Att. - 3,142.

Game 4: UNI 81, Chicago State 70

Nov. 25, 2008

McLeod Center - Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa - Junior forward Adam Koch posted his second career double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds as the University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team improved to 3-1 on the season with an 81-70 win over Chicago State.

Koch hit on 5-of-8 shots from the floor and was 7-for-9 at the free throw line. He was joined in double-figure scoring by freshman guard Johnny Moran (15 points), and senior guard Travis Brown (season-best 14 points). Forward Lucas O'Rear, playing in his first game of the season, had nine points, 10 rebounds and three assists off the bench. A total of nine Panthers scored in a balanced offensive attack. Chicago State was led by guard David Holston who had a game-high 25 points.

Chicago State jumped to a quick 8-2 lead in the first two minutes of the game, as Mike Wilson hit a pair of three-pointers. UNI responded with a 9-3 run to pull even at 11, and took the lead for good, 15-13, on an O'Rear layup.

Leading 19-17, Moran hit two three-pointers and Brown nailed one as well, during a 14-4 run that extended UNI's lead to 33-21. UNI held a double-digit advantage the rest of the first half, and went into the locker room in front, 43-31.

Chicago State cut into UNI's lead early in the second half, pulling within 46-39 after a pair of Carl Montgomery free throws with 16:34 left. But Eglseder scored inside, Brian Haak drained a three-pointer from the corner, and Koch got the ball inside for a layup to push the Panthers' advantage to 53-39.

CSU responded, as Holston hit three straight three-pointers to get the Cougars to their closest point, 53-48, with 12:21 remaining. Koch then scored five straight points, including a conventional three-point play, and Ali Farokhmanesh made a finger roll in the lane to push UNI back in front by 12, 60-48. That spurt proved to be the difference, as Chicago State didn't get closer than nine points the rest of the way. The Panthers built as much as a 21-point lead (78-57), en route to the 81-70 win.

Chicago State (70)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
21	Montgomery	24	3-4	4-6	6	0	3	10
34	Walton	30	3-5	0-1	5	1	5	7
1	Wilson	17	2-6	0-0	2	0	1	6
3	Holston	38	7-19	7-9	2	4	2	25
23	Cantrell	36	4-13	5-7	6	2	2	14
2	Martin	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
4	Smith	2	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	4
10	Anderson	6	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	1
13	Stankovic	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	0
20	Wall	19	1-4	0-1	1	0	2	3
25	Kasamba	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
35	Martin	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
44	Kielbasa	3	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Totals	200	22-54	17-26	24	7	25	70	

UNI (81)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	24	5-8	7-9	11	2	2	17
5	Farokhmanesh	22	2-6	2-2	4	2	1	7
11	Ahelegbe	28	1-5	3-4	1	1	2	5
13	Moran	28	4-8	4-4	5	2	2	15
22	Dunham	21	0-3	0-0	2	2	2	0
10	Haak	12	1-2	1-2	2	1	2	4
15	Montgomery	12	2-5	0-0	3	0	1	4
21	Brown	18	4-8	4-4	1	0	3	14
32	O'Rear	23	1-2	7-8	10	3	2	9
53	Eglseder	12	3-4	0-0	7	1	3	6
Totals	200	7-17	28-33	47	14	20	81	

Halftime - UNI 43, CSU 31. 3-Pt. Shooting - CSU 9-26 (Walton 1-2, Wilson 2-5, Holston 4-13, Cantrell 1-3), UNI 7-17 (Farokhmanesh 1-4, Moran 3-4, Haak 1-1, Montgomery 0-3, Brown 2-5). Turnovers - CSU 10, UNI 15. Blocks - CSU 4, UNI 0. Steals - CSU 6, UNI 3. Att. - 3,019.

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Game 5: #15 Marquette 73, UNI 43
Nov. 28, 2008

Sears Centre – Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Hoffman Estates, Ill. - The No. 15-ranked Marquette Golden Eagles finished with three players in double-digits in its 73-43 win over the University of Northern Iowa in the third game of the Chicago Invitational Challenge.

Marquette jumped to an early 10-2 lead after Lazar Hayward drained a three off a steal by Maurice Acker. Back-to-back buckets by Adam Koch and Johnny Moran pulled the Panthers within 10-6, but Marquette would then go on a 22-2 run, to take a commanding lead at 32-8 with 4:40 left in the first half.

UNI attempted to cut into the Eagles lead with three pointers from Ahelegbe and Farokhmanesh and two free throws from Koch to pull within 32-16, but 16 points was as close as the Panthers would get the rest of the way.

Marquette shot 42% in the first half, including almost 43% from behind the arc, while holding the Panthers to just 33% and a mere 2-for-9 on three pointers.

The Panthers opened the second half with a quick lay-up by center Jordan Eglseder and Moran drained a three, but the Eagles hot-shooting continued, connecting on 13 of 27 shots from the floor in the second half.

Three Eagles scored in double-digits, with Wesley Matthews scoring 17, Lazar Hayward with 15 and Jerel McNeal registering 13. Ahelegbe led the way for the Panthers, tying his season-high with 11 points. Eglseder finished with eight points and six rebounds.

Despite holding Eglseder and Koch to 14 points combined, the Panthers were still able to out-score the Eagles 24-18 in the paint.

UNI (43)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	25	2-6	2-2	0	2	2	6
53	Eglseder	22	4-6	0-0	6	0	3	8
5	Farokhmanesh	26	1-6	0-0	1	1	3	3
11	Ahelegbe	28	5-9	0-0	1	5	1	11
13	Moran	25	2-7	0-0	6	2	2	5
10	Haak	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
15	Montgomery	14	0-3	1-3	5	0	1	1
21	Brown	17	0-2	0-0	2	1	4	0
22	Dunham	13	2-6	0-0	0	1	2	4
32	O'Rear	19	1-3	1-2	6	1	2	3
52	James	7	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	2
Totals	200	18-51	4-7	29	13	21	43	

Marquette (73)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
12	Burke	30	0-0	1-4	6	0	3	1
32	Hayward	28	5-11	3-6	8	1	2	15
1	James	21	3-10	0-0	3	6	0	8
22	McNeal	22	5-9	0-0	3	3	1	13
23	Matthews	26	5-8	5-6	7	2	2	17
10	Cubillan	22	2-6	1-2	3	3	1	7
1	Acker	19	2-6	0-0	1	3	0	4
4	Hazel	10	1-1	2-2	2	0	5	4
33	Butler	17	1-1	2-2	4	2	1	4
45	Frozena	5	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-53	14-22	42	20	15	73	

Halftime – MU 37, UNI 18. **3-Pt. Shooting** – UNI 3-21 (Farokhmanesh 1-6, Moran 1-6, Ahelegbe 1-2, Montgomery 0-2, Brown 0-2, Dunham 0-1), MU 11-27 (Hayward 2-5, James 2-5, McNeal 3-4, Matthews 2-4, Cubillan 2-5, Acker 0-4). **Turnovers** – UNI 14, MU 10. **Blocks** – UNI 1, MU 1. **Steals** – UNI 5, MU 8. **Att.** – 3,087.

Game 6: UNI 67, Auburn 61
Nov. 29, 2008

Sears Centre -- Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Hoffman Estates, Ill. -- Ali Farokhmanesh and Johnny Moran each scored in double figures to lead the University of Northern Iowa over Auburn 67-61 in the Panthers' final game of the Chicago Invitational Challenge. Farokhmanesh finished with 14, including four three pointers, while Moran registered 13.

UNI jumped to an early 6-2 lead off back-to-back baskets by Adam Koch and Moran. Auburn closed the gap and tied the game at 11-11 off a lay-up by Lucas Hargrove. After trading baskets, Auburn went on an 11-4 run to take the lead at 22-15. After a Panther time-out, Moran cut the lead to 22-17 on a lay-up. Each team traded three pointers to bring the score to 25-20 in favor of the Tigers. UNI then went on an 8-3 run to tie the score at 28-28 going into the break.

Both teams came out of the break with hot shooting, as each team traded baskets and knotted the score at 34 all. UNI then went on a 10-0 run, including two three pointers, one by Travis Brown and one from Lucas O'Rear.

The Tigers were able to cut the Panthers lead to two at 46-44 with 10:25 remaining when DeWayne Reed hit a three. That was as close as the Tigers would get the rest of the game as Moran connected on two free throws and Koch scored on a lay up to put the Panthers back up by six at 50-44.

Jordan Eglseder registered his second double-double of the season, grabbing 10 boards and scoring 10 points.

UNI shot nearly 54 percent from the floor against the Tigers, including 47 percent from three-point range. The Panthers held the Tigers to 40 percent on the floor and a mere 29 percent from behind the arc. The Tigers shot just 3-for-12 from behind the three-point line in the second half.

UNI (67)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	25	2-5	1-3	4	2	3	5
53	Eglseder	23	5-12	0-0	10	1	1	10
5	Farokhmanesh	31	5-7	0-1	4	4	1	14
11	Ahelegbe	31	2-6	5-8	2	5	2	9
13	Moran	31	3-4	6-6	3	1	1	13
10	Haak	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
21	Brown	12	2-3	0-0	1	0	2	6
22	Dunham	18	1-2	1-2	1	1	0	3
32	O'Rear	28	2-2	2-2	2	2	4	7
Totals	200	22-41	15-22	30	16	14	67	

Auburn (61)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
1	Barber	31	5-12	1-4	10	0	4	11
34	Leff	11	2-6	0-0	3	0	2	4
12	Reed	31	7-10	4-4	1	5	0	21
23	Robertson	36	1-8	0-1	3	4	5	3
24	Waller	31	4-10	0-0	1	2	5	10
4	Hargrove	20	1-3	0-0	5	0	3	2
20	Sullivan	17	3-7	0-0	0	2	3	8
21	Barrett	11	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0
30	Knox	12	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	2
Totals	200	24-60	5-9	31	15	23	61	

Halftime – UNI 28, AU 28. **3-Pt. Shooting** – UNI 8-17 (Koch 0-2, Eglseder 0-1, Farokhmanesh 4-6, Ahelegbe 0-2, Moran 1-1, Brown 2-3, Dunham 0-1, O'Rear 1-1), AU 8-27 (Reed 3-5, Robertson 1-6, Waller 2-8, Sullivan 2-5, Barrett 0-2, Hargrove 0-1). **Turnovers** – UNI 16, AU 11. **Blocks** – UNI 1, AU 1. **Steals** – UNI 2, AU 9. **Att.** – 4,780.

Game 7: Iowa State 71, UNI 66 (ot)
Dec. 3, 2008

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa -- Kwadzo Ahelegbe scored a career-high 18 points, and teammate Adam Koch had a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds, but Iowa State was able to escape with a 71-66 overtime win over UNI. The back-and-forth game featured 14 ties and 16 lead changes, including five lead changes in overtime.

Kerwin Dunham had a season-high eight points and four rebounds for UNI, including tying the game at the end of regulation with a three-pointer from corner with five seconds left, while Jordan Eglseder had seven points and six boards. Iowa State's Craig Brackins led all players with 32 points and 16 rebounds, both McLeod Center records.

UNI held a 33-31 lead at halftime, and held a 46-41 lead with 13:23 left in the game. But Iowa State responded, scoring 12 straight points - six by Brackins - to take a 53-46 lead with 6:52 remaining.

The Panthers answered with a deep three-pointer from Ali Farokhmanesh, followed by a Koch layup, to get within two, 53-51, with just over five minutes to go. After Brackins hit a pair of free throws, UNI freshman guard Johnny Moran hit an acrobatic layup and was fouled, completing the conventional three-point play, to get UNI within one.

ISU pulled ahead, 61-56, with a minute and a half left, but Farokhmanesh got UNI within two as he nailed a three from the wing. Diante Garrett then had a chance to ice the game as he was at the line for two free throws with 15 seconds left, but he made just one. Koch then found Dunham in the left corner, and he nailed his first three-pointer of the year to tie the game at 62-all and send it into the extra session.

After Garrett made one of two foul shots to start overtime, Ahelegbe gave UNI the lead back, 64-63, with a driving layup. Garrett scored to put ISU back in front, before Dunham made both free throws to give the Panthers a 66-65 lead with 3:27 on the clock. Garrett scored again to give the Cyclones the lead back. Garrett and Brackins each made free throws to increase ISU's lead to 69-66, and then Koch missed a three-pointer that would have tied the game with 14 seconds remaining in OT. ISU's Bryan Petersen then sealed the game by making both foul shots with seven seconds left to give the Cyclones the 71-66 win.

Iowa State (71)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
15	Thompson	15	2-2	0-0	0	0	2	4
21	Brackins	39	12-23	8-11	16	0	1	32
5	Staiger	23	1-4	0-0	3	0	0	2
10	Garrett	37	4-10	9-12	9	4	2	17
3	Haluska	24	1-4	0-1	2	0	4	3
12	Eikmeier	29	1-4	0-0	2	1	1	2
23	Vanderbeken	16	2-2	0-0	3	0	4	5
24	Lee	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
41	Hamilton	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Totals	225	25-54	19-26	45	6	18	71	

UNI (66)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	38	7-18	3-5	12	2	2	18
53	Eglseder	19	3-7	1-2	6	1	2	7
5	Farokhmanesh	38	2-14	0-0	1	1	3	
6								
11	Ahelegbe	38	7-16	2-2	6	4	5	18
13	Moran	36	2-9	1-1	1	3	3	5
10	Haak	6	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
15	Montgomery	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
21	Brown	10	1-3	0-0	1	0	1	2
22	Dunham	24	1-2	5-6	4	1	1	8
32	O'Rear	13	1-1	0-0	1	0	4	2
Totals	225	24-71	12-16	36	13	22	66	

Halftime – UNI 33, ISU 31. **End of Regulation** – UNI 62, ISU 62. **3-Pt. Shooting** – ISU 2-14 (Brackins 0-1, Staiger 0-2, Garrett 0-4, Petersen 0-2, Haluska 1-3, Eikmeier 0-1, Vanderbeken 1-1), UNI 6-32 (Koch 1-4, Farokhmanesh 2-12, Ahelegbe 2-7, Moran 0-6, Brown 0-2, Dunham 1-1). **Turnovers** – ISU 12, UNI 3. **Blocks** – ISU 2, UNI 1. **Steals** – ISU 1, UNI 6. **Att.** – 5,558.

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Game 8: UNI 69, North Dakota 49
Dec. 6, 2008

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa -- Sophomore guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe had 17 points to lead the University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team to a 69-49 win over the University of North Dakota.

Ahelegbe hit 6-of-8 shots from the field and drained a career-high three three-pointers. He was joined in double-figures by center Jordan Eglseeder and guard Travis Brown, who each had 12 points, with Eglseeder leading UNI in rebounding with seven.

UNI got out of the gate quickly, connecting on its first seven shots from the field, as it scored the first eight points of the game, and held a 19-5 lead after nine minutes. Ahelegbe was the catalyst during that opening stretch, as he had seven points, while forward Adam Koch added four.

With UNI in front 21-10, the Panthers got a three-pointer from Brown, along with a jumper from Brian Haak, during an 8-0 run that extended its lead to 29-10 with 5:27 left on the clock. North Dakota didn't get closer than 16 points before halftime, as the Panthers went into the locker room with a 38-19 lead. The Panthers shot 12-for-20 from the field (60 percent) in the opening half, while the Fighting Sioux connected on 7-of-21 field goals (33 percent).

After North Dakota's Travis Bledsoe hit a three-pointer to start the second half, Ahelegbe answered with two treys of his own over the next two minutes to build its advantage to 44-24 with 17:12 left. The Panthers led by at least 20 points much of the rest of the way, holding as much as a 27-point advantage in the second half (66-39).

UNI shot 49 percent from the field for the game, and 40 percent on three-pointers, while North Dakota connected on just 37 percent of its shots and 29 percent of its treys. The Panthers dominated in the rebounding category, grabbing 40 boards to 24 for the Fighting Sioux. The Panthers also had a season-high 19 assists on just 22 made field goals.

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
21	Mertens	27	1-6	2-3	7	1	2	4
30	Harrison	28	4-8	1-1	3	0	2	9
12	Harkins	32	5-13	0-1	3	1	1	11
20	Porter	17	0-3	0-0	3	0	5	0
54	Joseph	8	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
4	Mathison	11	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	2
5	Mitchell	22	1-2	0-0	5	1	5	3
10	Monsebroten	7	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
14	Bledsoe	35	5-8	3-5	0	1	1	18
44	Benter	13	1-3	0-0	2	0	5	2
Totals		200	18-49	6-10	24	6	23	49

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	17	2-6	2-4	6	3	3	6
53	Eglseeder	22	5-7	2-3	7	2	1	12
5	Farokhmanesh	24	2-3	1-2	3	2	2	7
11	Ahelegbe	29	6-8	2-2	3	3	2	17
13	Moran	18	0-3	2-2	3	4	2	2
15	Montgomery	11	0-2	0-0	2	1	3	0
21	Brown	20	2-7	7-10	3	2	1	12
22	Dunham	21	1-2	3-4	4	1	0	5
32	O'Rear	18	2-3	0-1	3	0	2	4
Totals		200	22-45	19-28	40	19	16	69

Halftime -- UNI 38, UND 19. **3-Pt. Shooting** -- UNI 7-24 (Harrison 0-3, Harkins 1-5, Porter 0-2, Joseph 0-1, Mathison 0-2, Mitchell 1-2, Monsebroten 0-1, Bledsoe 5-8), UNI 6-15 (Farokhmanesh 2-2, Moran 0-3, Haak 0-1, Montgomery 0-2, Brown 1-3). **Turnovers** -- UNI 9, UND 13. **Blocks** -- UNI 1, UNI 4. **Steals** -- UNI 7, UNI 4. **Att.** -- 3,403.

Game 9: Iowa 65, UNI 46
Dec. 9, 2008

Carver-Hawkeye Arena -- Iowa City, Iowa

Iowa City, Iowa -- Jake Kelly had 19 points to lead the University of Iowa men's basketball team to a 65-46 win over UNI at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

UNI was led by Adam Koch and Johnny Moran, who each reached double-digits with 10 points. Jordan Eglseeder added eight points and grabbed a game-high eight rebounds.

Eglseeder and Koch each got off to hot starts for the Panthers, as the pair combined for UNI's first 12 points of the game. The score was even at 12-all when Kwadzo Ahelegbe got free on the left wing for a 15-foot jumper, giving the Panthers a 14-12 lead.

After Iowa's Matt Gatens hit a three to put the Hawks in front, 15-14, UNI went on a 7-0 run to quiet the home crowd. Ahelegbe drained two free throws, and Johnny Moran and Travis Brown each hit three-pointers to give the Panthers a 22-15 lead with 3:49 left before intermission. However, Iowa responded by scoring the final eight points of the half and took a 23-22 lead into the locker room.

Coming out of the break, Gatens hit a three, sandwiched around baskets from Kelly and Petersen, to extend Iowa's lead to 30-24 four minutes into the second half. UNI answered, as Moran drained back-to-back jumpers and Ahelegbe hit one of two foul shots to get UNI within 30-29 with just over 14 minutes left in the game.

But Iowa then went on a 12-0 run over the next six minutes to move in front 42-29 with 8:47 left in the contest, and that proved to be enough room for the Hawks. Travis Brown hit a three-pointer from the corner to get UNI within eight, 47-39, with 5:33 left, but the Panthers couldn't get any closer. Iowa hit all of its free throws in the final two minutes, ending the game with its largest lead of the contest.

UNI shot 45 percent from the field, but struggled from behind the three-point arc, hitting just 5-of-21 shots. Iowa connected on 50 percent of its shots and was 9-for-21 from three-point range.

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	28	4-7	2-3	3	0	2	10
53	Eglseeder	27	4-5	0-0	8	0	0	8
5	Farokhmanesh	30	2-9	0-1	3	5	4	5
11	Ahelegbe	33	2-5	3-4	0	4	3	7
13	Moran	34	4-11	0-0	2	1	2	10
10	Haak	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
21	Brown	21	2-3	0-0	0	0	3	6
22	Dunham	14	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
32	O'Rear	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Totals		200	18-40	5-8	21	11	16	46

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
23	Davis	27	2-4	0-0	2	1	1	5
44	Tate	27	1-4	2-2	6	0	3	4
5	Gatens	35	5-8	0-0	2	2	2	14
30	Peterson	35	6-11	4-4	4	5	1	18
32	Kelly	36	8-15	2-2	5	4	2	19
15	Bawinkel	13	1-4	0-0	2	0	0	3
20	Brommer	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	4	0
24	Fuller	16	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	2
50	Cole	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Totals		200	24-48	8-8	26	13	14	65

Halftime -- UI 23, UNI 22. **3-Pt. Shooting** -- UNI 5-21 (Koch 0-2, Farokhmanesh 1-7, Ahelegbe 0-2, Moran 2-7, Brown 2-3), UI 9-21 (Davis 1-3, Gatens 4-5, Peterson 2-3, Kelly 1-5, Bawinkel 1-4, Fuller 0-1). **Turnovers** -- UNI 11, UI 5. **Blocks** -- UNI 1, UI 0. **Steals** -- UNI 3, UI 7. **Att.** -- 9,935.

Game 10: Wyoming 74, UNI 65
Dec. 13, 2008

Casper Events Center -- Casper, Wyo

Casper, Wyo. -- Jordan Eglseeder scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, but Wyoming was able to earn a 74-65 win in the BlueCross BlueShield of Wyoming Shootout.

Eglseeder connected on 13-of-22 shots from the field, and also blocked three shots, while playing a career-high 31 minutes. Eglseeder's 31 points were the most by a UNI player since Ben Jacobson also tallied 31, in an 83-82 loss at Creighton on Feb. 9, 2005. Adam Koch had nine points, while Kerwin Dunham added seven off the bench. Brandon Ewing led Wyoming with 22 points.

The score was tied at 23 with just over five minutes left in the opening half. Dunham then drained a three from the corner to push UNI back in front, 26-23. After Wyoming got within two, 28-26, UNI got a short jumper and a free throw from Eglseeder, along with a layup from Kwadzo Ahelegbe, to open its largest lead, 33-26, with 2:18 left before the break. But Wyoming made three three-pointers in the final two minutes of the half, including a buzzer-beater from Ewing, to take a 35-33 lead into the locker room.

Wyoming extended to a four-point lead, 41-37, early in the second half, but the Panthers got even at 43-all after Koch nailed a short jumper. Dunham hit a pair of free throws to put UNI in front, 45-43, but Wyoming scored four straight to pull ahead, 47-45, with 12:47 left in the game.

Ali Farokhmanesh hit a three to put UNI in front, 48-47, and UNI held a 53-49 advantage with just under 10 minutes left. Wyoming took the lead back, 57-55, after Sean Ogirri drained a three pointer with 7:38 on the clock, but UNI fought back yet again. The Panthers were able to move back in front, 61-60, after Koch got free in transition for a layup, with just over three minutes left in the game.

But UNI made only two field goals the rest of the way, while Wyoming went 12-for-12 from the foul line down the stretch, to break open a close game and earn the victory.

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	25	3-4	3-3	4	0	5	9
53	Eglseeder	31	13-22	4-5	11	0	2	31
5	Farokhmanesh	31	1-4	2-2	2	0	3	5
11	Ahelegbe	32	2-10	2-2	2	4	1	6
13	Moran	14	1-5	0-0	1	1	3	2
10	Haak	19	0-1	0-0	2	2	2	0
21	Brown	14	2-4	0-0	2	1	2	5
22	Dunham	25	2-4	2-2	3	1	2	7
32	O'Rear	9	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0
Totals		200	24-55	13-14	35	9	20	65

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
11	Muojeke	31	6-14	2-2	5	0	2	15
21	Johnson	34	6-8	6-7	9	1	0	18
13	Linskens	22	1-5	0-0	3	1	3	2
00	Ogirri	39	2-6	0-0	1	4	1	6
23	Ewing	38	5-14	8-8	5	7	2	22
15	Waddell	12	3-7	2-5	1	0	2	8
25	Thiam	23	1-3	1-2	7	1	2	3
32	Diakite	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Totals		200	24-57	19-24	34	14	13	74

Halftime -- UW 35, UNI 33. **3-Pt. Shooting** -- UNI 4-12 (Eglseeder 1-2, Farokhmanesh 1-4, Moran 0-1, Haak 0-1, Brown 1-2, Dunham 1-2), UW 7-18 (Muojeke 1-4, Ogirri 2-5, Ewing 4-8, Thiam 0-1). **Turnovers** -- UNI 14, UW 9. **Blocks** -- UNI 4, UW 6. **Steals** -- UNI 3, UW 10. **Att.** -- 4,048.

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Game 11: UNI 72, South Dakota State 55
Dec. 21, 2008

McLeod Center – Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa – UNI shot a season-best 57 percent from the field as the Panthers rolled to a 72-55 win over South Dakota State.

Sophomore guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe scored 16 points to lead the way for the Panthers, while junior guard Ali Farokhmanesh added 14 and junior center Jordan Eglseder had 11 points and a game-high seven rebounds. Those three players combined to connect on 16-of-24 field goal attempts and were 7-for-9 at the free throw line.

Ahelegbe, Eglseder and Adam Rodenberg each had baskets in the opening moments for the Panthers. After SDSU's Anthony Cordova scored to get his team within 6-4, UNI broke the game open. Eglseder had a layup, Farokhmanesh nailed a three, and Ahelegbe drained a pull-up jumper in the lane, starting the Panthers on a 17-1 run.

UNI's defense was stifling during that decisive stretch, as it held the Jackrabbits without a basket for nearly eight minutes – SDSU missed all seven of its field goal attempts and had four turnovers as the Panthers built their lead to 23-5 with 5:47 left in the first half. UNI held at least a 15-point lead the rest of the way to the locker room, with Ahelegbe scoring the final four points of the half as the Panthers extended to a 40-19 advantage at intermission. UNI was 15-for-24 (63 percent) from the field in the opening 20 minutes, including making 3-of-4 from three-point range, while South Dakota State made just 7-of-25 shots (28 percent) and was 2-for-11 from downtown.

Freshman guard Johnny Moran had a layup and a three-pointer early in the second half as UNI extended its advantage to 24 points, 47-23. South Dakota State went on a 12-4 run to get within 51-35, but Farokhmanesh and Moran each buried treys to push the Panthers back up by 22 with 10 minutes left in the game. The Panthers had at least a 20-point cushion most of the rest of the way, cruising to the 72-55 victory.

Game 12: Indiana State 85, UNI 84 (2ot)
Dec. 28, 2008

McLeod Center – Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa – Despite a career-high 28 points from sophomore guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe, the University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team fell, 85-84, to Indiana State in double-overtime in the Missouri Valley Conference opener for both schools.

Ahelegbe was joined in double-figure scoring by junior guard Ali Farokhmanesh, who tied his career-best with 20 points, all of which came after halftime. Junior forward Adam Koch had 11 points and senior guard Travis Brown chipped in with 10 points and five rebounds off the bench. Indiana State also had four players in double-figures, led by guard Harry Marshall's 23 points.

Indiana State held a 23-18 lead late in the first half, before going on a 16-0 run to go in front by as many as 21 points, and ISU held a 41-24 lead at halftime.

UNI made a huge run in the second half, pulling within 56-54 with just over four minutes remaining in the game. After ISU extended its lead back to 61-54, UNI came back again, tying the game on a Travis Brown three-pointer at the buzzer and forcing overtime.

ISU held a 72-68 edge with 1:19 left in the first extra session. Farokhmanesh hit his fourth three-pointer of the game to get UNI within one, and after Marshall made one of two free throws with 32 seconds left, Ahelegbe drove the lane and tied the game at 73 with 19 seconds on the clock. UNI forced a Marshall miss as the horn expired and the game went to its second overtime.

UNI held a 79-77 advantage in the second OT, but the next time down, Carter drained a three and was fouled, making the free throw, to put ISU in front 81-79 with just under a minute to go.

Brown tied the game at 81 by making both free throws after he was fouled driving to the basket. Marshall was then fouled on the other end with 17 seconds left, and he, too, made both free throws to give the Sycamores an 83-81 lead. Ahelegbe got into the lane the next time down, but his shot would not go down. ISU's Reed grabbed the rebound, was fouled, and made both free throws to with six seconds left to seal the win.

Game 13: UNI 59, Southern Illinois 51
Dec. 31, 2008

SIU Arena – Carbondale, Ill.

Carbondale, Ill. – Johnny Moran and Kerwin Dunham each had 11 points, and Adam Koch added 10, to lead UNI to a 59-51 win over Southern Illinois.

Moran hit 4-of-5 shots from the field and was 2-for-3 on three-pointers, while Dunham was 3-for-5 from the floor and a perfect 3-for-3 on treys. Jordan Eglseder had six points, three assists, two blocks and a game-high 10 rebounds for the Panthers.

The win was UNI's first in Carbondale since the 1996-97 season, snapping an 11-game losing streak at SIU Arena. It was just SIU's third Missouri Valley Conference loss at home since the start of the 2001-02 season.

Kwadzo Ahelegbe hit a pull-up jumper followed by an Ali Farokhmanesh three-pointer from the right wing to put UNI up 10-6 early in the game. The Salukis rallied to take a 14-12 lead after five straight points from Kevin Dillard, but the Panthers responded with six straight points, including layups from Lucas O'Rear and Jordan Eglseder, to go in front 18-14.

After SIU got within 18-16, Dunham provided two key three-pointers during a 9-0 run that put the Panthers in front, 27-16, with 7:15 left in the first half. UNI was able to maintain its advantage the rest of the way to the locker room, and held a 33-24 lead at the break.

A Moran three-pointer early in the second half put UNI in front, 38-30, with 18:01 left in the game. Neither team scored for the next five minutes, with SIU's Kevin Dillard draining a three-pointer to end the scoreless drought. That spurred the Salukis on a 15-3 run over the next five minutes, as SIU moved in front, 45-41, with just over nine minutes left.

But UNI answered. Koch scored inside, followed by Eglseder grabbing an offensive rebound and getting a put-back, to pull the Panthers even at 45. With the game tied at 47, Koch took over. He was fouled on four straight UNI possessions, making 5-of-7 shots from the line, to put the Panthers up 52-47 with 2:56 left. Dunham then hit a three from the left wing to extend UNI's lead to 55-47 with under two minutes remaining. The Panthers then were able to seal the game at the free throw line.

South Dakota State (55)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
40	Cordova	23	5-9	0-0	5	0	3	10
44	Engen	10	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	1
1	Palarca	18	1-3	0-0	1	1	1	2
20	Ga Callahan	33	4-10	3-4	5	4	3	11
22	Tivis	7	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
3	Casey	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
5	Moss	19	2-5	0-0	3	1	2	4
10	Sargent	28	4-9	0-0	2	0	1	11
23	Williams	25	0-6	2-4	4	2	2	2
24	Cassaday	10	0-2	0-0	0	0	3	0
33	Gr.Callahan	26	5-8	1-3	6	0	3	14
Totals		200	21-55	7-13	28	8	20	55

UNI (72)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	25	3-4	0-0	0	0	2	6
53	Eglseder	22	4-7	3-3	7	1	1	11
5	Farokhmanesh	27	5-8	2-2	1	3	2	14
11	Ahelegbe	25	7-9	2-4	0	0	2	16
13	Moran	29	3-8	0-0	5	2	1	8
10	Haak	16	1-4	0-0	1	2	0	3
21	Brown	11	1-3	0-0	3	0	4	2
22	Dunham	24	3-4	2-2	3	1	2	9
43	Rodenberg	21	1-2	1-4	5	1	2	3
Totals		200	28-49	10-15	29	10	16	72

Halftime – UNI 40, SDSU 19. 3-Pt. Shooting – SDSU 6-23 (Engen 0-1, Palarca 0-1, Ga.Callahan 0-2, Moss 0-1, Sargent 3-7, Williams 0-4, Cassaday 0-2, Gr.Callahan 3-5), UNI 6-11 (Eglseder 0-1, Farokhmanesh 2-2, Moran 2-3, Haak 1-3, Brown 0-1, Dunham 1-1). Turnovers – SDSU 12, UNI 11. Blocks – SDSU 0, UNI 1. Steals – SDSU 2, UNI 0. Att. – 2,359.

Indiana State (85)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
44	Tunnell	42	4-6	3-4	7	1	3	14
0	Leitmaker	14	1-3	0-0	1	0	3	2
3	Reed	42	1-4	4-4	5	3	2	6
23	Marshall	48	6-17	9-14	4	6	2	23
32	Carter	37	5-10	3-3	5	2	2	16
5	Crawford	6	2-2	0-0	1	0	1	4
21	Martin	10	1-2	0-0	0	1	3	2
24	Printy	15	1-2	0-0	1	0	2	3
34	Richard	36	6-9	2-4	11	0	1	15
Totals		250	27-55	21-29	37	13	19	85

UNI (84)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	32	2-8	6-6	3	0	5	11
53	Eglseder	18	1-4	2-2	5	0	0	4
5	Farokhmanesh	35	7-11	2-2	1	3	5	20
11	Ahelegbe	46	11-19	4-5	3	3	4	28
13	Moran	41	2-9	0-0	3	1	5	6
10	Haak	5	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
21	Brown	33	3-8	3-5	5	2	0	10
22	Dunham	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
32	O'Rear	25	1-2	3-3	8	0	5	5
43	Rodenberg	4	0-1	0-1	1	0	0	0
Totals		250	27-63	20-24	35	9	26	84

Halftime – ISU 41, UNI 24. End of Regulation – ISU 65, UNI 65. End of 1st OT – ISU 73, UNI 73. 3-Pt. Shooting – ISU 10-25 (Tunnell 3-5, Reed 0-3, Marshall 2-5, Carter 3-7, Printy 1-2, Richard 1-3), UNI 10-24 (Koch 1-2, Eglseder 0-1, Farokhmanesh 4-6, Ahelegbe 2-3, Moran 2-6, Haak 0-1, Brown 1-5). Turnovers – ISU 15, UNI 14. Blocks – ISU 3, UNI 2. Steals – ISU 3, UNI 6. Att. – 3,462.

UNI (59)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	24	2-4	6-9	4	3	0	10
53	Eglseder	25	3-9	0-0	10	3	2	6
5	Farokhmanesh	21	1-3	0-0	2	1	2	0
11	Ahelegbe	29	2-3	4-6	1	2	2	8
13	Moran	30	4-5	1-2	3	0	1	11
21	Brown	15	3-6	2-2	2	0	3	8
22	Dunham	25	3-5	2-2	2	0	0	11
32	O'Rear	22	1-4	0-0	3	4	2	2
43	Rodenberg	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	0
Totals		200	19-39	15-21	30	13	15	59

Southern Illinois (51)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
35	Boyle	28	1-5	4-4	6	0	4	6
45	Fay	29	5-8	0-1	4	2	5	12
1	Dillard	34	6-14	2-2	1	5	1	16
10	Mullins	34	3-10	1-1	5	4	3	8
25	Hare	16	1-3	0-0	3	0	0	3
22	Booker	9	0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0
23	Bocot	14	1-2	0-0	2	0	2	2
24	Clemmons	16	1-5	0-0	1	1	2	2
31	Roundtree	6	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
55	Evans	14	1-3	0-0	4	0	2	2
Totals		200	19-55	7-8	29	12	20	51

Halftime – UNI 33, SIU 24. 3-Pt. Shooting – UNI 6-12 (Koch 0-2, Farokhmanesh 1-3, Moran 2-3, Brown 0-1, Dunham 3-3), SIU 6-16 (Fay 2-2, Dillard 2-6, Mullins 1-4, Hare 1-2, Clemmons 0-2). Turnovers – UNI 13, SIU 12. Blocks – UNI 3, SIU 4. Steals – UNI 7, SIU 5. Att. – 5,380.

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Game 14: UNI 78, Wichita State 54

Jan. 3, 2009

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa – UNI made a season-high 11 three-point baskets, and UNI shot 57 percent from the field in the second half, as the Panthers ran away from Wichita State in a 78-54 win.

Junior guard Ali Farokhmanesh led the way with 17 points, nailing 5-of-8 three-pointers, while sophomore guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe had 13 points and was 3-of-3 from behind the arc. Freshman guard Johnny Moran was also in double figures with 10 points, a team-high five assists, and three steals.

The Panthers got balanced scoring up and down the lineup, as all 10 players who saw the floor tallied at least four points. UNI's bench was especially productive, as it got 25 points and 15 rebounds from its reserves. Junior forward Adam Rodenberg led the way with six points and six rebounds in 15 minutes off the bench.

Wichita State held an 11-7 lead less than three minutes in courtesy of Clevin Hannah. The junior guard was on fire to start the game, as he scored the first 11 Shocker points, including draining a trio of three-pointers. UNI pulled within 15-14 on a Rodenberg layup, but WSU scored four straight to go in front 19-14 with just under 10 minutes left in the half.

Both offenses struggled for the next six minutes, as there were only two baskets scored during that stretch. After Farokhmanesh drained a three from the corner to pull UNI within 22-19, the Shockers put together back-to-back baskets to build their largest lead, 26-19, with 2:23 left. But the Panthers answered, scoring the last nine points of the half. Ahelegbe had a three-pointer and then drained a pull-up jumper right before the first half horn to give the Panthers a 28-26 lead heading into the locker room.

UNI held a 37-31 lead with just under 16 minutes to go in the game. Ahelegbe then hit a three-pointer, and Lucas O'Rear hit a pair of free throws, before Farokhmanesh got rolling and provided the key stretch of the game. The junior college transfer hit three straight three-pointers to build UNI's lead to 51-31 with just over 10 minutes to go in the game, and Wichita State didn't get closer than 16 points the rest of the way.

Wichita State (54)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
20	Clemente	25	0-4	0-0	10	1	3	0
25	Hawkins	26	1-4	2-2	2	1	1	4
41	Stutz	17	1-4	2-2	5	0	4	4
3	Hannah	25	5-9	0-2	3	1	4	14
23	Murry	24	4-10	1-1	7	1	3	9
0	Ellis	12	0-3	2-2	4	0	1	2
1	Steven	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
5	Britton	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
14	Hatch	19	1-2	1-2	1	2	0	4
22	Chamberlain	16	1-3	2-2	2	1	0	5
24	Kyles	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
31	Durley	17	4-9	0-1	1	0	3	8
33	Griskenas	8	1-1	1-2	0	0	2	4
Totals		200	18-50	11-16	39	7	22	54

UNI (78)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	25	3-5	2-3	3	3	1	9
53	Eglseder	16	1-4	2-3	4	0	3	4
5	Farokhmanesh	24	5-10	2-2	1	2	3	17
11	Ahelegbe	21	5-11	0-0	4	2	2	13
13	Moran	31	4-10	1-2	2	5	1	10
10	Haak	12	1-2	1-2	1	0	1	4
21	Brown	7	2-4	2-2	4	0	1	6
22	Dunham	25	2-3	0-0	1	2	1	4
32	O'Rear	24	1-1	3-5	3	2	2	5
43	Rodenberg	15	3-7	0-0	6	0	2	6
Totals		200	27-57	13-19	32	16	17	78

Halftime – UNI 28, WSU 26. **3-Pt. Shooting** – WSU 7-18 (Hawkins 0-1, Stutz 0-1, Hannah 4-7, Murry 0-3, Hatch 1-1, Chamberlain 1-3, Durley 0-1, Griskenas 1-1), UNI 11-19 (Koch 1-1, Farokhmanesh 5-8, Ahelegbe 3-3, Moran 2-4, Haak 1-1, Brown 0-1, Dunham 0-1). **Turnovers** – WSU 21, UNI 10. **Blocks** – WSU 3, UNI 4. **Steals** – WSU 6, UNI 11. **Att.** – 3,261.

Game 15: UNI 69, Creighton 66

Jan. 6, 2009

Qwest Center -- Omaha, Neb.

Omaha, Neb. – Freshman guard Johnny Moran scored a career-high 22 points and junior backcourt-mate Ali Farokhmanesh added 18 to lead UNI to a 69-66 win over Creighton.

Moran made 7-of-10 shots from the field and was 6-for-8 from three-point range, while Farokhmanesh made 7-for-13 field goals and a pair of treys. Four Panthers scored in double figures, as junior forward Adam Koch had 13 points and sophomore point guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe chipped in with 10. Koch grabbed a game-high nine rebounds, while Moran added eight boards. Both Koch and Ahelegbe had five assists.

The win was UNI's first in six tries at the Qwest Center, and snapped a 12-game losing streak overall in Omaha. Prior to tonight, the Panthers' last victory at Creighton was a 58-57 overtime win in the 1995-96 season, in a game played at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. It also broke a nine-game UNI losing streak to Creighton dating back to the 2003-04 season.

After Creighton led much of the way in the first half, UNI went on a late 7-0 run to take a 30-29 lead into the locker room at halftime. The Panthers were on fire to start the second half, hitting five of their first six shots, to extend their lead to its largest point, 42-33, with 15:39 on the clock. With UNI leading 49-42, Creighton made a run, scoring eight of the next nine points to go in front, 51-50, with just under 10 minutes left. CU built its lead to 57-52 with under eight minutes left.

But UNI rallied. The Panthers pulled even at 62-all with 3:51 left on a Koch layup, before Witter made a three on the ensuing possession to give the Bluejays a 65-62 lead. But Koch responded with a conventional three-point play to even the score at 65 with two and a half minutes left. Farokhmanesh then drained a tough baseline jumper to give the Panthers a 67-65 lead with 1:12 left. After CU made one of two foul shots, Farokhmanesh gave UNI a three-point lead by making two free throws with nine seconds remaining. Creighton's Cavell Witter misfired on a three just before the horn to give the Panthers the victory.

UNI (78)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	34	4-10	5-6	9	5	1	13
53	Eglseder	7	0-1	0-0	2	1	1	0
5	Farokhmanesh	31	7-13	2-2	3	3	2	18
11	Ahelegbe	31	3-9	4-7	1	5	5	10
13	Moran	32	7-10	2-2	8	0	3	22
10	Haak	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
21	Brown	11	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
22	Dunham	19	0-2	0-0	0	0	4	0
32	O'Rear	29	3-4	0-0	5	2	4	6
43	Rodenberg	3	0-0	0-2	1	0	2	0
Totals		200	24-49	13-19	34	16	25	69

Creighton

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
1	Carter	29	1-7	3-4	6	1	1	5
25	Lawson	18	4-8	0-0	1	0	2	8
10	Stinnett	31	4-9	8-9	4	3	4	17
12	Dotzler	19	1-4	1-2	2	4	1	3
14	Woodfox	23	4-9	2-4	2	0	2	12
3	Witter	28	2-6	5-6	5	3	3	11
13	Millard	19	1-1	2-2	2	1	3	5
15	Korver	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
30	Young	9	2-3	0-0	0	0	1	4
32	Harriman	10	0-1	1-2	1	0	1	1
41	Walker	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Totals		200	19-48	22-29	26	12	20	66

Halftime – UNI 30, CU 29. **3-Pt. Shooting** – UNI 8-19 (Koch 0-1, Eglseder 0-1, Farokhmanesh 2-6, Ahelegbe 0-2, Moran 6-8, Dunham 0-1), CU 6-18 (Carter 0-3, Stinnett 1-4, Woodfox 2-4, Witter 2-4, Millard 1-1, Young 0-1). **Turnovers** – UNI 16, CU 10. **Blocks** – UNI 1, CU 3. **Steals** – UNI 2, CU 6. **Att.** – 15,575.

Game 16: UNI 78, Missouri State 64

Jan. 10, 2009

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa – UNI shot an amazing 70.5 percent from the field, including 81.8 percent in the first half, as it won its fourth straight game with a 78-64 victory over Missouri State.

The Panthers made 31-of-44 shots from the floor for the game, with its 70.5 field goal percentage being the second-best in school history and the eighth-best field goal percentage in Missouri Valley Conference history. UNI's school record is 73.2 percent (30-for-41), set against Cleveland State on Mar. 6, 1986 in the quarterfinals of the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament. In addition, the Panthers' 14-for-18 field goal effort in the first half tonight (81.8 percent) was the school's best-ever shooting performance for one half, and the fourth-best in Valley annals.

Four Panthers scored in double-figures, led by forward Adam Koch's career-high 22 points. Koch also grabbed a team-best 11 rebounds to rack up his third double-double of the season. Joining Koch in double-digit scoring were center Jordan Eglseder (16 points) and guards Ali Farokhmanesh (13) and Kwadzo Ahelegbe (10).

The Panthers, who never trailed in the game, went inside often to start the contest. Ahelegbe got free for a back-door layup to start the game, and Eglseder had a pair of dunks, as the Panthers built a 9-2 lead at the first media timeout. Missouri State was able to get within 17-13, but the Panthers got a layup from Eglseder and a three-pointer from Farokhmanesh to extend to a 22-13 edge. The Bears got as close as six, 26-20, but UNI then went on an 11-2 run to open its largest first-half lead, 37-22. UNI went into the locker room with a 41-27 edge.

Missouri State made its first six shots of the second half, getting eight points from Wade Knapp, to cut the Panthers' advantage to 47-40 at the first media timeout. But Ahelegbe got inside for a layup and Farokhmanesh buried a three, stopping MSU's run. The Panthers held a double-digit lead the final eight minutes of the game, opening as much as a 21-point cushion, to cruise to the victory.

Missouri State (64)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
15	Knapp	25	6-10	0-2	2	1	4	12
34	Weems	25	2-12	2-3	2	2	2	6
2	Creekmore	19	1-3	4-4	4	1	1	7
00	Fuehrmeyer	38	2-4	3-4	0	1	1	7
12	ShLaurie	38	3-5	0-0	3	5	2	9
3	Cooks	29	5-11	4-5	6	2	3	16
30	Jehle	21	2-5	1-2	1	0	1	5
50	Rhine	14	0-3	2-2	7	0	0	2
Totals		200	21-53	16-22	27	12	14	64

UNI (78)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	31	7-8	7-10	11	4	1	22
53	Eglseder	22	7-8	2-4	3	0	2	16
5	Farokhmanesh	32	5-7	0-0	0	3	2	13
11	Ahelegbe	23	5-8	0-0	1	4	4	10
13	Moran	33	2-5	1-2	2	5	2	6
10	Haak	11	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0
21	Brown	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
22	Dunham	13	3-3	0-1	1	0	2	7
32	O'Rear	18	2-3	0-0	5	0	3	4
43	Rodenberg	9	0-2	0-0	2	0	0	0
Totals		200	31-44	10-17	26	17	10	78

Halftime – UNI 41, MSU 27. **3-Pt. Shooting** – MSU 6-21 (Weems 0-6, Creekmore 1-2, Fuehrmeyer 0-1, ShLaurie 3-5, Cooks 2-5, Jehle 0-2), UNI 6-12 (Koch 1-2, Eglseder 0-1, Farokhmanesh 3-5, Moran 1-2, Dunham 1-1, O'Rear 0-1). **Turnovers** – MSU 7, UNI 7. **Blocks** – MSU 1, UNI 1. **Steals** – MSU 4, UNI 4. **Att.** – 4,063.

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Game 17: UNI 58, Evansville 47

Jan. 13, 2009

Roberts Stadium -- Evansville, Ind.

Evansville, Ind. -- UNI used a stifling defensive effort to defeat Evansville, 58-47, at Roberts Stadium. The Panthers held the Purple Aces to a season-low 47 points, and just 33 percent field goal shooting.

UNI also held the Missouri Valley Conference's leading scorer, Evansville forward Shy Ely, to just seven points. Ely, who entered the game averaging 17.5 points per contest, made just 2-of-15 shots from the field on the night.

Once again, the Panthers had a balanced scoring effort. Nine of the 10 Panthers that played scored, led by Ali Farokhmanesh with 11 points and Kwadwo Ahelegbe with 10. Adam Koch and Lucas O'Rear each added eight, while tying for team-high rebounding honors with six.

Farokhmanesh drained a 25-footer from the right wing to give UNI a 12-9 lead, and the Panthers would not trail again. That deep trey started a 13-2 run by the Panthers, with senior guard Travis Brown delivering two three-pointers of his own during that stretch.

With UNI in front, 22-11, Evansville scored seven in a row to get within 22-18 with 2:52 left in the first half. But the Panthers answered, ending the half on a 6-2 run, with Ahelegbe draining a pull-up 15 foot jumper just before the first-half horn to give UNI a 28-20 lead at the break.

Junior center Jordan Eglseder, limited to just three minutes of playing time in the first half after picking up two early fouls, got the Panthers going to start the second half. He had a tip-in and a short jumper in the opening moments, as UNI scored the first six points out of the locker room.

That early spurt keyed what turned out to be a 17-5 run over the first 10 minutes of the second half, as UNI extended to a 45-25 lead halfway through period number two. Evansville missed 10 of its first 12 shots to start the second half. The Purple Aces never got the margin under double-digits the rest of the way, as UNI cruised to the victory.

UNI (58)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	33	2-6	4-5	6	3	2	8
53	Eglseder	9	2-5	1-2	4	1	4	5
5	Farokhmanesh	27	3-6	3-4	1	0	3	11
11	Ahelegbe	29	2-8	6-6	4	1	2	10
13	Moran	31	2-5	2-3	5	2	1	6
10	Haak	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
21	Brown	12	2-2	0-0	2	0	3	6
22	Dunham	16	1-3	0-0	3	1	0	2
32	O'Rear	32	4-5	0-0	6	1	3	8
43	Rodenberg	5	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	2
Totals		200	19-43	16-20	34	9	18	58

Evansville (47)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
4	Garner	26	5-7	2-3	5	1	2	12
5	Ely	36	2-15	3-4	7	2	1	7
41	van Tongeren	11	1-3	0-2	4	0	3	2
20	Williams	36	5-11	0-0	4	5	5	11
22	Holsinger	33	1-7	2-2	2	4	3	4
2	Lacey	13	0-3	0-0	0	1	2	0
32	Haarsma	15	0-1	0-0	3	0	3	0
34	Holmes	18	4-6	1-2	2	1	2	11
52	Hopf	12	0-2	0-0	2	1	1	0
Totals		200	18-55	8-13	32	15	22	47

Halftime -- UNI 28, UE 20. 3-Pt. Shooting -- UNI 4-15 (Eglseder 0-2, Farokhmanesh 2-5, Ahelegbe 0-1, Moran 0-3, Brown 2-2, Dunham 0-1, Rodenberg 0-1), UE 3-8 (Ely 0-1, Williams 1-1, Holsinger 0-2, Lacey 0-1, Haarsma 0-1, Holmes 2-2). Turnovers -- UNI 15, UE 13. Blocks -- UNI 6, UE 1. Steals -- UNI 7, UE 4. Att. -- 5,347.

Game 18: UNI 81, Drake 59

Jan. 17, 2009

Knapp Center -- Des Moines, Iowa

Des Moines, Iowa -- Freshman guard Johnny Moran scored 20 points and dished out five assists to lead UNI to an 81-59 win at Drake on Saturday at the Knapp Center.

Moran drained a career-high tying six three-pointers, and UNI tied a season-high with 11 treys for the game. A total of four Panthers reached double-figures in scoring, as Kwadwo Ahelegbe (16 points, five rebounds, four assists), Lucas O'Rear (11 points, seven rebounds), and Jordan Eglseder (10 points, eight boards) paced the balanced offensive attack.

UNI got out of the gates quickly and never looked back. Moran and Farokhmanesh each hit three-pointers in first two minutes of the game, as the Panthers moved in front 8-3. Ahelegbe then scored in transition, and followed that up by finding Moran in the corner for another triple to give the Panthers a 13-3 advantage, forcing a Drake timeout.

But UNI kept the pressure on out of that break, with sizzling three-point shooting as the catalyst. Ahelegbe buried a three-point from the top of the key, Travis Brown had a conventional three-point play, and Farokhmanesh hit a trey of his own during a 14-4 run that pushed UNI's lead to 27-10 with just under nine minutes left in the first half.

The Panthers connected on 58 percent of their shots in the first half - including 8-for-17 (47 percent) from three-point range - and built their lead to as many as 27 points, 46-19, with just over two minutes to play. UNI entered the locker room with a 47-25 lead, after holding Drake to just 39 percent shooting, 2-for-12 (17 percent) on three-pointers.

UNI put away any thoughts of a Drake comeback early in the second half, as the Panthers got a layup from Eglseder, two baskets from Ahelegbe, and a three from Moran in the first three minutes after half-time to open a 56-25 lead. UNI, which held Drake without a field goal the first nine and a half minutes of the second half, held as much as a 37-point lead (65-28) with just over 10 minutes left in the game, with its lead at 30 or more points much of the rest of the way.

UNI (81)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	26	2-3	1-2	1	4	0	5
53	Eglseder	17	5-9	0-1	8	1	3	10
5	Farokhmanesh	27	3-9	0-0	2	0	3	9
11	Ahelegbe	27	6-9	3-4	5	4	2	16
13	Moran	34	7-17	0-1	3	5	1	20
10	Haak	15	0-2	0-0	3	1	1	0
21	Brown	13	1-2	1-1	3	0	4	3
22	Dunham	14	2-2	2-2	0	1	2	6
32	O'Rear	24	5-7	0-2	7	1	2	11
43	Rodenberg	3	0-0	1-4	1	0	0	1
Totals		200	31-60	8-17	35	17	18	81

Drake (59)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
4	Heemskerck	20	1-4	0-0	1	1	4	2
31	Cox	32	4-9	2-4	10	0	2	11
44	Templeton	22	0-5	0-0	4	0	0	0
3	Stanley	26	3-6	4-4	1	1	2	11
20	Young	30	0-2	3-5	2	0	4	3
2	White	12	1-1	2-2	6	1	2	4
11	Baryenbruch	13	0-3	0-0	1	0	0	0
13	Avery	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
22	Eaddy	7	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	3
23	Parker	27	10-17	1-2	3	4	2	25
50	Hall	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Totals		200	20-49	12-17	30	7	19	59

Halftime -- UNI 47, DU 25. 3-Pt. Shooting -- UNI 11-26 (Farokhmanesh 3-8, Ahelegbe 1-3, Moran 6-13, Haak 0-1, O'Rear 1-1), DU 7-25 (Heemskerck 0-2, Cox 1-3, Templeton 0-4, Stanley 1-2, Young 0-1, Baryenbruch 0-3, Eaddy 1-2, Stanley 4-8). Turnovers -- UNI 4, DU 9. Blocks -- UNI 3, DU 0. Steals -- UNI 4, DU 1. Att. -- 6,213.

Game 19: UNI 66, Bradley 61

Jan. 21, 2009

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa -- Ali Farokhmanesh scored 17 points to lead UNI to a come-from-behind 66-61 win over Bradley at the McLeod Center.

Farokhmanesh hit 6-of-10 shots from the field, including 4-of-8 from three-point range for the game. He was joined in double-figures by Kwadwo Ahelegbe (13 points), Johnny Moran (11) and Adam Koch (11).

UNI was cold from the field to start the game, as it missed its first seven shots. Bradley took advantage and opened a 10-0 lead, before Ahelegbe made a layup with 13:16 on the clock to get the Panthers on the board. With Bradley in front 20-10, UNI scored six of the next eight points, capped by a Farokhmanesh three from the corner, to get within 22-16 with 4:57 left before halftime. UNI went into the locker room trailing 31-25.

After Bradley scored the opening basket of the second half, Farokhmanesh capped a three and Ahelegbe got inside for a layup to pull UNI to within 33-30 with 17:36 left in the game. Bradley responded, however, with a 10-2 run over the next four minutes to open its largest lead of the second half, 43-32, with just under 13 minutes left.

Bradley still held a 50-40 lead at the 10 minute mark, but that's when UNI made its move. Travis Brown got things started with a three-pointer from the left wing, and he also made a pair of free throws to get UNI within 50-45. Koch got free inside for a layup, and Lucas O'Rear was then fouled on a layup attempt. He made one of two foul shots to get the Panthers within 50-48, and tied the game shortly after on a tip-in.

UNI took the lead for good, 55-53, on a pair of free throws. Ahelegbe missed a short runner a minute later, but O'Rear was there once again to grab the offensive rebound and score, giving the Panthers a 57-53 lead with 2:17 left. Bradley hit a three-pointer to get within one, and the Braves got the ball back with a minute to play.

But UNI forced a miss, and O'Rear found Farokhmanesh with an outlet pass in the open court. Farokhmanesh then made a beautiful lob pass to Koch on the break, putting UNI in front 59-56 with 45 seconds left. Bradley missed a three-pointer on the next trip down, and Ahelegbe made six free throws in the final 30 seconds to seal the 66-61 win.

Bradley (61)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
12	Wilson	36	0-3	0-0	8	2	3	0
4	Collins	12	2-4	0-0	2	0	1	4
1	McCain	21	1-4	0-0	1	2	5	2
2	Dunson	37	6-12	3-3	2	0	3	20
3	Norris	14	2-5	0-0	3	1	2	4
5	Maniscalco	28	5-11	3-4	1	3	3	16
13	Brown	10	2-3	0-0	2	0	3	4
23	Roberts	21	3-6	0-0	3	1	1	7
54	Singh	21	2-4	0-0	3	1	2	4
Totals		200	23-52	6-7	29	10	23	61

UNI (66)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	32	4-7	2-2	3	1	4	11
53	Eglseder	11	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
5	Farokhmanesh	28	6-10	1-1	1	2	3	17
11	Ahelegbe	31	2-6	9-12	4	2	3	13
13	Moran	32	3-9	2-2	4	4	1	11
10	Haak	4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
21	Brown	23	1-2	2-2	1	1	1	5
22	Dunham	12	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	3
32	O'Rear	25	2-3	2-4	11	3	3	6
43	Rodenberg	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Totals		200	19-42	18-23	29	13	17	66

Halftime -- BU 31, UNI 25. 3-Pt. Shooting -- BU 9-22 (Wilson 0-1, McCain 0-1, Dunson 5-9, Norris 0-2, Maniscalco 3-8, Roberts 3-3), UNI 10-21 (Koch 1-2, Farokhmanesh 4-8, Moran 3-7, Haak 0-2, Brown 1-1, Dunham 1-1). Turnovers -- BU 14, UNI 14. Blocks -- BU 1, UNI 0. Steals -- BU 1, UNI 1. Att. -- 5,143.

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Game 20: UNI 78, Missouri State 69
Jan. 25, 2009
JQH Arena – Springfield, Mo.

Springfield, Mo. – Junior forward Adam Koch scored a career-high 30 points to lead UNI to its eighth-straight win, a 78-69 victory at Missouri State.

Koch hit 6-of-8 shots from the field and was an amazing 18-for-20 at the free throw line. The 18 free throws made was not only a career best for Koch, but was just one short of the UNI school record of 19, set by Bill McCoy vs. Bemidji State in 1970.

Koch was joined in double figure scoring by sophomore guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe who had 12 points, while forward Lucas O'Rear (9 points, eight rebounds, two assists) and center Jordan Eglseder (eight points, six rebounds, three assists) each had solid games inside for the Panthers.

O'Rear scored and was fouled, converting the three-point play, to give UNI a 10-8 lead with 14:34 on the clock in the first half. After the Bears pulled even at 10, Travis Brown hit a 12-foot jumper and Ali Farokhmanesh drained a deep three-pointer from the left wing to put the Panthers in front 15-10.

UNI maintained a slight lead until MSU's Spencer Laurie hit a three-pointer to put the Bears in front, 25-24, with 4:40 left before halftime. But that was the last time Missouri State would score before the half ended, as the Panthers ended the first 20 minutes on a 12-0 run. Eglseder had a pair of layups, and Farokhmanesh hit his second three with under a minute to go during that run, as UNI entered the locker room with a 36-25 lead.

Koch scored UNI's first eight points to start the second half, as the Panthers extended their advantage to 44-32 with 16:26 left in the game. UNI maintained a double-digit lead until MSU's Wade Knapp drained a jumper from the elbow to pull the Bears within 48-39 with 11:38 remaining.

Eglseder answered with an offensive put-back on UNI's next possession, and that started the Panthers on a decisive 19-6 run over the next five minutes, as they put the game out of reach. Six different UNI players scored during that stretch, with O'Rear (six points) and Koch (four) leading the way. After Brown drained a three from the left corner, the Panthers led 68-45 with just under six minutes left. Missouri State made five three-pointers down the stretch to cut UNI's lead to single digits with under a minute to play, but UNI was able to salt the game away at the free throw line.

UNI (78)								
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	22	6-8	18-20	2	1	3	30
53	Eglseder	21	4-7	0-0	6	3	2	8
5	Farokhmanesh	33	2-7	0-0	3	1	2	6
11	Ahelegbe	30	2-10	7-10	4	3	3	12
13	Moran	30	2-5	1-1	5	0	2	5
21	Brown	21	2-4	0-0	4	0	1	5
22	Dunham	18	1-2	1-1	4	0	2	3
32	O'Rear	22	3-4	3-4	8	2	2	9
43	Rodenberg	3	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
Totals		200	22-49	30-36	39	10	17	78

Missouri State (69)								
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
2	Creekmore	17	2-5	0-0	3	0	0	5
3	Cooks	31	3-13	2-5	7	3	5	9
15	Knapp	20	1-3	0-0	1	1	4	2
00	Fuehmeyer	20	0-3	0-0	0	5	1	0
12	Sh.Laurie	27	1-6	0-0	4	3	1	3
10	Sp.Laurie	21	4-9	0-0	1	2	0	12
23	McFarland	24	3-8	5-8	5	1	5	13
30	Jehle	15	4-4	2-4	1	0	4	11
34	Weems	18	5-8	0-0	6	1	5	12
50	Rhine	7	1-2	0-1	2	0	0	2
Totals		200	24-61	9-18	32	16	25	69

Halftime – UNI 36, MSU 25 3-Pt. Shooting – UNI 4-14 (Koch 0-1, Farokhmanesh 2-6, Ahelegbe 1-2, Moran 0-2, Brown 1-2, Dunham 0-1), MSU 12-32 (Creekmore 1-2, Cooks 1-5, Fuehmeyer 0-2, Sh.Laurie 1-6, Sp.Laurie 4-6, McFarland 2-5, Jehle 1-1, Weems 2-5). Turnovers – UNI 9, MSU 9. Blocks – UNI 1, MSU 3. Steals – UNI 2, MSU 3. Att. – 7,351.

Game 21: UNI 59, Illinois State 55
Jan. 28, 2009
McLeod Center – Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa – Junior guard Ali Farokhmanesh scored a game-high 17 points to lead UNI to a 59-55 win over Illinois State. The back-and-forth affair featured seven ties and six lead changes, and neither team held more than a five-point lead at any point.

Farokhmanesh was 6-for-11 from the field and 4-for-7 from three-point range, including several from well behind the arc. Once again, UNI had balanced scoring, as Kwadzo Ahelegbe had 13 points, Lucas O'Rear 10 and Travis Brown came off the bench to score nine. O'Rear, making his first career start, led the Panthers with eight rebounds and also had three assists and one steal.

Illinois State opened a 20-15 lead with 8:08 left after Emmanuel Holloway hit a jumper, but then Farokhmanesh started to heat up. He made a layup off an inbounds play, hit a three-pointer from the corner, and then bombed in a 25-footer in transition to put the Panthers in front, 23-22.

The Redbirds answered, and were able to build their lead back to five, 32-27, with less than three minutes before intermission. But UNI scored the final five points of the half to go into halftime tied at 32-all.

Illinois State scored the first two baskets of the second half to open a four-point lead. The Redbirds were in front, 42-39, when Kerwin Dunham drained a three from the corner to pull UNI even. After Jordan Eglseder made a free throw with 11:31 left in the game, UNI had its first lead of the second half at 43-42.

ISU scored four straight to move back in front, 46-43, but O'Rear grabbed a miss, scored, was fouled, and converted the three-point play to get UNI even. Brown then buried a three to give UNI a 46-43 lead with 6:55 left, and the Panthers did not trail again.

UNI had as much as a five-point lead, 53-48, with just over three minutes left, but ISU continued to fight. The Redbirds got as close as 56-55 with 19 seconds left after Champ Oguchi hit a three-pointer from the right corner, but Ahelegbe calmly drained two free throws right after that to build the Panthers' lead back to three. ISU's Lloyd Phillips missed a three-pointer on the ensuing possession, and Ahelegbe made one of two free throws with three seconds left to seal the 59-55 victory.

Illinois State (55)								
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
25	Oguchi	30	5-10	0-0	2	1	4	11
42	Odiakosa	26	5-8	0-5	6	0	3	10
0	Eldridge	37	2-8	0-0	4	1	3	4
1	Holloway	32	4-8	0-0	9	1	1	9
12	Phillips	34	3-9	2-2	3	7	3	10
3	Rubin	8	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	3
15	Odziec	9	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0
41	Sampay	19	3-6	0-0	5	0	2	6
Totals		200	24-53	2-7	34	11	18	55

UNI (59)								
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
32	O'Rear	34	4-4	2-4	8	3	2	10
34	Koch	32	0-8	2-3	6	1	0	2
5	Farokhmanesh	29	6-11	1-2	0	1	2	17
11	Ahelegbe	31	5-13	3-5	4	1	2	13
13	Moran	22	2-5	0-0	3	3	2	4
21	Brown	20	3-4	0-0	4	0	1	9
22	Dunham	18	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	3
43	Rodenberg	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
53	Eglseder	11	0-4	1-2	2	1	1	1
Totals		200	21-51	9-16	32	10	10	59

Halftime – UNI 32, ISU 32 3-Pt. Shooting – ISU 5-18 (Oguchi 1-4, Eldridge 0-3, Holloway 1-4, Phillips 2-6, Rubin 1-1), UNI 8-19 (Koch 0-2, Farokhmanesh 4-7, Ahelegbe 0-2, Moran 0-2, Brown 3-4, Dunham 1-2). Turnovers – ISU 11, UNI 10. Blocks – ISU 1, UNI 3. Steals – ISU 8, UNI 6. Att. – 4,536.

Game 22: UNI 61, Indiana State 57
Jan. 31, 2009
Hulman Center – Terre Haute, Ind.

Terre Haute, Ind. – Forward Adam Koch scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead UNI to a 61-57 win at Indiana State Saturday afternoon.

Koch scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half, rallying UNI from a seven-point halftime deficit to pick up its 10th straight win, which ties the longest winning streak in school history.

Koch was joined in double-figure scoring by center Jordan Eglseder (13 points) and guard Johnny Moran (12 points), while forward Lucas O'Rear came off the bench to score eight points – all in the second half – and grab five rebounds. UNI enjoyed a commanding advantage scoring inside, totaling 34 points in the paint to just 14 by ISU.

UNI was in front 17-16 with 9:51 left in the first half, but Indiana State then heated up from behind the arc. The Sycamores drained 5-of-6 from downtown over the next six minutes, part of an 19-8 run that pushed ISU to its largest lead of the game, 35-25, with 3:26 on the clock. Moran, who scored 11 points in the opening 20 minutes, then hit a tough pull-up jumper, and also drained a deep three from the left wing, to get UNI within 37-30 heading into the locker room.

Indiana State scored the opening basket of the second half to go up by nine, but UNI got two baskets from Eglseder and one from Koch to quickly pull within 39-36. The Panthers clamped down defensively, as they allowed ISU to make only two field goals over the first 12 minutes of the second half. O'Rear had back-to-back layups to give UNI its first lead of the second half, 46-44, with 10 minutes left.

The Sycamores moved back in front by three, 53-50, after Printy drained two free throws with five minutes remaining. But Koch scored six points during an 8-0 run that saw UNI move in front 58-53, with 1:48 left. ISU got within 58-57 with 35 seconds remaining after a Tunnell layup, but Ali Farokhmanesh then calmly drained both two throws to put UNI in front by three. ISU's Reed then missed a three-pointer from the corner, and Moran hit one more free throw to account for the final 61-57 score.

UNI (61)								
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	27	5-10	4-6	7	2	4	14
53	Eglseder	14	6-9	1-4	3	0	1	13
5	Farokhmanesh	28	1-3	2-2	2	2	2	4
11	Ahelegbe	33	3-6	0-0	4	1	3	6
13	Moran	31	4-9	3-6	5	2	1	12
10	Haak	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
21	Brown	20	0-2	2-2	1	1	1	2
22	Dunham	16	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
32	O'Rear	28	3-6	2-2	5	1	2	8
43	Rodenberg	2	1-1	0-0	0	0	2	2
Totals		200	23-46	14-22	32	9	16	61

Indiana State (57)								
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
44	Tunnell	31	4-7	2-3	5	1	1	10
0	Leitmaker	11	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0
3	Reed	32	5-11	0-0	1	3	1	13
23	Marshall	37	5-13	2-2	6	1	1	15
24	Printy	36	4-9	2-2	3	4	4	14
5	Crawford	10	1-3	2-2	1	1	2	5
10	Cutter	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
21	Martin	6	0-1	0-0	1	0	2	0
32	Carter	13	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0
34	Richard	21	0-3	0-0	6	0	3	0
Totals		200	19-50	8-9	29	11	16	57

Halftime – ISU 37, UNI 30 3-Pt. Shooting – UNI 9-19 (Koch 0-1, Eglseder 0-1, Farokhmanesh 0-2, Moran 1-3, Brown 0-2), ISU 11-24 (Tunnell 0-1, Reed 3-7, Marshall 3-7, Printy 4-6, Crawford 1-2, Carter 0-1). Turnovers – UNI 8, ISU 11. Blocks – UNI 3, ISU 2. Steals – UNI 6, ISU 3. Att. – 3,958.

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Game 23: UNI 61, Bradley 58

Feb. 3, 2009

Carver Arena -- Peoria, Ill.

Peoria, Ill. -- Freshman guard Johnny Moran drained a three-pointer from the left wing with five seconds left to lift UNI to a thrilling 61-58 come-from-behind victory. The Panthers trailed by eight points with less than four minutes to go, and six with a minute and a half left, but a flurry of treys from Moran and Ali Farokhmanesh brought the Panthers back to stun the 9,556 in attendance at Carver Arena.

UNI got a three-pointer from Travis Brown to build its largest lead of the game, 18-10, with 6:39 remaining before halftime. Bradley then went on a 7-0 run to get within 18-17, but the Panthers didn't give up the lead. UNI scored 10 of the next 13 points, getting three more inside baskets from Eglseider, to move back in front 28-20. UNI went into the locker room with a 30-25 advantage, with Jordan Eglseider scoring all 12 of his points and grabbing six boards in the opening half.

Trailing 38-34 in the second half, the Braves then went on a 10-0 run, capped by a three-pointer from guard Eddren McCain, to regain the lead, 44-38, with 9:12 on the clock. UNI got within two, 46-44, after a pair of Kwadzo Ahelegbe free throws, but Bradley then scored six straight to extend its lead to 52-44 with 4:20 left.

Bradley still held an eight-point lead, 54-46, with 3:30 left, when the Panthers heated up from downtown. Farokhmanesh got things started with a three-pointer from the right corner, and after UNI forced a Bradley miss, Farokhmanesh buried another three to get UNI within 54-52, with 2:40 left.

Bradley regained momentum by getting a layup from Dodie Dunson on the next trip down. Farokhmanesh missed a three-pointer, and BU's Sam Maniscalco was then fouled and made both free throws to build the Braves' lead back to six, 58-52, with 1:36 remaining.

On the next trip down, Moran drained a three-pointer from the left corner to get UNI within three, 58-55. The Braves then turned the ball over, and Farokhmanesh got free to hit another from downtown, getting UNI even at 58-all with 0:47.

After Bradley missed with 17 second left, UNI secured the rebound, and Farokhmanesh drove off a ball screen at the top of the key with eight seconds left, Moran curled back behind him, and Farokhmanesh found Moran behind the arc. The 6-2 freshman then buried his three-pointer with five seconds left to put UNI in front, 61-58. Bradley's McCain got off a three-pointer with one second left, but it misfired, and the Panthers earned the win.

UNI (61)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
34	Koch	22	1-1	10-10	4	0	4	12		
53	Eglseider	24	6-8	0-0	7	1	1	12		
5	Farokhmanesh	28	4-11	0-0	1	1	2	11		
11	Ahelegbe	34	2-5	2-3	2	7	4	6		
13	Moran	35	3-8	0-0	0	6	2	9		
21	Brown	19	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	3		
22	Dunham	8	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0		
32	O'Rear	26	2-2	0-0	7	2	4	4		
43	Rodenberg	4	2-2	0-1	1	0	1	4		
Totals		200	21-40	12-14	25	18	18	61		

Bradley (58)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
12	Wilson	30	5-10	3-4	5	1	3	13		
4	Collins	15	4-6	3-3	6	0	3	11		
1	McCain	26	1-3	0-0	3	3	3	3		
2	Dunson	28	1-7	0-1	3	1	1	2		
5	Maniscalco	36	6-13	6-7	1	1	1	19		
3	Norris	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2		
13	Brown	12	0-2	0-0	4	1	1	0		
23	Roberts	21	1-7	2-2	4	1	3	4		
54	Singh	22	2-4	2-2	2	0	2	6		
Totals		200	20-52	16-19	30	8	19	58		

Halftime -- UNI 30, BU 26. 3-Pt. Shooting -- UNI 7-15 (Farokhmanesh 3-7, Moran 3-5, Brown 1-2, Dunham 0-1), BU 2-13 (McCain 1-2, Dunson 0-3, Maniscalco 1-6, Brown 0-1, Roberts 0-1). Turnovers -- UNI 15, BU 10. Blocks -- UNI 3, BU 3. Steals -- UNI 4, BU 7. Att. -- 9,566.

Game 24: Creighton 77, UNI 71

Feb. 8, 2009

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa -- The University of Northern Iowa's 11-game winning streak came to an end on Sunday afternoon, as Creighton posted a 77-71 win over the Panthers in front of a season-high crowd of 6,234 at the McLeod Center.

UNI junior forward Adam Koch led all players with 23 points and a season-high tying 12 rebounds, including five offensive boards. Koch was a perfect 13-for-13 at the free throw line in the game, and has now made 25 consecutive foul shots. Koch was joined in double figures by sophomore guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe who had 16 points and four assists, while junior guard Ali Farokhmanesh added 10 points. Creighton was led by forward Justin Carter, who had 17 points, six rebounds and four assists.

Creighton opened a 10-7 lead to start the game, but UNI tied it on a three-pointer from Travis Brown. The Bluejays went back in front 15-12, but a pair of free throws from Adam Rodenberg and a layup from Jordan Eglseider gave UNI the lead, 16-15.

Creighton opened a four-point edge, 20-16, after a layup from Carter midway through the first half. But UNI scored six straight, culminated by a layup from Ahelegbe, to regain the advantage, 22-20. The lead changed hands three more times, before Creighton used a 5-0 run to open a 31-26 advantage with 3:18 left before halftime. UNI ended the half by getting a short jumper and two free throws from Koch to get the Panthers within 31-30 at intermission.

Koch scored five straight points in the opening minute of the second half to give UNI its largest lead of the game, 35-31. Carter and Booker Woodfox made consecutive three-pointers to push Creighton back in front, 37-35, at Creighton would not trail again. Those two treys were the start of a 15-4 Bluejay run that ended with CU holding a 46-39 lead with 1:30 left.

The Panthers got four straight foul shots from Ahelegbe to get within 48-45 with 13:03 on the clock, but the Bluejays answered with eight straight points to move in front, 56-45, at 8:45.

UNI made a run, getting within 62-57 after Farokhmanesh drained a three with just over five minutes left in the game. UNI was still within five when Creighton's Josh Dotzler made a key three-pointer to extend Creighton's lead back to 66-58 with just under three minutes remaining. The Panthers didn't get closer than six points the rest of the way, as Creighton made 9-of-12 free throws in the final two minutes to seal the win.

Creighton (77)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
1	Carter	29	7-11	2-4	6	4	2	17		
25	Lawson Jr.	19	5-7	2-3	5	0	3	12		
10	Stinnett	24	0-6	5-8	4	2	1	5		
12	Dotzler	27	2-5	1-2	3	4	2	6		
14	Woodfox	26	3-5	2-2	0	2	2	9		
3	Witter	13	0-1	4-4	0	3	4	4		
15	Korver	18	2-2	1-2	2	1	3	7		
30	Young	13	2-7	3-3	2	1	1	7		
32	Harriman	11	1-3	2-2	1	1	5	5		
41	Walker	20	2-4	1-3	3	0	1	5		
Totals		200	24-51	23-33	29	18	24	77		

UNI (71)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
34	Koch	31	5-11	13-13	12	1	5	23		
53	Eglseider	17	2-9	0-0	8	0	4	4		
5	Farokhmanesh	29	4-10	0-0	1	1	4	10		
11	Ahelegbe	33	2-11	11-12	2	4	0	16		
13	Moran	25	1-6	0-0	8	0	3	3		
21	Brown	22	3-8	2-2	3	0	1	9		
22	Dunham	20	1-5	2-3	3	0	5	4		
32	O'Rear	19	0-1	0-0	6	1	2	0		
43	Rodenberg	4	0-1	2-2	2	0	0	2		
Totals		200	18-62	30-32	49	7	25	71		

Halftime -- CU 31, UNI 30. 3-Pt. Shooting -- CU 6-17 (Carter 1-3, Stinnett 0-3, Dotzler 1-2, Woodfox 1-3, Witter 0-1, Korver 2-2, Young 0-1, Harriman 1-2), UNI 5-26 (Koch 0-1, Eglseider 0-1, Farokhmanesh 2-8, Ahelegbe 1-4, Moran 1-5, Brown 1-6, Dunham 0-1). Turnovers -- CU 11, UNI 12. Blocks -- CU 5, UNI 3. Steals -- CU 5, UNI 6. Att. -- 6,234.

Game 25: UNI 81, Southern Illinois 55

Feb. 11, 2009

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa -- Junior center Jordan Eglseider scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the University of Northern Iowa to an 81-55 win over Southern Illinois at the McLeod Center.

The 7-1, 290-pound Eglseider hit on 8-of-12 shots from the field, and scored his 17 points in just 15 minutes of playing time. Once again, UNI had a balanced scoring effort, as Kwadzo Ahelegbe had 13 points, Lucas O'Rear 11, and Travis Brown 10. Adam Koch, Ali Farokhmanesh and Adam Rodenberg each chipped in with eight points. A total of nine different Panthers scored in the game. Southern Illinois was led by Tony Boyle who had 20 points.

UNI broke the game open early. Leading 9-6, The Panthers scored seven straight points, including getting layups from Rodenberg and Eglseider. That was the start of a 21-8 run by the Panthers, which ended with another basket from Eglseider. That gave UNI a 30-14 lead with 6:46 left before halftime.

The Panthers kept their lead at double-figures the rest of the way to the locker room, holding a 38-23 lead at intermission. Ahelegbe and Eglseider were the first-half catalysts for UNI, as the duo combined to score 22 points, hitting 7-of-10 shots from the field and all eight of their free throws. UNI held SIU to less than 40 percent shooting (0-for-5 on three-pointers) and forced eight Saluki turnovers in the first half.

The Panthers kept up the defensive and offensive pressure in the second half, not allowing Southern Illinois to get closer than 13 points at any point after intermission. The final score (81-55) marked UNI's largest lead of the game, and the 26-point win tied for the Panthers' largest margin of victory ever over SIU.

For the game, UNI shot 54 percent from the field, while holding Southern Illinois to 36 percent shooting. UNI also won the rebounding battle, 36-30, and made 20-of-24 free throws to just 10-for-12 by Southern Illinois.

Southern Illinois (55)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
35	Boyle	30	9-16	2-4	7	0	1	20		
45	Fay	29	2-7	4-4	3	0	3	8		
1	Dillard	39	1-8	2-2	1	5	3	4		
23	Bocot	33	3-9	0-0	5	3	1	9		
25	Hare	20	3-9	2-2	3	1	5	10		
22	Booker	8	0-1	0-0	3	0	2	0		
24	Clemmons	28	0-3	0-0	2	4	3	0		
55	Evans	13	2-3	0-0	3	0	2	4		
Totals		200	20-56	10-12	30	13	20	55		

UNI (81)										
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP		
34	Koch	24	2-6	3-4	7	4	3	8		
53	Eglseider	15	8-12	1-1	9	0	4	17		
5	Farokhmanesh	25	3-9	0-0	3	1	1	8		
11	Ahelegbe	26	3-6	7-7	1	1	1	13		
13	Moran	28	0-3	3-4	2	5	0	3		
10	Haak	2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0		
21	Brown	22	3-5	3-3	1	1	3	10		
22	Dunham	19	1-3	1-2	3	1	2	3		
32	O'Rear	27	5-5	0-0	4	1	2	11		
43	Rodenberg	12	3-3	2-3	1	0	3	8		
Totals		200	28-52	20-24	36	15	19	81		

Halftime -- UNI 38, SIU 23. 3-Pt. Shooting -- SIU 5-16 (Fay 0-2, Dillard 0-2, Bocot 3-7, Hare 2-3, Clemmons 0-2), UNI 5-16 (Koch 1-2, Farokhmanesh 2-6, Ahelegbe 0-1, Moran 0-2, Brown 1-2, Dunham 0-2, O'Rear 1-1). Turnovers -- SIU 13, UNI 10. Blocks -- SIU 1, UNI 0. Steals -- SIU 3, UNI 7. Att. -- 4,575.

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Game 26: Wichita State 69, UNI 61

Feb. 14, 2009

Charles Koch Arena - Wichita, Kan.

Wichita, Kan. - Guard Clevin Hannah had 14 points, including making 4-for-5 on three-pointers, and also dished out seven assists to lead Wichita State to a 69-61 win over UNI at Charles Koch Arena on Saturday night.

UNI was led by junior forward Adam Koch, who had a game-high 17 points, while adding five rebounds, two assists and three steals. Junior center Jordan Eglseder added 13 points for the Panthers, while sophomore guard Kerwin Dunham came off the bench to contribute nine points.

Eglseder scored UNI's first seven points of the game, on a pair of layups and a three-pointer from the left wing. The score was even at seven, when WSU's Ramon Clemente scored inside to give the Shockers the lead for good. Clemente's basket was followed by a three-point barrage by the Shockers, as they drained 4-of-5 from behind the arc over the next seven minutes, part of a 20-6 run that saw them open a 29-13 lead with 8:02 left in the first half.

Wichita State moved in front by as many as 19 points, 35-16, with 4:45 left in the half, after Toure Murry was fouled on a three-point attempt and made all three free throws. UNI answered with a trey from Travis Brown, and baskets from Lucas O'Rear and Johnny Moran, to get within 35-23, but WSU ended on a 7-2 run to go into the locker room with a 42-25 advantage.

Wichita State shot 64 percent from the field in the first half, including making 7-of-10 three-pointers, with Hannah making all four of his treys in the first 20 minutes.

Wichita State was in front by 16, 48-32, when UNI made a run. The Panthers got a pair of baskets from Koch, as well as one from Ali Farokhmanesh, to get within nine, 48-39, with just over 10 minutes to go. A three-pointer from Dunham got UNI to its closest point of the second half, 54-47, with 5:06 left, but WSU's David Kyles answered the next trip down with a three-pointer of his own.

Dunham made two more three-pointers in the game's final moments to help keep the Panthers close, with his last one getting UNI within five, 66-61, with 44 seconds left. But J.T. Durley was fouled and made both free throws with 30 seconds remaining, and UNI could get no closer.

UNI (61)

Table with 7 columns: #, PLAYER, MIN, FG-A, FT-A, REB A, PF TP. Rows include Koch, Eglseder, Farokhmanesh, Ahelegbe, Moran, Brown, Dunham, O'Rear, and Totals.

Wichita State (69)

Table with 7 columns: #, PLAYER, MIN, FG-A, FT-A, REB A, PF TP. Rows include Clemente, Hawkins, Durley, Hannah, Murry, Ellis, Hatch, Chamberlain, Kyles, Griskenas, Stutz, and Totals.

Halftime - WSU 42, UNI 25. 3-Pt. Shooting - UNI 6-21 (Koch 0-1, Eglseder 1-1, Farokhmanesh 0-3, Moran 1-6, Brown 1-4, Dunham 3-6), WSU 8-18 (Hawkins 0-1, Hannah 4-5, Murry 0-4, Hatch 1-4, Chamberlain 1-2, Kyles 1-1, Stutz 1-1). Turnovers - UNI 9, WSU 8. Blocks - UNI 2, WSU 3. Steals - UNI 4, WSU 4. Att. - 10,502.

Game 27: Drake 47, UNI 46

Feb. 18, 2009

McLeod Center - Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa - Josh Young scored a game-high 16 points, 11 of them coming in the second half, to lead the Drake men's basketball team to a 47-46 win over UNI at the McLeod Center.

UNI was led by junior center Jordan Eglseder, who had his fourth double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Eglseder also blocked three shots and had a steal. Kwadzo Ahelegbe, Kerwin Dunham and Lucas O'Rear each added seven points for UNI, with O'Rear pulling in eight caroms.

Trailing 45-40 with less than four minutes remaining in the game, UNI fought back and gave itself a chance to win. Freshman guard Johnny Moran made an eight-foot baseline jumper, sandwiched in between free throws from O'Rear and Ahelegbe, to get the Panthers within 45-44 with 2:20 left.

Young then hit a pull-up 10 footer in the lane to push Drake's lead back to 47-44. After each team failed to score, UNI's Ali Farokhmanesh fired a three-pointer for the tie with 24 seconds left that missed, but Moran tipped the ball home to get the Panthers within 47-46. UNI then forced a Drake turnover, and worked for the final shot. The Panthers got the ball inside to Eglseder with five seconds left, and he was fouled while shooting. Eglseder was unable to connect on either free throw, however, and the rebound was tipped out to halfcourt and the clock expired, giving Drake the 47-46 win.

UNI shot out to a 7-2 lead to start the game, as Eglseder had four points and O'Rear a conventional three-point play. After Drake got within 10-7, Farokhmanesh hit back-to-back treys to push the Panthers to a 16-7 advantage. Drake got as close as 18-14, but UNI got a pair of free throws and a three-pointer from the right corner from Dunham to build its lead back to 23-14. Drake scored the last three points of the half to get within 23-17 at the break.

Young hit a trey to start the second half, but UNI got three points from Eglseder, and five points from Ahelegbe, as the Panthers built their lead to 31-23 with 14:34 left in the game. UNI led by seven, 35-28, but the Panthers then went without a field goal for nearly seven minutes. Drake took their first lead of the game, 39-38, after Young hit two free throws with 6:51 left. By the time Drake's 15-3 run was over, the Bulldogs had moved in front, 43-38, with a little more than four minutes left.

Drake (47)

Table with 7 columns: #, PLAYER, MIN, FG-A, FT-A, REB A, PF TP. Rows include Heemskerck, Cox, Templeton, Young, Parker, White, Stanley, Baryenbruch, Eaddy, Hall, and Totals.

UNI (46)

Table with 7 columns: #, PLAYER, MIN, FG-A, FT-A, REB A, PF TP. Rows include Koch, Eglseder, Farokhmanesh, Ahelegbe, Moran, Haak, Brown, Dunham, O'Rear, Rodenberg, and Totals.

Halftime - UNI 23, DU 17. 3-Pt. Shooting - DU 6-17 (Heemskerck 0-2, Cox 1-2, Templeton 1-4, Young 2-6, Parker 0-1, Baryenbruch 2-2), UNI 4-19 (Farokhmanesh 2-9, Ahelegbe 1-2, Moran 0-4, Brown 0-1, Dunham 1-2, O'Rear 0-1). Turnovers - DU 17, UNI 21. Blocks - DU 1, UNI 4. Steals - DU 8, UNI 7. Att. - 5,109.

Game 28: Siena 81, UNI 75

Feb. 21, 2009

McLeod Center - Cedar Falls, Iowa

Albany, N.Y. - Siena raced to a big early lead, and was able to hold off the University of Northern Iowa's comeback effort in the second half, as the Saints posted an 81-75 win. The game was part of ESPN BracketBusters Saturday.

UNI junior center Jordan Eglseder had his second straight double-double, and fifth of the season, with 16 points and a game-high 14 rebounds. He was joined in double-figures by sophomore point guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe, who had 13 points, and junior forward Adam Koch who had 11. Guards Ali Farokhmanesh and Travis Brown each chipped in nine for the Panthers.

Siena scored 11 of the game's first 13 points. The Panthers missed their first six shots from the field, and had four turnovers, in the first eight minutes of the game. The Saints extended their lead to double-digits, 14-4, after Hasbrouck drained a three-pointer, with 12 minutes left in the first half.

UNI would get no closer than that before intermission, as the Panthers' offense couldn't get untracked. UNI shot just 5-for-22 from the field (23 percent) in the opening 20 minutes, 1-for-10 from behind the arc. As cold as UNI was, Siena was equally as hot. The Saints were 17-for-31 from the floor (55 percent) in the first half, including 6-for-14 from three-point range. The Saints ended the half on a 9-3 run, as they went into the locker room with a 40-19 lead.

Trailing by their largest halftime margin of the season, UNI refused to fold, and fought back in the second half. Eglseder and Koch each had baskets to start the second 20 minutes, and the Panthers' offense began to click. Siena, however, was able to match UNI's scoring and the Panthers found themselves still down by 20, 57-37, with 11:20 left.

UNI then went inside, as Eglseder, Koch and Lucas O'Rear combined to score all 10 points during a 10-0 Panthers run that got UNI within 57-47 with 6:41 on the clock. Siena was able to move its lead back to 65-51, with Ryan Rossiter scoring six of the Saints' eight points during that stretch.

The Panthers got hot from three-point range late, hitting 4-for-6 from downtown in the game's final three minutes. UNI cut Siena's lead to as little as five points with less than a minute to go, but Siena made 10 free throws in the game's final 1:34 to hang on for the victory. UNI put up 56 points in the second half, its highest 20-minute total of the season.

UNI (75)

Table with 7 columns: #, PLAYER, MIN, FG-A, FT-A, REB A, PF TP. Rows include Koch, Eglseder, Farokhmanesh, Ahelegbe, Moran, Brown, Dunham, O'Rear, Rodenberg, and Totals.

Siena (81)

Table with 7 columns: #, PLAYER, MIN, FG-A, FT-A, REB A, PF TP. Rows include Rossiter, Franklin, Ubiles, Moore, Hasbrouck, Downey, Duell, Jackson, Wignot, Harris, and Totals.

Halftime - SC 40, UNI 19. 3-Pt. Shooting - UNI 7-25 (Eglseder 0-1, Farokhmanesh 3-10, Moran 1-6, Brown 3-6, Dunham 0-1, O'Rear 0-1), SC 7-19 (Ubiles 0-2, Moore 0-3, Hasbrouck 2-3, Downey 1-2, Duell 0-1, Jackson 4-7, Wignot 0-1). Turnovers - UNI 10, SC 8. Blocks - UNI 2, SC 3. Steals - UNI 4, SC 4. Att. - 8,065.

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Game 29: UNI 69, Illinois State 67 (2ot) Feb. 24, 2009

Redbird Arena -- Normal, Ill.

Normal, Ill. -- Adam Koch's putback as the final horn sounded gave UNI a 69-67 double-overtime win over Illinois State.

With the score tied at 67 and the shot clock off at the end of the second overtime, UNI freshman guard Johnny Moran drove the lane with five seconds left. He got to the rim, missing a contested layup. But Koch was there on the weak side and grabbed the rebound, releasing his putback attempt just before the buzzer sounded, and it went through the net to give UNI the hard-fought 69-67 win. Koch led all players with 25 points, with 10 of them coming after regulation time ended.

UNI held a 29-28 lead at halftime, as Koch and Eglseider each had nine points for the Panthers in the first half. UNI moved in front, 33-30, as Kwadzo Ahelegbe and Eglseider scored on the Panthers' first two possessions out of the locker room. Illinois State then scored eight straight, including getting three-pointers from Emmanuel to move in front 38-33.

After the Panthers got within one, 41-40, Illinois State moved back in front by five, 49-44, with 8:44 left, after Osiris Eldridge drained a three as the shot clock expired. But UNI got consecutive treys from Brown and Ali Farokhmanesh to regain the lead, 50-49. Koch hit two free throws to put UNI up 52-49 with 2:58 left, concluding an 8-0 Panthers run.

ISU's Champ Oguchi tied the game with a conventional three-point play, and then after Koch hit two more free throws, Oguchi gave ISU a 55-54 lead with 1:54 left in regulation with a three-pointer. UNI tied it at 55 with 54 seconds left on a Farokhmanesh free throw, and neither team scored again the rest of the way, as the game went to OT.

Sampay scored the first four points of the first overtime to give ISU a 59-55 lead. Koch then made 3-of-4 from the line to get UNI within 59-58, and after Eldridge made a free throw to put the Redbirds up by two, Koch tied the game at 60 with a 10 foot turnaround jumper. After ISU went up by two, Travis Brown grabbed an offensive rebound and scored to tie the game at 62 and the game went to the second OT.

Koch got the scoring started in the second OT with a three-pointer, but Oguchi tied the game at 65 with a triple of his own. O'Rear put UNI up with a hook shot in the lane with 1:47 left, and neither team scored on their next possessions. ISU's Holloway got free underneath for a layup with 25 seconds left to even the score at 67, setting up UNI's final shot and Koch's heroics.

UNI (69)							
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF TP
34	Koch	42	7-12	9-12	7	0	3 25
53	Eglseider	21	4-5	3-4	6	1	2 11
5	Farokhmanesh	40	1-10	1-2	5	5	2 4
11	Ahelegbe	24	3-8	0-0	2	2	1 7
13	Moran	39	2-6	0-2	8	1	2 5
21	Brown	34	3-5	2-2	7	1	1 10
22	Dunham	13	1-2	0-0	1	0	0 3
32	O'Rear	34	2-4	0-0	8	4	4 4
43	Rodenberg	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	2 0
Totals		250	23-52	15-22	47	14	18 69

Illinois State (67)							
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF TP
41	Sampay	41	8-15	3-5	12	1	3 19
0	Eldridge	33	3-13	2-4	6	1	4 9
1	Holloway	46	5-13	1-1	2	2	3 13
25	Oguchi	39	5-12	1-1	6	3	3 13
45	Holtz	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1 0
3	Rubin	7	0-1	0-0	1	1	0 0
12	Phillips	40	3-9	2-4	2	5	1 10
15	Odzic	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0 0
21	Thornton	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	2 0
23	Shipley	11	1-3	0-0	0	0	0 3
42	Odiakosa	23	0-4	0-1	6	0	4 0
Totals		250	25-70	9-16	38	13	21 67

Halftime -- UNI 29, ISU 28. **3-Pt. Shooting** -- UNI 8-23 (Koch 2-4, Farokhmanesh 1-4, Ahelegbe 1-4, Moran 1-4, Brown 2-4, Dunham 1-2, O'Rear 0-1), ISU 8-24 (Eldridge 1-5, Holloway 2-5, Oguchi 2-6, Phillips 2-5, Shipley 1-3). **Turnovers** -- UNI 17, ISU 9. **Blocks** -- UNI 5, ISU 2. **Steals** -- UNI 4, ISU 6. **Att.** -- 8,232.

Game 30: UNI 69, Evansville 62 Feb. 28, 2009

McLeod Center -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Cedar Falls, Iowa -- The University of Northern Iowa claimed a share of its first-ever Missouri Valley Conference men's basketball regular-season title, as UNI defeated Evansville, 69-62, in the McLeod Center.

UNI center Jordan Eglseider led the way 20 points and 13 rebounds. The 7-1 junior connected on 6-of-10 shots from the floor and 8-of-10 free throw attempts, while also blocking a season-high four shots. It was Eglseider's sixth double-double of the year and third in his last four games. He was joined in double-figure scoring by point guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe, who had 17 points and four assists. Senior guard Travis Brown added nine points off the bench. Evansville was led by senior guard Shy Ely, who had a game-high 26 points.

The Panthers held an 11-10 lead five minutes into the game, when Eglseider scored back-to-back baskets to extend UNI's lead to five. Ely scored for Evansville to pull the Aces within 18-14, but UNI then went on a 10-2 run to open a 28-16 lead with 6:41 left in the half. Adam Koch and Ali Farokhmanesh ended the run by draining back-to-back three-pointers, forcing Evansville to take timeout. UNI ended the half on an 8-0 run, getting a tip-in from Lucas O'Rear just before the first-half horn sounded, to take a 36-22 lead into the locker room.

UNI built on its lead in the opening stages of the second half, extending to as much as a 21-point advantage, 50-29, after Brown drained a three from the right wing with 14:07 left in the game. But Evansville then made a run, slowly chipping away at UNI's lead. Over the next 10 minutes, the Aces outscored the Panthers, 26-8, getting as close as 58-55 with just under four minutes to go.

But that was as close as Evansville would get. Ahelegbe scored four straight points to get UNI's lead back to seven, and Evansville didn't get closer than five the rest of the way. The Panthers hit seven free throws in the final minute to seal the 69-62 victory.

Evansville (62)							
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF TP
4	Garnier	37	4-7	0-1	4	3	4 8
41	van Tongeren	20	1-4	2-2	5	0	2 4
5	Ely	39	11-22	4-4	4	2	1 26
20	Williams	31	4-7	0-0	4	2	5 9
22	Holsinger	31	2-5	0-0	0	0	4 5
2	Lacey	19	1-1	0-0	0	1	3 2
32	Haarsma	18	1-2	4-6	5	0	4 6
52	Hopf	5	1-2	0-0	0	0	1 2
Totals		200	25-50	10-13	24	8	24 62

UNI (69)							
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF TP
34	Koch	26	2-7	1-2	3	3	4 7
53	Eglseider	28	6-10	8-10	13	1	2 20
5	Farokhmanesh	32	2-4	0-0	2	0	3 6
11	Ahelegbe	29	4-10	9-10	2	4	3 17
13	Moran	27	2-7	2-2	2	1	0 7
10	Haak	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0 0
21	Brown	23	3-5	2-2	1	1	3 9
22	Dunham	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0 0
32	O'Rear	25	1-2	1-2	5	0	2 3
43	Rodenberg	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0 0
Totals		200	20-45	23-28	31	10	17 69

Halftime -- UNI 38, UE 22. **3-Pt. Shooting** -- UE 2-8 (Ely 0-2, Williams 1-3, Holsinger 1-3), UNI 6-13 (Koch 2-4, Farokhmanesh 2-3, Moran 1-5, Brown 1-1). **Turnovers** -- UE 12, UNI 12. **Blocks** -- UE 1, UNI 6. **Steals** -- UE 3, UNI 3. **Att.** -- 6,190.

Game 31: UNI 73, Indiana State 69 Mar. 6, 2009

Scottrade Center -- St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo. -- Adam Koch and Kwadzo Ahelegbe each scored 19 points to lead top-seeded UNI to a 73-69 win over Indiana State in the quarterfinals of the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference men's basketball tournament.

Koch hit 7-of-10 shots from the floor and was 4-for-5 at the free throw line, while Ahelegbe was 6-for-13 on field goals, including 2-of-3 from behind the arc. Ahelegbe also grabbed a career-high seven rebounds and dished out five assists. Ali Farokhmanesh chipped in with 13 points.

With the score tied at 22, Koch scored to give the Panthers the lead. ISU's Harry Marshall drained a long trey from the top of the key to give the Sycamores a 25-24 advantage. Indiana State moved in front by as many as three, 32-29, but UNI got two free throws from Ahelegbe and a three-pointer from the corner from Farokhmanesh to move back ahead, 34-32. The teams went into the locker room even at 37 after Reed made a floater in the lane just before the first half horn sounded.

After the teams traded baskets to start the second half, Ahelegbe canned another triple and Koch scored to give UNI a 44-39 lead. The Panthers were in front, 48-45, before the Sycamores scored seven straight, culminated by a Carl Richard three-pointer, to move in front 52-48 with 11:40 left.

The Panthers pulled within 54-52 after a pair of free throws from Eglseider, but Indiana State then got a free throw and a three-pointer from Aaron Carter to open its largest lead, 58-52, with 8:47 on the clock. Koch answered for UNI, scoring twice inside, to get the Panthers within 58-56. After ISU drained a pair of foul shots to go back up by four, UNI went on a run that ended up deciding the game.

The Panthers scored nine straight points, taking the lead for good, 61-60, on an Ahelegbe pull-up jumper in transition with 4:19 left. After Farokhmanesh made one of two from the free throw line and the Panthers forced an ISU miss, Farokhmanesh came off a screen and drained a deep three to push UNI's advantage to 65-60 with 2:36 remaining.

UNI opened its largest lead of the game, 70-63, with 37 seconds left. The Panthers then missed three of their next four foul shots, and the Sycamores scored three straight baskets, getting within two, 71-69, with four seconds left. But Farokhmanesh was fouled, and the junior guard calmly stepped to the line and drained both free throws to seal the victory for the Panthers.

Indiana State (69)							
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF TP
44	Tunnell	36	6-10	3-4	8	3	2 17
0	Leitnaker	15	2-3	1-2	3	0	3 5
3	Reed	38	9-14	0-0	3	4	4 21
23	Marshall	28	2-7	1-2	2	4	3 7
24	Printy	34	2-7	0-0	1	3	3 5
5	Crawford	4	0-1	0-0	0	0	1 0
32	Carter	19	2-5	2-2	2	0	0 7
34	Richard	26	3-6	0-0	3	0	2 7
Totals		200	26-53	7-10	23	14	18 69

UNI (73)							
##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF TP
34	Koch	23	7-10	4-5	3	0	4 19
53	Eglseider	18	2-4	3-4	5	1	1 7
5	Farokhmanesh	30	3-4	4-6	0	0	1 13
11	Ahelegbe	34	6-13	5-8	7	5	1 19
13	Moran	23	1-5	0-0	1	0	1 2
21	Brown	23	1-3	1-2	3	0	2 3
22	Dunham	22	1-4	0-0	2	1	0 3
32	O'Rear	27	3-5	1-1	8	0	3 7
Totals		200	24-48	18-26	32	7	13 73

Halftime -- UNI 37, ISU 37. **3-Pt. Shooting** -- ISU 10-25 (Tunnell 2-4, Reed 3-7, Marshall 2-4, Printy 1-4, Crawford 0-1, Carter 1-2, Richard 1-3), UNI 7-13 (Koch 1-2, Farokhmanesh 3-4, Ahelegbe 2-3, Moran 0-1, Brown 0-1, Dunham 1-2). **Turnovers** -- ISU 8, UNI 9. **Blocks** -- ISU 3, UNI 2. **Steals** -- ISU 5, UNI 3. **Att.** -- 10,631.

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Game 32: UNI 76, Bradley 62

Mar. 7, 2009

Scottrade Center -- St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo. -- Adam Koch had 22 points and nine rebounds, and Kwadzo Ahelegbe added 21 points and four assists to lead UNI to a 76-62 win in the semifinals of the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference men's basketball tournament.

Koch hit 7-of-10 shots from the floor, including both his shots from three point range, on the afternoon. Five of his nine rebounds were on the offensive end of the floor, and he also chipped in with two assists and a career-high three blocked shots. Ahelegbe scored 15 of his points in the second half, and was a perfect 9-for-9 at the free throw line for the game. Jordan Eglseder and Johnny Moran chipped in with eight points each for UNI, while Travis Brown and Kerwin Dunham each added seven points.

UNI scored the first four points of the game, on a jumper from Ahelegbe and a layup from Eglseder. Bradley then went on an 11-2 run to take an 11-6 lead. UNI got within 14-12 after a Koch layup, but the Braves' Chris Roberts drained a three-pointer from the left corner to extend BU's lead back to five with 10 minutes left in the half.

The Panthers then embarked on a 16-6 run over the next six minutes, getting four points each from Koch and Dunham, to move in front 28-23. Bradley then went on a 7-2 run to pull even at 30-all, and the teams entered the locker room tied at 32.

UNI scored the first four points out of the locker room, and never trailed in the second half. With the score even at 38, UNI got a layup from Moran and a three-pointer from Koch to move in front by five. The Braves fought back to get as close as one, 45-44, with 11:57 left, but Brown and Dunham then hit back-to-back threes to push the Panthers' lead to 51-44. Ahelegbe made two free throws and drained a pull-up jumper in the lane to conclude a 10-0 UNI run, pushing the Panthers' advantage to 55-44 with 8:19 on the clock.

Bradley got within seven, 55-48, but UNI then scored six straight - including a three-pointer from Koch - to push its advantage to 61-48 with 5:39 remaining. UNI maintained its double-digit lead the rest of the way, earning the 76-62 win.

Bradley (62)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
12	Wilson	25	5-14	5-7	8	0	4	16
4	Collins	24	4-10	0-0	5	1	1	8
1	McCain	17	2-3	0-1	3	1	4	4
5	Maniscalco	37	4-11	4-4	1	3	4	14
23	Roberts	20	2-5	0-0	0	3	5	5
2	Dunson	29	0-5	4-4	4	1	2	4
3	Norris	19	0-3	0-0	1	0	2	0
13	Brown	15	3-4	2-2	2	0	1	8
50	Lavin	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
54	Singh	13	1-1	1-1	3	1	0	3
Totals		200	21-57	16-19	28	10	25	62

UNI (76)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	29	7-10	6-9	9	2	3	22
53	Eglseder	21	4-5	0-0	7	0	2	8
5	Farokhmanesh	14	0-2	2-2	2	0	2	2
11	Ahelegbe	33	6-14	9-9	3	4	1	21
13	Moran	31	4-9	0-2	4	3	2	8
10	Haak	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
21	Brown	23	1-4	4-4	2	1	3	7
22	Dunham	22	2-4	2-2	3	3	1	7
32	O'Rear	22	0-0	1-2	3	0	4	1
43	Rodenberg	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Totals		200	24-48	24-30	36	13	20	76

Halftime -- UNI 32, BU 32. 3-Pt. Shooting -- BU 4-19 (Wilson 1-3, McCain 0-1, Maniscalco 2-7, Roberts 1-3, Dunson 0-1, Norris 0-3, Lavin 0-1), UNI 4-17 (Koch 2-2, Farokhmanesh 0-2, Ahelegbe 0-2, Moran 0-4, Brown 1-4, Dunham 1-3). Turnovers -- BU 5, UNI 8. Blocks -- BU 1, UNI 6. Steals -- BU 3, UNI 2. Att. -- 15,333.

Game 33: UNI 60, Illinois State 57 (ot)

Mar. 8, 2009

Scottrade Center -- St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo. -- The University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team punched its ticket to the 2009 NCAA Tournament with a 60-57 overtime victory over Illinois State.

Kwadzo Ahelegbe gave UNI the lead for good with a pair of free throws with 16 seconds left that brought the score to 58-57. After the Panthers came up with a defensive stop, Ali Farokmanesh connected on a pair of free throws with 6.8 seconds left to seal the win for UNI.

Ahelegbe led the Panthers with 17 points, and Farokmanesh finished with 13. Adam Koch finished with six points, six rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots for the Panthers.

Koch gave UNI its largest lead of the first period when he knocked down a jumper at 4:15 to bring the score to 27-15. ISU scored the final four points of the half to bring the halftime score to 27-19 in favor of the Panthers.

Coming out of the halftime break, Eglseder extended the UNI lead to 10 with a short jumper. The Redbirds responded with a 9-0 scoring run highlighted by a fast-break dunk from Eldridge along with a long three that cut UNI's lead to 29-28 with 17 minutes to play.

UNI maintained its lead until Eldridge struck with NBA-range threes on consecutive trips to give ISU its first lead of the second half, 43-40 with 7:58 on the clock.

UNI regained the lead, but Eldridge hit his fifth three of the game to put the Redbirds in the lead by a pair, 46-44, but Travis Brown hit a jumper on UNI's next possession to knot the game at 46-46 with 4:34 left.

Oguchi gave the Redbirds the lead with less than a minute to play, knocking down a pair of free throws with 53 seconds left. Lucas O'Rear answered for UNI with 36 seconds on the clock to tie the game for the fifth time. ISU held for the last shot, and Eldridge's three-point attempt came up short to send the game into overtime.

ISU went up, 55-51, but Farokhmanesh hit his second three in overtime to cut UNI's deficit to one, 55-54 with three minutes to play. Oguchi and O'Rear traded baskets to keep the ISU lead at one, 57-56, with 53 seconds remaining.

Oguchi missed a layup with 23 seconds left, and Koch grabbed the defensive rebound. ISU fouled Ahelegbe, and the sophomore made both tries to put UNI in the lead, 58-57, setting the stage for UNI to earn the victory.

Illinois State (57)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
42	Odiakosa	33	1-7	2-2	10	2	4	4
0	Eldridge	37	8-19	0-2	6	3	2	21
1	Holloway	34	3-12	2-2	4	0	3	10
12	Phillips	35	0-7	0-0	3	1	3	0
25	Oguchi	32	4-13	4-4	2	0	2	14
3	Rubin	12	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
15	Odziec	7	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
41	Sampay	29	2-3	1-1	8	0	5	5
45	Holtz	6	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	3
Totals		225	19-63	9-11	37	9	19	57

UNI (60)

##	PLAYER	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	TP
34	Koch	34	1-4	4-6	6	4	3	6
53	Eglseder	18	4-8	0-1	3	0	1	8
5	Farokhmanesh	31	4-5	2-2	3	1	0	13
11	Ahelegbe	38	6-13	2-2	5	0	2	17
13	Moran	20	1-5	2-2	2	1	1	4
10	Haak	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
21	Brown	28	1-6	0-0	4	1	2	2
22	Dunham	18	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
32	O'Rear	27	2-3	4-4	4	0	2	8
43	Rodenberg	11	1-1	0-0	2	0	2	2
Totals		225	20-46	14-17	33	7	14	60

Halftime -- UNI 27, ISU 19. 3-Pt. Shooting -- ISU 10-35 (Eldridge 5-14, Holloway 2-8, Phillips 0-4, Oguchi 2-7, Holtz 1-2), UNI 6-19 (Koch 0-1, Farokhmanesh 3-4, Ahelegbe 3-5, Moran 0-3, Brown 0-4, Dunham 0-1, O'Rear 0-1). Turnovers -- ISU 7, UNI 10. Blocks -- ISU 5, UNI 5. Steals -- ISU 8, UNI 2. Att. -- 9,136.

Ali Farokhmanesh

Junior • Guard

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- Was named to the 2008-09 MVC All-Newcomer Team
- His 73 three-pointers made is tied for the second-most in UNI history in one season
- Shooting 40 percent (42-for-104) from three-point range in Missouri Valley Conference games
- Has made at least one three-pointer in all but three games, with 21 games of two treys or more
- Connected on at least two three-pointers in 16 of his last 19 games
- Has had six games of four or more treys
- Scored in double-figures 15 times on the season
- Made a pair of treys in overtime of MVC Tournament Championship game
- Hit two free throws in final 10 seconds to clinch MVC tournament wins against both Indiana St. (3/6) and Illinois St. (3/8)
- Hit three three-pointers in game's final 3:30 to help UNI come from eight down to beat Bradley, 61-58
- Junior college transfer had career-best 20 points against Illinois-Chicago 11/19
- Drained six three-pointers that night against the Flames
- Tied his career-high with 20 points in double-overtime game against Indiana State 12/28
- Scored all 20 of his points against the Sycamores after halftime, making 4-of-6 treys
- Poured in 18 points against Creighton 1/6, including making go-ahead jumper with 1:14 left
- Had 17 points, making 5-of-8 from behind the arc, against Wichita State 12/3
- Made four three-pointers and scored 17 points against Bradley 1/21
- Had 17 points and was 4-for-7 from downtown vs. Illinois State 1/28
- Connected on 4-of-6 three-pointers and scored 14 points versus Auburn 11/29

Farokhmanesh's Career Highs

- Points**
20, twice
- Field Goals Made**
7, twice
- 3 Pt. Field Goals Made**
6 vs. Illinois-Chicago (11/19/08)
- Free Throws Made**
4, twice
- Free Throws Attempted**
6 vs. Indiana State (3/6/09)
- Rebounds**
5 at Illinois State (2/24/09)
- Assists**
5, twice
- Steals**
2, twice
- Blocked Shots**
0
- Minutes Played**
40 at Illinois State (2/24/09)

Farokhmanesh's 2008-09 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	*DENVER	4-8	1-5	4-4	0-1-1	0	13	0	0	0	0	38
11-19	*at Illinois-Chicago	6-14	6-14	2-2	0-2-2	4	20	1	3	0	0	32
11-23	*TEXAS SOUTHERN	1-6	1-6	0-1	0-1-1	3	3	1	1	0	0	27
11-25	*CHICAGO STATE	2-6	1-4	2-2	1-3-4	1	7	1	2	1	0	22
11-28	*vs. #15 Marquette	1-6	1-6	0-0	0-1-1	3	3	1	1	0	1	26
11-29	*vs. Auburn	5-7	4-6	0-1	0-4-4	1	14	4	4	0	0	32
12-3	*IOWA STATE	2-14	2-12	0-0	0-1-1	3	6	1	0	0	1	38
12-6	*NORTH DAKOTA	2-3	2-2	1-2	0-3-3	2	7	2	2	0	0	24
12-9	*at Iowa	2-9	1-7	0-1	1-2-3	4	5	5	2	0	1	30
12-13	*vs. Wyoming	1-4	1-4	2-2	0-2-2	3	5	0	3	0	0	31
12-21	*SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	5-8	2-2	2-2	0-1-1	2	14	2	1	0	0	27
12-28	*INDIANA STATE	7-11	4-6	2-2	0-1-1	5	20	3	1	0	2	35
12-31	*at Southern Illinois	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-2-2	2	3	1	0	0	1	21
1-3	*WICHITA STATE	5-10	5-8	2-2	0-1-1	3	17	2	1	0	0	24
1-6	*at Creighton	7-13	2-6	2-2	0-3-3	2	18	3	1	0	0	31
1-10	*MISSOURI STATE	5-7	3-5	0-0	0-0-0	2	13	3	1	0	0	32
1-13	*at Evansville	3-6	2-5	3-4	0-1-1	3	11	0	1	0	1	27
1-17	*at Drake	3-9	3-8	0-0	0-2-2	3	9	0	0	0	0	27
1-21	*BRADLEY	6-10	4-8	1-1	0-1-1	3	17	2	1	0	0	28
1-25	*at Missouri State	2-7	2-6	0-0	1-2-3	2	6	1	1	0	0	33
1-28	*ILLINOIS STATE	6-11	4-7	1-2	0-0-0	2	17	1	0	0	1	29
1-31	*at Indiana State	1-3	0-2	2-2	1-1-2	2	4	2	2	0	0	28
2-3	*at Bradley	4-11	3-7	0-0	0-1-1	2	11	1	2	0	0	28
2-8	*CREIGHTON	4-10	2-8	0-0	0-1-1	5	10	1	1	0	0	29
2-11	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3-9	2-6	0-0	0-3-3	1	8	1	0	0	1	25
2-14	*at Wichita State	1-4	0-3	1-2	0-2-2	3	3	2	2	0	0	27
2-18	*DRAKE	2-11	2-9	0-0	0-1-1	2	6	1	3	0	1	24
2-21	*at Siena	3-11	3-10	0-0	0-2-2	2	9	3	0	0	0	32
2-24	*at Illinois State	1-10	1-4	1-2	0-5-5	2	4	5	0	0	2	40
2-28	*EVANSVILLE	2-4	2-3	0-0	0-2-2	3	6	0	0	0	1	32
3-6	*vs. Indiana State	3-4	3-4	4-6	0-0-0	1	13	0	1	0	1	30
3-7	*vs. Bradley	0-2	0-2	2-2	0-2-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	14
3-8	*vs. Illinois State	4-5	3-4	2-2	0-3-3	0	13	1	0	0	0	31

Farokhmanesh's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	33-33	104-256	.406	73-192	.380	36-46	.783	61-1.8	78	53	36	0	14	317-9.6

Brian Haak

Junior • Guard
6-1 • 180
Spencer, Iowa (Spencer)

#10

- Scored career-high six points against Texas Southern 11/23
- Was a perfect 6-for-6 at the line against the Tigers
- Had four points, two rebounds, one assist and a steal versus Chicago State 11/25
- Tallied four points in career-high 20 minutes against North Dakota 12/6
- Scored four points and grabbed one board against Wichita State 1/3
- Had three points and two assists in 16 minutes versus South Dakota State 12/21
- Grabbed career-high tying three rebounds at Drake 1/17

Haak's Season/Career Highs

Points
Season: 6 vs. Texas Southern (11/23/08)
Career: 6 vs. Texas Southern (11/23/08)

Field Goals Made
Season: 2 vs. North Dakota (12/6/08)
Career: 2, several times

3 Pt. Field Goals Made
Season: 1, twice
Career: 1, several times

Free Throws Made
Season: 6 vs. Texas Southern (11/23/08)
Career: 6 vs. Texas Southern (11/23/08)

Free Throws Attempted
Season: 6 vs. Texas Southern (11/23/08)
Career: 6 vs. Texas Southern (11/23/08)

Rebounds
Season: 3 at Drake (1/17/09)
Career: 3, several times

Assists
Season: 2, twice
Career: 3 vs. Northern Illinois (11/9/07)

Steals
Season: 2 vs. Denver (11/15/08)
Career: 4 at Indiana State (1/5/08)

Blocked Shots
Season: 1 vs. North Dakota (12/6/08)
Career: 1 vs. North Dakota (12/6/08)

Minutes Played
Season: 20 vs. North Dakota (12/6/08)
Career: 20 vs. North Dakota (12/6/08)

Haak's 2008-08 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	DENVER	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	2	19
11-19	at Illinois-Chicago	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8
11-23	TEXAS SOUTHERN	0-0	0-0	6-6	0-0-0	0	6	0	0	0	0	12
11-25	CHICAGO STATE	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-1-2	2	4	1	1	0	1	12
11-28	vs. #15 Marquette	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
11-29	vs. Auburn	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
12-3	IOWA STATE	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	6
12-6	NORTH DAKOTA	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	0	4	1	1	1	0	20
12-9	at Iowa	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
12-13	vs. Wyoming	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	2	0	2	1	0	1	19
12-21	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	1-4	1-3	0-0	0-1-1	0	3	2	0	0	0	16
12-28	INDIANA STATE	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
12-31	at Southern Illinois	DNP										
1-3	WICHITA STATE	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-0-1	1	4	0	1	0	0	12
1-6	at Creighton	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
1-10	MISSOURI STATE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	1	1	0	0	11
1-13	at Evansville	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
1-17	at Drake	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-2-3	1	0	1	0	0	0	15
1-21	BRADLEY	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
1-25	at Missouri State	DNP										
1-28	ILLINOIS STATE	DNP										
1-31	at Indiana State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2-3	at Bradley	DNP										
2-8	CREIGHTON	DNP										
2-11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
2-14	at Wichita State	DNP										
2-18	DRAKE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2-21	at Siena	DNP										
2-24	at Illinois State	DNP										
2-28	EVANSVILLE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3-6	vs. Indiana State	DNP										
3-7	vs. Bradley	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3-8	vs. Illinois State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Haak's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	24-0	5-20	.250	3-12	.250	8-10	.800	17-0.7	12	11	5	1	7	21-0.9
2007-08	26-0	14-31	.452	8-24	.333	6-9	.667	19-0.7	23	23	11	0	8	42-1.6
2006-07	9-0	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-0.1	1	3	2	0	0	0-0.0
2005-06	Redshirted													
Totals	59-0	19-53	.358	11-38	.289	14-19	.737	37-0.6	36	37	18	1	15	63-1.1

Kwadzo Ahelegbe

Sophomore • Guard

6-2 • 205

Oakdale, Minn. (Tartan)

#11

- Second team All-Missouri Valley Conference pick in 2008-09
- Named captain of the 2008-09 MVC Most-Improved Team
- Selected to the 2008-09 MVC All-Defensive Team
- Chosen to 2009 MVC All-Tournament Team
- Scored 17 points and grabbed five rebounds in MVC championship game against Illinois State (3/8)
- Has had 15 games of four or more assists this year
- Scored in double-figures in 22 games this season, including four straight
- Had career-high 28 points (11-of-19 shooting) against Indiana State 12/28
- Played 46 of 50 possible minutes that day in double-overtime loss to Sycamores
- Scored 21 points, including making all nine free throws, versus Bradley 3/7
- Had 19 points, career-high seven rebounds and five assists against Indiana State 3/6
- Had 18 points and six rebounds, with four assists, against Iowa State 12/3
- Followed that performance up with 17 points versus North Dakota 12/6
- Also had 17 points, dishing out four assists, against Evansville 2/28

Ahelegbe's Season/Career Highs

Points
 Season: 28 vs. Indiana State (12/28/08)
 Career: 28 vs. Indiana State (12/28/08)

Field Goals Made
 Season: 11 vs. Indiana State (12/28/08)
 Career: 11 vs. Indiana State (12/28/08)

3 Pt. Field Goals Made
 Season: 3, several times
 Career: 3, several times

Free Throws Made
 Season: 11 vs. Creighton (2/8/09)
 Career: 11 vs. Creighton (2/8/09)

Free Throws Attempted
 Season: 12, twice
 Career: 12, twice

Rebounds
 Season: 7 vs. Indiana State (3/6/09)
 Career: 7 vs. Indiana State (3/6/09)

Assists
 Season: 7 at Bradley (2/3/09)
 Career: 7 at Bradley (2/3/09)

Steals
 Season: 2, twice
 Career: 2, several times

Blocked Shots
 Season: 1, twice
 Career: 1, several times

Minutes Played
 Season: 46 vs. Indiana State (12/28/08)
 Career: 46 vs. Indiana State (12/28/08)

Ahelegbe's 2008-09 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	*DENVER	1-7	0-2	1-2	0-3-3	2	3	5	2	0	0	34
11-19	*at Illinois-Chicago	3-9	1-4	1-2	0-0-0	5	8	4	3	0	0	35
11-23	*TEXAS SOUTHERN	2-8	1-3	6-7	4-1-5	1	11	5	0	0	1	33
11-25	*CHICAGO STATE	1-5	0-0	3-4	0-1-1	2	5	1	3	0	0	28
11-28	*vs. #15 Marquette	5-9	1-2	0-0	0-1-1	1	11	5	2	0	2	28
11-29	*vs. Auburn	2-6	0-2	5-8	0-2-2	2	9	5	3	0	0	31
12-3	*IOWA STATE	7-16	2-7	2-2	0-6-6	5	18	4	0	0	0	38
12-6	*NORTH DAKOTA	6-8	6-8	3-4	0-3-3	2	17	3	2	0	0	29
12-9	*at Iowa	2-5	0-2	3-4	0-0-0	3	7	4	2	0	0	33
12-13	*vs. Wyoming	2-10	0-0	2-2	1-1-2	1	6	4	2	0	1	32
12-21	*SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	7-9	0-0	2-4	0-0-0	2	16	0	3	0	0	25
12-28	*INDIANA STATE	11-19	2-3	4-5	0-3-3	4	28	3	3	0	1	46
12-31	*at Southern Illinois	2-3	0-0	4-6	0-1-1	2	8	2	6	0	1	29
1-3	*WICHITA STATE	5-11	3-3	0-0	0-4-4	2	13	2	2	0	2	21
1-6	*at Creighton	3-9	0-2	4-7	0-1-1	5	10	5	2	0	0	31
1-10	*MISSOURI STATE	5-8	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	4	10	4	2	0	1	23
1-13	*at Evansville	2-8	0-1	6-6	0-4-4	2	10	1	6	1	0	29
1-17	*at Drake	6-9	1-3	3-4	0-5-5	2	16	4	0	0	0	27
1-21	*BRADLEY	2-6	0-0	9-12	0-4-4	3	13	2	6	0	0	31
1-25	*at Missouri State	2-10	1-2	7-10	1-3-4	3	12	3	1	0	1	30
1-28	*ILLINOIS STATE	5-13	0-2	3-5	1-3-4	2	13	1	4	0	1	31
1-31	*at Indiana State	3-6	0-0	0-0	0-4-4	3	6	1	1	0	0	33
2-3	*at Bradley	2-5	0-0	2-3	0-2-2	4	6	7	1	0	0	34
2-8	*CREIGHTON	2-11	1-4	11-12	0-2-2	0	16	4	1	0	1	33
2-11	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3-6	0-1	7-7	0-1-1	1	13	1	2	0	1	26
2-14	*at Wichita State	1-7	0-0	2-4	2-3-5	4	4	5	3	0	0	33
2-18	*DRAKE	2-6	1-2	2-4	0-1-1	4	7	2	1	0	0	22
2-21	*at Siena	2-7	0-0	9-10	0-4-4	4	13	2	3	0	0	33
2-24	*at Illinois State	3-8	1-4	0-0	1-1-2	1	7	2	4	0	0	24
2-28	*EVANSVILLE	4-10	0-0	9-10	0-2-2	3	17	4	4	0	0	29
3-6	*vs. Indiana State	6-13	2-3	5-8	1-6-7	1	19	5	2	1	1	34
3-7	*vs. Bradley	6-14	0-2	9-9	1-2-3	1	21	4	3	0	0	33
3-8	*vs. Illinois State	6-13	3-5	2-2	0-5-5	2	17	0	1	0	0	38

Ahelegbe's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	33-33	121-294	.412	23-63	.365	125-161	.776	92-2.8	84	104	80	2	14	390-11.8
2007-08	Redshirted													
2006-07	30-4	25-70	.357	14-39	.359	14-22	.636	33-1.1	41	37	33	1	12	78-2.6
Totals	63-37	146-364	.401	37-102	.363	139-183	.760	125-2.0	125	141	113	3	26	468-7.4

Johnny Moran

Freshman • Guard

6-1 • 185

Algonquin, Ill. (Jacobs)

#13

- Voted to 2008-09 Missouri Valley Conference All-Freshman Team
- Has had 11 games of at least two three-pointers
- Has 28 steals in conference play
- Three games this year with six three-pointers
- 11 games with double-digit scoring, including three contests of 20 or more points
- His three-pointer with five seconds left gave UNI a 61-58 win at Bradley 2/3
- Posted career-best 22 points at Creighton 1/6
- Made 7-of-10 field goals and was 6-for-8 on threes that night against the Bluejays
- Scored 21 points against Texas Southern 11/23
- Nailed 7-of-11 shots from the floor, including 6-of-8 from three-point range, versus the Tigers
- Had 20 points (including six treys) and five assists at Drake 1/17
- Tallied 15 points, five rebounds and two assists versus Chicago State 11/25
- Had 14 points and 10 rebounds in college debut against Denver 11/15
- First Panther to have double-double in his first UNI game since Brad Hill on 11/27/89 vs. Missouri Western (18 points, 12 rebounds)

Moran's Career Highs

Points
22 at Creighton (1/6/09)

Field Goals Made
7, several times

3 Pt. Field Goals Made
6, several times

Free Throws Made
6, twice

Free Throws Attempted
6, twice

Rebounds
10 vs. Denver (11/15/08)

Assists
6 at Bradley (2/3/09)

Steals
4 at Evansville (1/13/09)

Blocked Shots
1, several times

Minutes Played
41 vs. Indiana State (12/28/08)

Moran's 2008-09 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	*DENVER	3-8	2-4	6-6	1-9-10	3	14	2	1	0	0	33
11-19	*at Illinois-Chicago	4-10	1-7	0-0	2-2-4	0	9	5	3	0	1	34
11-23	*TEXAS SOUTHERN	7-11	6-8	1-3	0-5-5	4	21	4	2	0	2	28
11-25	*CHICAGO STATE	4-8	3-4	4-4	0-5-5	2	15	2	2	0	1	28
11-28	*vs. #15 Marquette	2-7	1-6	0-0	1-5-6	2	5	2	5	0	0	25
11-29	*vs. Auburn	3-4	1-1	6-6	1-2-3	1	13	1	3	0	1	31
12-3	*IOWA STATE	2-9	0-6	1-1	0-1-1	3	5	3	2	0	2	36
12-6	*NORTH DAKOTA	0-3	0-3	2-2	0-3-3	2	2	4	1	0	0	18
12-9	*at Iowa	4-11	2-7	0-0	0-2-2	2	10	1	2	0	0	34
12-13	*vs. Wyoming	1-5	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	3	2	1	1	0	0	14
12-21	*SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	3-8	2-3	0-0	0-5-5	1	8	2	1	0	0	29
12-28	*INDIANA STATE	2-9	2-6	0-0	3-0-3	5	6	1	2	0	1	41
12-31	*at Southern Illinois	4-5	2-3	1-2	0-3-3	1	11	0	2	0	1	30
1-3	*WICHITA STATE	4-10	1-4	1-2	0-2-2	1	10	5	1	0	3	31
1-6	*at Creighton	7-10	6-8	2-2	2-6-8	3	22	0	2	0	1	32
1-10	*MISSOURI STATE	2-5	1-2	1-2	0-2-2	2	6	5	1	0	3	33
1-13	*at Evansville	2-5	0-3	2-3	0-5-5	1	6	2	1	1	4	31
1-17	*at Drake	7-17	6-13	0-1	0-3-3	1	20	5	0	0	1	34
1-21	*BRADLEY	3-9	3-7	2-2	2-2-4	1	11	4	1	0	0	32
1-25	*at Missouri State	2-5	0-2	1-1	0-5-5	2	5	0	2	0	1	30
1-28	*ILLINOIS STATE	2-5	0-2	0-0	0-3-3	2	5	3	1	0	1	22
1-31	*at Indiana State	4-9	1-3	3-6	1-4-5	1	12	2	1	0	2	31
2-3	*at Bradley	3-8	3-5	0-0	0-0-0	2	9	6	1	0	3	35
2-8	*CREIGHTON	1-6	1-5	0-0	1-7-8	3	3	0	1	1	1	25
2-11	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-3	0-2	3-4	2-0-2	0	3	5	1	0	1	28
2-14	*at Wichita State	2-9	1-6	2-2	1-4-5	2	7	1	1	0	0	37
2-18	*DRAKE	2-7	0-4	2-2	4-3-7	3	6	1	5	1	3	34
2-21	*at Siena	3-9	1-6	0-0	1-0-1	1	7	2	1	0	2	25
2-24	*at Illinois State	2-6	1-4	0-2	1-7-8	2	5	2	4	0	1	39
2-28	*EVANSVILLE	2-7	1-5	2-2	0-2-2	0	7	1	1	0	1	27
3-6	*vs. Indiana State	1-5	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	1	2	0	2	0	0	23
3-7	*vs. Bradley	4-9	0-4	0-2	1-3-4	2	8	3	0	0	1	31
3-8	*vs. Illinois State	1-5	0-3	2-2	0-2-2	1	4	1	3	0	0	20

Moran's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	33-33	93-247	.377	48-148	.324	44-59	.746	128-3.9	60	73	57	3	38	278-8.4

Travis Brown

Senior • Guard

6-3 • 205

#21

Richfield, Minn. (Richfield)

- Selected to the 2008-09 All-MVC Bench Team
- Tallied season-high 14 points (4-of-8 shooting, 4-of-4 free throws) versus Chicago State 11/25
- Made a pair of three-pointers against the Cougars
- Recorded 12 points versus North Dakota 12/6
- Made career-high seven free throws against the Fighting Sioux
- Drained 3-of-4 three-pointers against Illinois State 1/28
- Scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds in double-overtime win over Illinois State 2/24
- His putback with 11 seconds left in the first overtime tied the game against the Redbirds and forced the second extra session
- Had 10 points in season-best 33 minutes versus Indiana State
- His three-pointer from the top of the key with one second left against ISU forced overtime
- Scored 10 points against Southern Illinois 2/11
- Scored nine points and grabbed three rebounds versus Creighton 2/8
- Made three three-pointers at Siena 2/21
- Had eight points, all in the first half, at Southern Illinois 12/31

Brown's Season/Career Highs

Points

Season: 14 vs. Chicago State (11/25/08)
 Career: 16, several times

Field Goals Made

Season: 4 vs. Chicago State (11/25/08)
 Career: 7 vs. Iowa State (11/29/06)

3 Pt. Field Goals Made

Season: 3, twice
 Career: 4, twice

Free Throws Made

Season: 7 vs. North Dakota (12/6/08)
 Career: 7 vs. North Dakota (12/6/08)

Free Throws Attempted

Season: 10 vs. North Dakota (12/6/08)
 Career: 10 vs. North Dakota (12/6/08)

Rebounds

Season: 7 at Illinois State (2/24/09)
 Career: 7, several times

Assists

Season: 2, several times
 Career: 3, several times

Steals

Season: 2 vs. Illinois State (1/28/09)
 Career: 2, several times

Blocked Shots

Season: 1, twice
 Career: 1, several times

Minutes Played

Season: 34 at Illinois State (2/24/09)
 Career: 38 vs. Iowa State (11/29/06)

Brown's 2008-09 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	DENVER	1-4	1-2	0-0	2-2-4	3	3	2	1	0	0	17
11-19	at Illinois-Chicago	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	2	0	0	11
11-23	TEXAS SOUTHERN	1-3	1-2	0-0	1-4-5	2	3	1	0	0	0	19
11-25	CHICAGO STATE	4-8	2-5	4-4	0-1-1	3	14	0	0	0	0	18
11-28	vs. #15 Marquette	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2-2	4	0	1	5	0	0	17
11-29	vs. Auburn	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-1-1	2	6	0	1	0	0	12
12-3	IOWA STATE	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-1-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	10
12-6	NORTH DAKOTA	2-7	1-3	7-10	2-1-3	1	12	2	4	0	0	20
12-9	at Iowa	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-0-0	3	6	0	0	0	1	21
12-13	vs. Wyoming	2-4	1-2	0-0	0-2-2	2	5	1	1	0	0	14
12-21	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-2-3	4	2	0	2	0	0	11
12-28	INDIANA STATE	3-8	1-5	3-5	2-3-5	0	10	2	1	0	0	33
12-31	at Southern Illinois	3-6	0-1	2-2	0-2-2	3	8	0	0	0	0	15
1-3	WICHITA STATE	2-4	0-1	2-2	1-3-4	1	6	0	0	0	0	7
1-6	at Creighton	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
1-10	MISSOURI STATE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8
1-13	at Evansville	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-2-2	3	6	0	1	0	0	12
1-17	at Drake	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-2-3	4	3	0	0	0	0	13
1-21	BRADLEY	1-2	1-1	2-2	0-1-1	1	5	1	1	0	0	23
1-25	at Missouri State	2-4	1-2	0-0	1-3-4	1	5	0	1	0	0	21
1-28	ILLINOIS STATE	3-4	3-4	0-0	0-4-4	1	9	0	1	0	2	20
1-31	at Indiana State	0-2	0-2	2-2	0-1-1	1	2	1	0	0	0	20
2-3	at Bradley	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1-1	2	3	1	1	0	0	19
2-8	CREIGHTON	3-8	1-6	2-2	2-1-3	1	9	0	0	0	0	22
2-11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3-5	1-2	3-3	1-0-1	3	10	1	2	0	0	22
2-14	at Wichita State	1-7	1-4	1-2	0-4-4	3	4	0	0	1	0	21
2-18	DRAKE	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	1	0	1	3	0	0	13
2-21	at Siena	3-6	3-6	0-0	0-1-1	3	9	0	1	0	1	23
2-24	at Illinois State	3-5	2-4	2-2	1-6-7	1	10	1	1	0	0	34
2-28	EVANSVILLE	3-5	1-1	2-2	0-1-1	3	9	1	0	0	1	23
3-6	vs. Indiana State	1-3	0-1	1-2	1-2-3	2	3	0	0	0	0	23
3-7	vs. Bradley	1-4	1-4	4-4	0-2-2	3	7	1	1	1	0	23
3-8	vs. Illinois State	1-6	0-4	0-0	1-3-4	2	2	1	2	0	1	28

Brown's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	33-0	53-128	.414	29-78	.372	38-45	.844	79-2.4	69	18	32	2	6	173-5.2
2007-08	31-28	73-189	.386	32-90	.356	28-43	.651	58-1.9	83	28	32	1	12	206-6.6
2006-07	31-27	85-205	.415	35-105	.333	39-50	.780	58-1.9	83	19	44	1	12	244-7.9
2005-06	28-0	31-69	.449	16-34	.471	19-22	.864	33-1.2	26	4	17	0	7	97-3.5
Totals	123-55	242-591	.409	112-307	.365	124-160	.775	228-1.9	261	74	125	4	37	720-5.9

Kerwin Dunham

Sophomore • Guard

6-6 • 205

#22

Bondurant, Iowa (Bondurant-Farrar)

- Season-best 11 points, including going 3-for-3 on three-pointers, at Southern Illinois 12/31
- Scored nine points, making 3-of-4 field goals, against South Dakota State 12/21
- Also had nine points, making three three-pointers, at Wichita State 2/14
- Had eight points and career-high four rebounds against Iowa State 12/3
- His three-pointer with five seconds remaining forced overtime against the Cyclones
- Talled seven points and dished out season-high three assists against Bradley 3/7
- Recorded seven points and grabbed three rebounds against Wyoming 12/13
- Had seven points in just 13 minutes against Missouri State 1/10
- Had six points and one assist at Drake 1/17
- Started first four games of the season

Dunham's Season/Career Highs

Points
 Season: 11 at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
 Career: 13 at Southern Illinois (2/20/08)

Field Goals Made
 Season: 3, several times
 Career: 5 at Southern Illinois (2/20/08)

3 Pt. Field Goals Made
 Season: 3, twice
 Career: 3, twice

Free Throws Made
 Season: 5, twice
 Career: 5, several times

Free Throws Attempted
 Season: 6 vs. Iowa State (12/3/08)
 Career: 6 vs. Iowa State (12/3/08)

Dunham's 2008-09 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	*DENVER	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
11-19	*at Illinois-Chicago	0-2	0-0	5-5	1-2-3	3	5	2	0	0	0	22
11-23	*TEXAS SOUTHERN	2-5	0-2	0-0	2-1-3	5	4	2	1	0	1	32
11-25	*CHICAGO STATE	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	2	0	2	3	0	0	21
11-28	vs. #15 Marquette	2-6	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	2	4	1	0	0	0	13
11-29	vs. Auburn	1-2	0-1	1-2	0-1-1	0	3	1	1	0	0	18
12-3	IOWA STATE	1-2	1-1	5-6	0-4-4	1	8	1	1	0	0	24
12-6	NORTH DAKOTA	1-2	0-0	3-4	2-2-4	0	5	1	1	0	1	21
12-9	at Iowa	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	1	14
12-13	vs. Wyoming	2-4	1-2	2-2	0-3-3	2	7	1	0	0	0	25
12-21	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	3-4	1-1	2-2	1-2-3	2	9	1	0	0	0	24
12-28	INDIANA STATE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	1	0	1	11
12-31	Southern Illinois	3-5	3-3	2-2	0-2-2	0	11	0	0	0	0	25
1-3	WICHITA STATE	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	1	4	2	0	0	4	25
1-6	at Creighton	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	4	0	0	2	0	0	19
1-10	MISSOURI STATE	3-3	1-1	0-1	0-1-1	2	7	0	0	0	0	13
1-13	at Evansville	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-3-3	0	2	1	1	0	0	16
1-17	at Drake	2-2	0-0	2-2	0-0-0	2	6	1	1	0	0	14
1-21	BRADLEY	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	3	0	0	0	0	12
1-25	at Missouri State	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-4-4	2	3	0	0	0	0	18
1-28	ILLINOIS STATE	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	18
1-31	at Indiana State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
2-3	at Bradley	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
2-8	CREIGHTON	1-5	0-1	2-3	2-1-3	5	4	0	1	0	0	20
2-11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	1-3	0-2	1-2	1-2-3	2	3	1	1	0	1	19
2-14	at Wichita State	3-8	3-6	0-0	0-3-3	1	9	0	0	0	0	22
2-18	DRAKE	2-3	1-2	2-2	0-1-1	0	7	1	0	0	1	19
2-21	at Siena	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	2	2	1	0	0	0	14
2-24	at Illinois State	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1-1	0	3	0	0	0	0	13
2-28	EVANSVILLE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
3-6	vs. Indiana State	1-4	1-2	0-0	0-2-2	0	3	1	0	0	1	22
3-7	vs. Bradley	2-4	1-3	2-2	1-2-3	1	7	3	0	0	0	22
3-8	vs. Illinois State	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	18

Rebounds
 Season: 4, twice
 Career: 4, twice

Assists
 Season: 3 vs. Bradley (3/7/09)
 Career: 5 vs. Wartburg (12/15/07)

Steals
 Season: 4 at Creighton (1/6/09)
 Career: 4 at Creighton (1/6/09)

Blocked Shots
 0

Minutes Played
 Season: 32 vs. Texas Southern (11/23/08)
 Career: 37 at UMKC (12/19/07)

Dunham's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	33-4	38-89	.427	16-40	.400	30-36	.833	50-1.5	44	24	16	0	11	122-3.7
2007-08	32-18	46-109	.422	13-55	.236	32-40	.800	28-0.9	59	36	25	0	13	137-4.3
2006-07	Redshirted													
Totals	65-22	85-198	.429	29-95	.305	62-76	.816	78-1.2	103	60	41	0	24	259-4.0

Lucas O'Rear

Sophomore • Forward
6-6 • 255
Nashville, Ill. (Nashville)

#32

- Named 2008-09 Missouri Valley Conference Sixth-Man of the Year
- Shooting 63 percent from the field this season (56-for-89)
- Has had 18 games of five or more rebounds, while averaging just 22 minutes per game
- Made first career start against Illinois State 1/28, scoring 10 points and grabbing eight rebounds
- In season-debut against Chicago State 11/25, had nine points and 10 rebounds
- Made 7-of-8 free throws and added three assists versus the Cougars
- Scored season-best 11 points, with seven rebounds, at Drake 1/17
- Tied his season-high with 11 points (on 5-for-5 field goal shooting) versus Southern Illinois 2/11
- Scored eight points and had four rebounds in MVC championship game versus Illinois State 3/8
- His two free throws in the final 30 seconds tied the MVC title game and forced overtime against ISU
- Tallied six points and career-best 11 boards against Bradley 1/21
- Had eight points, five rebounds and two steals versus Indiana State 1/31
- Put in eight points, with six rebounds, in career-high 32 minutes at Evansville 1/13
- Posted eight points, seven boards and one blocked shot at Siena 2/21

O'Rear's Season/Career Highs

Points
Season: 11, twice
Career: 13 vs. Wartburg (12/15/07)

Field Goals Made
Season: 5, twice
Career: 5, several times

3 Pt. Field Goals Made
Season: 1, twice
Career: 1, several times

Free Throws Made
Season: 7 vs. Chicago State (11/25/08)
Career: 7 vs. Chicago State (11/25/08)

Free Throws Attempted
Season: 8 vs. Chicago State (11/25/08)
Career: 8 vs. Chicago State (11/25/08)

Rebounds
Season: 11 vs. Bradley (1/21/09)
Career: 11 vs. Bradley (1/21/09)

Assists
Season: 4, twice
Career: 4, twice

Steals
Season: 3 vs. Southern Illinois (2/11/09)
Career: 3 vs. Southern Illinois (2/11/09)

Blocked Shots
Season: 2, several times
Career: 3 vs. Southern Illinois (2/2/08)

Minutes Played
Season: 34, twice
Career: 34, twice

O'Rear's 2008-09 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	DENVER	DNP										
11-19	at Illinois-Chicago	DNP										
11-23	TEXAS SOUTHERN	DNP										
11-25	CHICAGO STATE	1-2	0-0	7-8	3-7-10	2	9	3	1	0	1	23
11-28	vs. #15 Marquette	1-3	0-0	1-2	2-4-6	2	3	1	0	0	0	19
11-29	vs. Auburn	2-2	1-1	2-2	0-2-2	4	7	2	2	0	0	28
12-3	IOWA STATE	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	4	2	0	0	0	1	13
12-6	NORTH DAKOTA	2-3	0-0	0-1	1-2-3	2	4	0	1	1	1	18
12-9	at Iowa	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
12-13	vs. Wyoming	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3-3	0	0	0	0	1	1	9
12-21	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	DNP										
12-28	INDIANA STATE	1-2	0-0	3-3	3-5-8	5	5	0	0	2	0	25
12-31	at Southern Illinois	1-4	0-0	0-0	2-1-3	2	2	4	2	1	1	22
1-3	WICHITA STATE	1-1	0-0	3-5	1-2-3	2	5	2	0	1	1	24
1-6	at Creighton	3-4	0-0	0-0	2-3-5	4	6	2	1	0	1	29
1-10	MISSOURI STATE	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-5-5	3	4	0	1	0	0	18
1-13	at Evansville	4-5	0-0	0-0	0-6-6	3	8	1	0	2	2	32
1-17	at Drake	5-7	1-1	0-2	3-4-7	2	11	1	2	1	2	24
1-21	BRADLEY	2-3	0-0	2-4	4-7-11	3	6	3	0	0	1	25
1-25	at Missouri State	3-4	0-0	3-4	4-4-8	2	9	2	2	0	0	22
1-28	*ILLINOIS STATE	4-4	0-0	2-4	2-6-8	2	10	3	0	0	1	34
1-31	at Indiana State	3-6	0-0	2-2	2-3-5	2	8	1	1	1	2	28
2-3	at Bradley	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-7-7	4	4	2	2	0	1	26
2-8	CREIGHTON	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-4-6	2	0	1	2	0	2	19
2-11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	5-5	1-1	0-0	3-1-4	2	11	1	0	0	3	27
2-14	at Wichita State	1-3	0-0	2-2	1-2-3	2	4	0	1	0	1	22
2-18	DRAKE	2-6	0-1	3-4	5-3-8	3	7	1	2	0	0	24
2-21	at Siena	2-3	0-1	4-4	2-5-7	1	8	1	1	1	1	18
2-24	at Illinois State	2-4	0-1	0-0	2-6-8	4	4	4	1	2	1	34
2-28	EVANSVILLE	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-4-5	2	3	0	2	1	0	25
3-6	vs. Indiana State	3-5	0-0	1-1	4-4-8	3	7	0	1	0	0	27
3-7	vs. Bradley	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-2-3	4	1	0	2	0	0	20
3-8	vs. Illinois State	2-3	0-1	4-4	1-2-3	2	8	0	0	0	0	27

O'Rear's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	29-1	56-89	.629	3-8	.375	41-56	.732	157-5.4	74	35	27	14	24	156-5.4
2007-08	31-0	28-58	.483	2-16	.125	14-28	.500	70-2.3	48	22	17	9	10	72-2.3
Totals	60-1	84-147	.571	5-24	.208	55-84	.655	227-3.8	122	57	44	23	34	224-3.7

Adam Koch

Junior • Forward
6-8 • 245
Ashwaubenon, Wis. (Ashwaubenon)

#34

- 2008-09 first team All-Missouri Valley Conference selection
- First Team All-MVC Scholar-Athlete and ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District selection
- Named to MVC All-Tournament Team
- Had streak of 28 consecutive free throws snapped versus Southern Illinois 2/11
- Reached double-digits in scoring in 21 games
- Has posted four double-doubles this season and has five for his career
- Scored career-high 30 points at Missouri State 1/25
- Was 6-for-8 from the field and 18-for-20 at the free throw line versus MSU in that game
- Scored 25 points and grabbed seven rebounds in double-overtime win at Illinois State 2/24
- His putback as time expired won the game against the Redbirds
- Recorded 23 points and tied season-high with 12 rebounds versus Creighton 2/8
- Posted 22 points, with 11 rebounds and four assists, against Missouri State 1/10
- Hit 7-for-8 shots from the floor against the Bears that night
- Had 22 points, nine rebounds, two assists and three blocks against Bradley 3/7
- Had double-double with 18 points and season-best 12 rebounds versus Iowa State 12/3
- Also had 18 points against Texas Southern 11/23
- Had double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds versus Chicago State 11/25

Koch's Season/Career Highs

Points
Season: 30 at Missouri State (1/25/09)
Career: 30 at Missouri State (1/25/09)

Field Goals Made
Season: 7, several times
Career: 7, several times

3 Pt. Field Goals Made
Season: 2, several times
Career: 2, several times

Free Throws Made
Season: 18 at Missouri State (1/25/09)
Career: 18 at Missouri State (1/25/09)

Free Throws Attempted
Season: 20 at Missouri State (1/25/09)
Career: 20 at Missouri State (1/25/09)

Koch's 2008-09 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	*DENVER	3-3	0-0	5-6	1-3-4	5	11	2	2	0	0	20
11-19	*at Illinois-Chicago	3-5	0-0	6-7	0-4-4	4	12	2	3	0	2	32
11-23	*TEXAS SOUTHERN	6-12	0-1	6-9	2-1-3	0	18	1	2	0	1	32
11-25	*CHICAGO STATE	5-8	0-0	7-9	3-8-11	2	17	2	2	0	0	24
11-28	*vs. #15 Marquette	2-6	0-0	2-2	0-0-0	2	6	2	1	0	0	25
11-29	*vs. Auburn	2-5	0-2	1-3	1-3-4	3	5	2	0	0	1	25
12-3	*IOWA STATE	7-18	1-4	3-5	5-7-12	2	18	2	0	0	1	38
12-6	*NORTH DAKOTA	2-6	0-0	2-4	2-4-6	3	6	3	0	0	1	17
12-9	*at Iowa	4-7	0-2	2-3	1-2-3	2	10	0	2	1	0	28
12-13	*vs. Wyoming	3-4	0-0	3-3	1-3-4	5	9	0	2	0	0	25
12-21	*SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	3-4	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	6	0	2	0	0	25
12-28	*INDIANA STATE	2-8	1-2	6-6	1-2-3	5	11	0	4	0	1	32
12-31	*at Southern Illinois	2-4	0-2	6-9	0-4-4	0	10	3	2	0	2	24
1-3	*WICHITA STATE	3-5	1-1	2-3	1-2-3	1	9	3	2	0	1	25
1-6	*at Creighton	4-10	0-1	5-6	2-7-9	1	13	5	2	1	0	34
1-10	*MISSOURI STATE	7-8	1-2	7-10	2-9-11	1	22	4	1	0	0	31
1-13	*at Evansville	2-6	0-0	4-5	1-5-6	2	8	3	3	1	0	33
1-17	*at Drake	2-3	0-0	1-2	1-0-1	0	5	4	1	0	0	26
1-21	*BRADLEY	4-7	1-2	2-2	0-3-3	4	11	1	3	0	0	32
1-25	*at Missouri State	6-8	0-1	18-20	0-2-2	3	30	1	1	1	0	22
1-28	*ILLINOIS STATE	0-8	0-2	2-3	2-4-6	0	2	1	2	1	0	32
1-31	*at Indiana State	5-10	0-1	4-6	1-6-7	4	14	2	2	2	2	27
2-3	*at Bradley	1-1	0-0	10-10	0-4-4	2	12	0	2	0	0	22
2-8	*CREIGHTON	5-11	0-1	13-13	5-7-12	5	23	1	4	0	1	31
2-11	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	2-6	1-2	3-4	3-4-7	3	8	4	2	0	0	24
2-14	*at Wichita State	5-7	0-1	7-12	3-2-5	3	17	2	1	0	3	23
2-18	*DRAKE	1-3	0-0	0-1	1-3-4	1	2	0	5	0	0	27
2-21	*at Siena	2-6	0-0	7-8	0-4-4	5	11	2	3	0	0	28
2-24	*at Illinois State	7-12	2-4	9-12	2-5-7	3	25	0	3	0	0	41
2-28	*EVANSVILLE	2-7	2-4	1-2	0-3-3	4	7	3	2	1	0	26
3-6	*vs. Indiana State	7-10	1-2	4-5	1-2-3	4	19	0	1	1	0	23
3-7	*vs. Bradley	7-10	2-2	6-9	5-4-9	3	22	2	1	3	0	29
3-8	*vs. Illinois State	1-4	0-1	4-6	1-5-6	3	6	4	3	2	0	34

Rebounds
Season: 12, twice
Career: 13 vs. Northern Illinois (11/9/07)

Assists
Season: 5 at Creighton (1/6/09)
Career: 6 vs. Northern Illinois (11/9/07)

Steals
Season: 3 at Wichita State (2/14/09)
Career: 3 at Wichita State (2/14/09)

Blocked Shots
Season: 3 vs. Bradley (3/7/09)
Career: 3 vs. Bradley (3/7/09)

Minutes Played
Season: 41 at Illinois State (2/24/09)
Career: 41 at Illinois State (2/24/09)

Koch's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	33-33	117-232	.504	13-40	.325	158-205	.771	170-5.2	87	61	66	14	16	405-12.3
2007-08	32-32	77-160	.481	5-26	.192	119-153	.778	184-5.8	67	53	64	6	21	278-8.7
2006-07	31-0	27-78	.346	2-24	.083	32-47	.681	68-2.2	38	12	24	5	6	88-2.8
Totals	96-65	221-470	.470	20-90	.222	313-405	.773	422-4.4	189	126	151	25	43	771-8.0

Adam Rodenberg

Junior • Forward

6-6 • 235

Garnavillo, Iowa (Clayton Ridge/UC Irvine)

#43

- Made UNI debut 12/21 against South Dakota State
- Scored three points and had five rebounds off the bench against the Jackrabbits
- Had season-best eight points, hitting all three of his field goals, against Southern Illinois 2/11
- Scored six points and grabbed six rebounds -- four offensive -- against Wichita State 1/3
- Had four points and one rebound in four minutes against Bradley 2/3
- Transfer from UC Irvine will have one and a half seasons to play for UNI

Rodenberg's Season/Career Highs

Points

Season: 8 vs. Southern Illinois (2/11/09)
 Career: 14 vs. Loyola Marymount (11/9/07)

Field Goals Made

Season: 3, twice
 Career: 6 vs. Loyola Marymount (11/9/07)

3 Pt. Field Goals Made

Season: 0
 Career: 2 vs. Nevada (11/13/07)

Free Throws Made

Season: 2, twice
 Career: 3 vs. Nevada (11/13/07)

Free Throws Attempted

Season: 4, twice
 Career: 4, twice

Rebounds

Season: 6 vs. Wichita State (1/3/09)
 Career: 6 vs. Wichita State (1/3/09)

Assists

Season: 1 vs. South Dakota St. (12/21/08)
 Career: 1, several times

Steals

Season: 1, twice
 Career: 3 vs. Nevada (11/13/07)

Blocked Shots

Season: 1 vs. Illinois State (3/8/09)
 Career: 1, twice

Minutes Played

Season: 21 vs. South Dakota St. (12/21/08)
 Career: 39 vs. Nevada (11/13/07)

Rodenberg's 2008-09 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	DENVER	DNP										
11-19	at Illinois-Chicago	DNP										
11-23	TEXAS SOUTHERN	DNP										
11-25	CHICAGO STATE	DNP										
11-28	vs. #15 Marquette	DNP										
11-29	vs. Auburn	DNP										
12-3	IOWA STATE	DNP										
12-6	NORTH DAKOTA	DNP										
12-9	at Iowa	DNP										
12-13	vs. Wyoming	DNP										
12-21	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	1-2	0-0	1-4	2-3-5	2	3	1	2	0	0	21
12-28	INDIANA STATE	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
12-31	at Southern Illinois	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	3	0	0	1	0	1	9
1-3	WICHITA STATE	3-7	0-0	0-0	4-2-6	2	6	0	3	0	0	15
1-6	at Creighton	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0-1	2	0	0	2	0	0	3
1-10	MISSOURI STATE	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
1-13	at Evansville	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	5
1-17	at Drake	0-0	0-0	1-4	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
1-21	BRADLEY	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
1-25	at Missouri State	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
1-28	ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
1-31	at Indiana State	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
2-3	at Bradley	2-2	0-0	0-1	0-1-1	1	4	0	1	0	0	4
2-8	CREIGHTON	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-2-2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
2-11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3-3	0-0	2-3	0-1-1	3	8	0	1	0	0	12
2-14	at Wichita State	DNP										
2-18	DRAKE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
2-21	at Siena	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2-24	at Illinois State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	2	0	0	6
2-28	EVANSVILLE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3-6	vs. Indiana State	DNP										
3-7	vs. Bradley	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	1	5
3-8	vs. Illinois State	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	2	2	0	0	1	1	11

Rodenberg's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	21-0	12-25	.480	0-1	.000	6-17	.353	24-1.1	23	1	16	1	4	30-1.4
*2007-08	6-6	16-35	.457	2-9	.222	7-9	.778	16-2.7	18	3	10	1	6	41-6.8
Totals	27-6	28-60	.467	2-10	.200	13-26	.500	40-1.5	37	4	26	2	10	71-2.6

*at UC Irvine

Jordan Eglseder

Junior • Center

7-1 • 290

Bellevue, Iowa (Marquette)

#53

- First seven-footer ever to play at UNI
- Ranks second in the Missouri Valley Conference in field goal percentage at .588
- Has posted six double-doubles on the season, and has nine for his career
- Scored career-high 31 points and grabbed season-best 11 rebounds against Wyoming 12/13
- Made 13-of-22 field goal attempts and also blocked three shots versus the Cowboys
- His 31 points was the most by a UNI player since Feb. 9, 2005
- Had 23 points and added 10 rebounds at Illinois-Chicago 11/19
- Recorded 20 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked four shots against Evansville 2/28
- Came off the bench to score 17 points and grab four rebounds against Denver 11/15
- Also had 17 points, his highest total in Valley games, against Southern Illinois 2/11
- Had 16 points and season-high 14 rebounds at Siena 2/21, making 7-of-11 shots from the floor
- Put in 16 points, on 7-of-8 shooting, against Missouri State 1/10
- Tallied 13 points, on 6-of-9 field goals, in just 14 minutes at Indiana State 1/31
- Scored 13 points in 15 minutes of action on 2/14 at Wichita State
- Had 12 points, seven rebounds and two blocks in 22 minutes versus North Dakota 12/6
- Posted 12 points -- all in the first half -- and grabbed seven rebounds at Bradley 2/3
- Racked up 11 points and grabbed 10 boards, while blocking three shots, against Drake 2/18
- Scored 10 points and had 10 rebounds against Auburn 11/29

Eglseder's Season/Career Highs

Points

Season: 31 vs. Wyoming (12/13/08)
Career: 31 vs. Wyoming (12/13/08)

Field Goals Made

Season: 13 vs. Wyoming (12/13/08)
Career: 13 vs. Wyoming (12/13/08)

3 Pt. Field Goals Made

Season: 1, twice
Career: 1, several times

Free Throws Made

Season: 4 vs. Wyoming (12/13/08)
Career: 5, several times

Free Throws Attempted

Season: 6 vs. Drake (2/18/09)
Career: 8 vs. Northern Illinois (11/9/07)

Rebounds

Season: 14 at Siena (2/21/09)
Career: 15 vs. Northern Illinois (11/9/07)

Assists

Season: 3 at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)
Career: 3 at Southern Illinois (12/31/08)

Steals

Season: 1, twice
Career: 2 vs. Wartburg (12/15/07)

Blocked Shots

Season: 4 vs. Evansville (2/28/09)
Career: 4 vs. Southern Illinois (2/2/08)

Minutes Played

Season: 31 vs. Wyoming (12/13/08)
Career: 31 vs. Wyoming (12/13/08)

Eglseder's 2008-09 Game-by-Game

DATE	OPPONENT	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
11-15	DENVER	8-9	0-0	1-2	1-3-4	2	17	1	2	0	0	21
11-18	at Illinois-Chicago	10-13	0-1	3-3	4-6-10	1	23	0	3	1	1	26
11-23	TEXAS SOUTHERN	3-5	0-0	0-0	3-1-4	3	6	1	2	1	0	14
11-25	CHICAGO STATE	3-4	0-0	0-0	2-5-7	3	6	1	2	0	0	12
11-28	*vs. #15 Marquette	4-6	0-0	0-0	1-5-6	3	8	0	0	1	1	22
11-29	*vs. Auburn	5-12	0-1	0-0	1-9-10	1	10	1	2	1	0	23
12-3	*IOWA STATE	3-7	0-0	1-2	2-4-6	2	7	1	0	1	0	19
12-6	*NORTH DAKOTA	5-7	0-0	2-3	1-6-7	1	12	2	0	2	0	22
12-9	*at Iowa	4-5	0-0	0-0	1-7-8	0	8	0	2	0	0	27
12-13	*vs. Wyoming	13-22	1-2	4-5	3-8-11	2	31	0	4	3	0	31
12-21	*SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	4-7	0-1	3-3	1-6-7	1	11	1	0	1	0	22
12-28	*INDIANA STATE	1-4	0-1	2-2	3-2-5	0	4	0	1	0	0	18
12-31	*at Southern Illinois	3-9	0-0	0-0	2-8-10	2	6	3	0	2	0	25
1-3	*WICHITA STATE	1-4	0-0	2-3	2-2-4	3	4	0	0	3	0	16
1-6	*at Creighton	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	1	0	1	3	0	0	7
1-10	*MISSOURI STATE	7-8	0-1	2-4	0-3-3	2	16	0	0	1	0	22
1-13	*at Evansville	2-5	0-2	1-2	1-3-4	4	5	1	1	1	0	9
1-17	*at Drake	5-9	0-0	0-1	5-3-8	3	10	1	0	2	1	17
1-21	*BRADLEY	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
1-25	*at Missouri State	4-7	0-0	0-0	1-5-6	2	8	3	0	0	0	21
1-28	ILLINOIS STATE	0-4	0-0	1-2	0-2-2	1	1	1	1	2	0	11
1-31	*at Indiana State	6-9	0-1	1-4	2-1-3	1	13	0	1	0	0	14
2-3	*at Bradley	6-8	0-0	0-0	3-4-7	1	12	1	4	3	0	24
2-8	*CREIGHTON	2-9	0-1	0-0	5-3-8	4	4	0	2	2	1	17
2-11	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	8-12	0-0	1-1	2-7-9	4	17	0	1	0	0	15
2-14	*at Wichita State	5-7	1-1	2-4	1-3-4	1	13	0	1	1	0	15
2-18	*DRAKE	4-5	0-0	3-6	2-8-10	2	11	0	2	3	1	21
2-21	*at Siena	7-11	0-1	2-3	4-10-14	3	16	0	1	1	0	26
2-24	*at Illinois State	4-5	0-0	3-4	0-6-6	2	11	1	2	3	0	21
2-28	*EVANSVILLE	6-10	0-0	8-10	5-8-13	2	20	1	2	4	0	28
3-6	*vs. Indiana State	2-4	0-0	3-4	3-2-5	1	7	1	2	0	0	18
3-7	*vs. Bradley	4-5	0-0	0-0	1-6-7	2	8	0	1	2	0	21
3-8	*vs. Illinois State	4-8	0-0	0-1	1-2-3	1	8	0	0	2	0	18

Eglseder's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts.-Avg.
2008-09	33-28	143-243	.588	2-14	.143	45-69	.652	214-6.5	61	22	43	43	5	333-10.1
2007-08	29-14	102-200	.510	9-25	.360	45-57	.789	158-5.4	49	22	40	38	6	258-8.9
2006-07	23-0	33-58	.569	1-2	.500	15-20	.750	49-2.1	20	0	12	8	1	82-3.6
Totals	85-42	278-501	.555	12-40	.300	105-146	.719	421-5.0	130	44	95	89	12	673-7.9



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Panthers fend off Redbirds for MVC title

By MATT COSS, Courier Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Osiris Eldridge captivated a national television audience and the crowd of 9,136 at the Scottrade Center on Sunday afternoon with his breath-taking performance in the second half. The Illinois State all-conference guard buried five 3-pointers from all distances and angles, including a 28-footer over 6-foot-8 University of Northern Iowa forward Adam Koch.

"That will about do most teams in," UNI head coach Ben Jacobson said. "When I say most, I mean every team I've coached or been a part of."

But as this UNI team has shown the past 2 1/2 months, it refuses to wilt under pressure. Ali Farokhmanesh scored eight of his 13 points in overtime, including two free throws with 6.8 seconds left, as the Panthers earned their second net-cutting ceremony and championship trophy in nine days with a 60-57 triumph in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament title game.

UNI, which shared the regular-season crown with Creighton on Feb. 28, earned the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament Sunday with its first Valley tournament championship since 2004.

"I'd rather do it this way," said Jacobson, who was an assistant under Greg McDermott when UNI was an at-large recipient to the tournament in 2005 and 2006. "Now we know we're going to have a Selection Show party."

With a loss, UNI would have most likely been staring at the program's first trip to the National Invitation Tournament. "We knew what was at stake," UNI center Jordan Eglesder said. "Everyone poured their hearts out."

Eldridge did his best to prevent the Panther celebration. After being held scoreless in the first half, Eldridge scored 19 of Illinois State's 29 points in the second half. Regardless of which defender UNI put on the 6-3 junior, there was no answer. "He took the whole game to a level I haven't seen him ever do," Illinois State coach Tim Jankovich said. "It was a tremendous performance of will and heart."

Despite Illinois State shooting only 30 percent, Eldridge helped erase what was an eight-point halftime lead for the Panthers. "I was just in that zone where I felt every shot was going to fall," he said. The display — which featured several fadeaways and many behind the NBA 3-point line — left UNI's players and coaches in awe. "The last time I saw that was when I was watching TNT and LeBron James," Farokhmanesh said.

Eldridge eventually cool off. He had a shot to win the game in regulation, but the 3-point attempt fell short. He was scoreless the last 4 1/2 minutes of overtime, partly due to cramping in his left foot.

Still, in overtime, the Redbirds (24-9) scored on their first four possessions to grab a 57-54 lead. The Panthers (23-10) stayed within reach as Farokhmanesh — who took only three shots in regulation — knocked down two 3s.

"He doesn't need a lot of shots," Jacobson said. "All of a sudden he'll sneak up and make two or three of them in 90 seconds. Not a lot of guys can do that. He can just kind of be there."

Lucas O'Rear inched UNI within one, 57-56, on a lay-up with 53 seconds left. Then, after Illinois State's Champ Oguchi missed at the other end, UNI guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe drove the length of the floor and was fouled by Brandon Sampay with 16.7 seconds remaining.

Ahelegbe made both free throws to give UNI a 58-57 advantage.

On the ensuing possession, Lloyd Phillips drove into the lane and attempted a bounce pass to Dinma Odiakosa, but it was deflected. A scrum ensued with O'Rear, UNI's Travis Brown and Phillips fighting for possession. A jump ball was called, with the arrow going to UNI.

"Everyday in practice, we emphasize being aggressive and jumping on any loose ball," Brown said.

Illinois State fouled Farokhmanesh before the inbounds pass. The junior stepped to the line and made both.

"If you're a basketball player, everybody likes to be in those situations," Farokhmanesh said. "All I really thought was we need both of these free throws in order to go to the NCAA tournament."

The Redbirds had one last opportunity, but Eldridge's 28-footer from the right wing caromed off the rim and the buzzer sounded. UNI had its third win over Illinois State this year — all by four points or less including two in overtime.

"If I was a fan, I would have got my money's worth today," Brown said. "It sums up what we've done all year. This was crazy."

Jacobson said, "This one tested us, but our chemistry and toughness is at the highest level right now. They really stuck up for each other."

Eldridge, who finished with 21 points, was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player — only the second player on a losing team to earn the honor in the tournament's 33-year history.

Ahelegbe, who registered 17 points and five rebounds, and Koch were UNI's representatives on the all-tournament squad.

"This is as rewarding as it gets," Koch said. "We've put so much work into this during the offseason and the year, and it all paid off right there. It's a feeling we'll never forget."



University of Northern Iowa Men's Basketball

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UNI nails down MVC title

By MATT COSS, Courier Sports Writer

CEDAR FALLS --- Clear some room in the trophy case. Find a spot in the McLeod Center rafters for a banner. Get the ring sizes.

For the first time since the 1981-82 season, the University of Northern Iowa basketball program has itself a regular season conference championship. But like the way UNI's entire season has unfolded, it didn't come without some tense moments Saturday night.

After seeing a 21-point cushion evaporate to three with less than four minutes left, UNI fought off pesky Evansville 69-62 to earn a share of the Missouri Valley Conference championship with Creighton.

"I'm so happy for this team, for the fans and our university," said head coach Ben Jacobson, whose team will be the top seed at next week's MVC tournament and play the winner of Drake and Indiana State at 12:05 p.m. Friday in St. Louis. "This is exactly the right team to do this for the first time."

The students stormed the court afterward. Jacobson immediately went over and hugged his wife, Dawn, and two kids.

Then, for the first time since the 2004-05 team won the Valley tournament, UNI (20-10, 14-4 MVC) got out the scissors and cut down the nets.

"It felt absolutely great," Brown said. "I actually ended up giving my part of the net to a little kid. He deserved it."

"This is pretty crazy," junior Adam Koch said. "I didn't expect this. This means a lot to people here in the community, so it definitely makes it a little more special to do it at home."

After being picked sixth in the preseason poll and starting 6-6 -- including a loss to Indiana State in the Valley opener -- a celebration like Saturday didn't seem feasible in late December.

"I knew we had the potential to be a good team, but I didn't know if we could get this group to this point," Jacobson said. "Simply, because we're young, had a lot of new guys in the mix and playing prominent roles."

However, after a school-record 11 consecutive wins, a championship was within reach. But UNI lost three of four in the league and needed a dramatic double-overtime win at Illinois State and Saturday's victory to get a piece of the program's first championship since tying for the fledgling Mid-Continent Conference crown 27 years ago.

"Nothing ever comes easy over here," UNI guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe said. "That's the way we've been doing it the whole season."

UNI, which won 20 games in a season for the fourth time in six years, was in cruise control early.

Jordan Eglseder, who sat for nearly the last 18 minutes of Tuesday's game at Illinois State, scored 14 of his team-high 20 points in the opening half. He also grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked four shots to help UNI race out to a 38-22 halftime cushion.

"They put one guy behind me, so I just tried to take advantage of that early," Eglseder said.

"Jordan was terrific tonight," Jacobson said.

Behind 3-pointers from Koch, Ali Farokhmanesh and Brown, UNI pumped the margin to 50-29 with 14 minutes remaining.

Then, the Aces (17-12, 8-10) --- who have lost nine straight to the Panthers --- stormed back. Led by Shy Ely, a strong candidate for the MVC's Player of the Year award, and Nate Garner, Evansville went on a 26-8 surge to creep within three.

Ely finished with a game-high 26 points for Evansville.

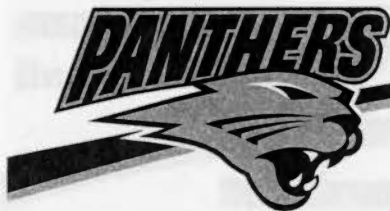
"That is the way Evansville plays," Jacobson said. "They don't get rattled or start to take poor shots. They're so well-coached. They don't do anything out of character." UNI, meanwhile, went more than six minutes without a field goal.

"Basketball has lulls like that," Ahelegbe said. "When you have opportunities, you've got to take advantage."

Ahelegbe did just that. Leading 58-55, the sophomore hit his patented pull-up jumper in the lane to stem the tide. Ahelegbe netted 17 points and dished out four assists. "That was big," Jacobson said. "He was so good tonight from the get-go."

Ahelegbe added two free throws on the next possession to increase the lead to seven. Evansville got within five on two more occasions, but UNI made seven of its last eight free throws to secure it.

"It just got to the point where we had to hunker down and make the plays," Koch said. "We had to make the plays to win it. That's why it's so rewarding. We had to earn this."



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Balance making UNI men tough to defend

By MATT COSS, Courier Sports Writer

EVANSVILLE, Ind. --- The University of Northern Iowa basketball team doesn't have anyone among the top 10 scoring leaders in the Missouri Valley Conference. Still, going into today's 7:05 p.m. tilt at Evansville, the Panthers are first in the league in scoring offense for league contests at 73.6 points per game.

That's because Ben Jacobson's club has thrived on balance. All five Panther starters are averaging between 9.9 and 11.4 points per outing.

"Every night is usually a different guy stepping up," said forward Adam Koch, who was named the league's player of the week Monday after tallying 17.5 points, 10 rebounds and 4.5 assists in two wins last week. "That does make us really tough to prepare for right now. Guys aren't trying to go out and get their points first. It's about the team and winning."

In five Valley games, five players have led UNI (10-6, 4-1 MVC) in scoring. Kwadzo Ahelegbe, Ali Farokhmanesh, Johnny Moran and Koch have all reached the 20-point plateau in conference play. Currently, no other team in the league boasts more than three players in double figures.

UNI had four players tally double-digits in its wins over Creighton and Missouri State. The Panthers are shooting a robust 50.8 percent from the field in league play and 47.7 percent from the 3-point arc.

"It makes it a lot more fun," Moran said. "This is truly something special right now."

Jacobson said it speaks to his team's unselfishness and chemistry.

"It is guys gaining a better understanding and having a better handle of what they do best and where that fits with this team," he said. "We do have a group of guys that complement each other pretty well."

A year ago, the Panthers were ninth in the MVC in scoring offense (62.4 ppg.) and Eric Coleman was the lone player to average double figures at 12.3 points per game.

"This team is more versatile," Jacobson said. "Last year, we relied on throwing it inside to Eric or Jordan (Eglseder) or Jared (Josten) off the dribble. That's about it. We're able to score in some different ways now."

That will need to continue for the Panthers to remain atop the league standings. Starting tonight, UNI plays five of its next seven games on the road. Even though UNI has won four straight, Evansville (11-4, 3-2) is 10-0 at home. The Purple Aces' four losses are on the road against North Carolina, Butler, Illinois State and Southern Illinois --- four teams with a combined record of 49-14.

"It's important mentally that we stay where we've been," Koch said. "With (classes) starting back up, we don't want to take a step back at all or have anything change."

Evansville has already surpassed last year's win total by two. "Our intensity level has been better," head coach Marty Simmons said. "We're not a pretty team. We have to grind it out. When our guys have brought good intensity and really competed hard, we seem to play better."

UNI snapped long losing streaks at Southern Illinois and Creighton recently. Evansville will try to do the same. It has lost seven straight to UNI --- now the longest active streak in the conference.

"If anything, hopefully we can learn from what we've done," Jacobson said. "Each game is a different game and each year is a different year."

CLEAN SWEEP: In addition to Koch being named the MVC Player of the Week, Farokhmanesh was named the league's newcomer of the week. The UNI junior guard averaged 15.5 points and shot 60 percent from the field last week.



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Bench press: UNI reserves a strength

By **MATT COSS**, *Courier Sports Writer*

CEDAR FALLS --- During Ben Jacobson's initial season as head coach two years ago, the University of Northern Iowa basketball team won six of its first eight Missouri Valley Conference games. What followed was a dreadful stretch of eight losses in nine games that all but eliminated the team's hopes for a postseason berth.

Once again, UNI (12-6, 6-1 MVC) is off to a sizzling start in the Valley going into today's 7:05 p.m. contest against Bradley (11-7, 5-2) at the McLeod Center. The question becomes, can the Panthers sustain it?

"This group is deeper, and I think that's going to help us," said Jacobson, whose team has won six straight. "We've got good depth on this team. Two years ago, we relied on three or four guys to do a lot for us. If we had to play them 39 minutes, we were going to play them 39 minutes. Our bench is really good."

UNI doesn't have any player logging more than 30.7 minutes this season. In the 2006-07 campaign, the five starters accounted for 149 of the 200 minutes per game—including 35 a contest from Brooks McKowen.

Now, the Panthers are depending more on their bench. Lucas O'Rear, Kerwin Dunham, Travis Brown and Brian Haak are all registering more than 10 minutes a game. Adam Rodenberg isn't far off at 8.6.

"This bench is as good as we've had since we've been here," junior forward Adam Koch said. "It's a big reason of where we're at right now. It's nice to know you can go hard and when you're tired, the next guy comes in and does the exact same thing."

The biggest difference is experience. Four of the five reserves are at least in their second year with the program, and Rodenberg, a junior, played at UC-Irvine last year.

"That's huge," O'Rear said. "Every night last year I went out and was like, 'Oh gosh, what's going to happen tonight?' You just get more confidence, and a year of experience makes a complete difference."

Jacobson was relying on three freshmen --- Koch, Jordan Eglseder and Kwadzo Ahelegbe --- along with junior Adam Viet, who lacked significant game experience, two seasons ago.

"Our team is confident, and I'm confident as our head coach that they can play at any point in the game," Jacobson said of this year's group. "I don't feel like I have to hurry up and get a certain guy back in the game."

The versatility is also a plus. Brown and Dunham, 6-foot-3 and 6-6, respectively, provide a different look than Johnny Moran (6-1) and Ali Farokhmanesh (6-0) because of their size and strength. Both are capable of giving UNI an offensive boost, too.

Dunham poured in 11 points at Southern Illinois. Brown buried two critical 3-pointers at Evansville.

"Three or four of those guys could probably start at other places," Farokhmanesh said. "We have a nice mixture, and teams have to adjust to that."

Meanwhile, undersized forwards O'Rear and Rodenberg add toughness inside. O'Rear is averaging just more than seven points and close to six rebounds per game in the past two weeks.

Haak, a guard, doesn't provide as much scoring, but Jacobson admires his energy and communication on defense.

"All the people coming off the bench are energy players," O'Rear said. "We all go 100 percent and get after it."

Because of that, UNI believes it's better equipped for the rigors of late January and February.

"We have enough bodies to keep it fresh," Koch said.

"Our starters are fresh at the end of games now because of our bench," Jacobson said. "I think it will only continue to help us as we go further along in the year."



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Toeing the line

By MATT COSS, Courier Sports Writer

CEDAR FALLS --- Asked Monday why the University of Northern Iowa basketball team has been so effective at getting to the foul line recently, Travis Brown had a simple answer.

"We have Adam Koch on our team," Brown said.

Koch's stats prove that point. During the past 2 1/2 weeks, the 6-foot-8 forward has had games where he's attempted 20, 13 and 10 free throws. More importantly, Koch is converting. He's shooting 80 percent from the line and working on a streak of 25 consecutive foul shots.

"Instead of having the guys come at me, I'm trying to be the aggressor," Koch said. "There are no tricks or anything I'm doing to get the calls."

Koch is leading the Missouri Valley Conference in free-throw attempts in league play with 95. In fact, UNI's leading scorer has made a trip to the charity stripe in every game this season except one.

When he scored a career-high 30 points at Missouri State last month, he was 18-for-20 at the line. He was 10-for-10 at Bradley last week and 13-for-13 Sunday against Creighton.

"You can tell some of my better games are when I get to the line," Koch said. "Not only does it help myself and our team, but it's getting other teams' guys in foul trouble."

Head coach Ben Jacobson attributes it to several factors, most notably Koch's improved strength.

"He's so much stronger that he's able to take contact so much better," Jacobson said. "That, plus his aggressiveness and confidence are just at a much higher level right now."

UNI (17-7, 11-2 MVC) is second in MVC games in getting to the line at 21.5 attempts per game. Recently, the Panthers hoisted 36 free throws versus Missouri State and 32 against Creighton.

Koch is at the center of that, having made more free throws than anyone else on the team has attempted.

"He's just good at drawing fouls," Brown said. "He's better at it than most of us."

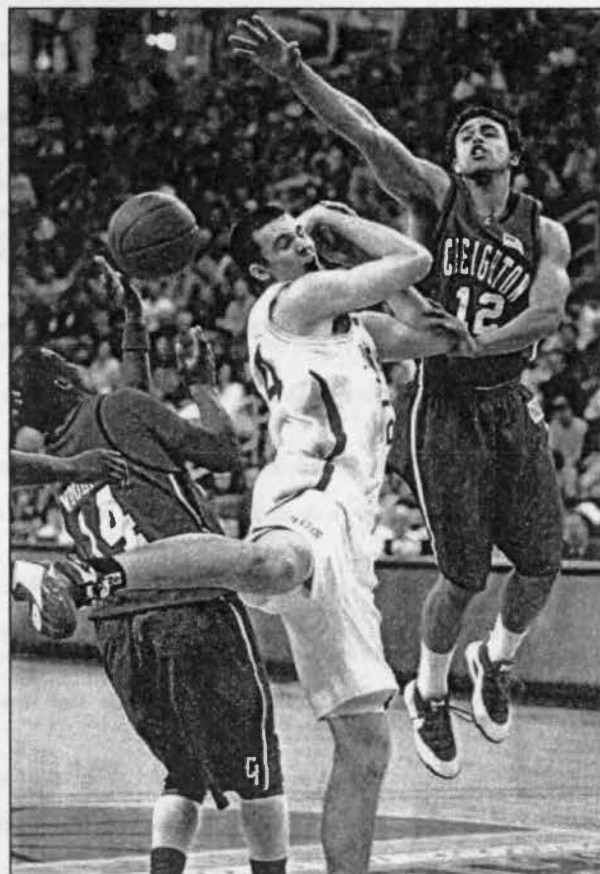
Jacobson said there's more to it.

"Whether it's posting up or driving, he creates an angle to score," Jacobson said. "Once he does that, he's strong enough to take the contact and still get the ball up to the basket."

"He puts defenders in a tough spot."

It's a nice luxury for UNI's offense to have when outside shots aren't falling.

"It's a big part of our offense," Jacobson said. "The versatility of our team is very good, but Adam's ability to drive it, post up and get to the line has really helped us."





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Jacobson pointed UNI in right direction

By MATT COSS, Courier Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS --- When his team scuffled through November and December, Ben Jacobson never flinched or wavered. The University of Northern Iowa basketball coach realized he had his detractors --- those who believed the program was in decline and couldn't return to the glory days of Greg McDermott.

"I knew it was out there," Jacobson said. "I'm not blind, but I can sit here and tell you confidently it didn't bother me one ounce. I know I can coach, and we've got good players."

At 6-6, even his assistant coaches were "banging their heads against the wall" in staff meetings to come up with a plan to get things turned around.

"He just kept saying, 'We'll be fine,'" assistant P.J. Hogan said. "He saw the big picture. He didn't change. He stayed the course and continued to do what he believed was the right thing to do."

After a double-overtime home loss to an Indiana State team that was 2-9 on Dec. 28, many outside the Panther locker room had UNI pegged for the play-in round of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. Instead, the Panthers reeled off a school-record 11 straight wins and eventually earned a share of their first regular-season championship in their 18 years with the Valley.

Thursday, the 38-year-old Jacobson, whose 56 wins are the most for a UNI coach in his first three seasons, was the first UNI coach since Eldon Miller in 1997 to be named the conference's coach of the year.

"He knew from the beginning what this team was capable of," UNI director of athletics Troy Dannen said. "He didn't stop when things weren't going well. He made sure they knew what they were capable of, and he got out of them what they were capable of."

Jacobson felt his team needed game experience. Once that happened, the puzzle would come together.

"I wasn't happy with our record in December, but I felt great when I went home after practice," he said. "These guys were on the same page, and I knew we had a chance to get better. We just needed to play games."

Away from the floor

Raised in Maryville, N.D., and valedictorian of his high school class, Jacobson attended the University of North Dakota and was a four-year letterwinner on the basketball team.

Following his playing career, he stayed on as a graduate assistant and was eventually promoted to a full-time assistant. It was at that point he met his future wife, Dawn, a member of the Fighting Sioux golf team. In fact, the couple's first date was a round of golf.

"At that time, she was a much better golfer than I was," Jacobson said. "I was most interested in not embarrassing myself to a level I couldn't recover from."

The two dated for three to four years before getting married in the fall of 2001 --- the same year Jacobson joined McDermott's staff at UNI. Now, the couple have two children --- Hunter (5) and Tanner (3).

"He's a great father," Dawn said. "With being a coach and the time commitment that's there, it could raise some problems at home, but it never has. The time with me and the boys is good, quality time."

Jacobson said that balance wasn't always there. "For a long stretch, there was no in-between," Jacobson said. "Everything related to basketball. If we were doing great, I was going great. If we were doing poorly, I was doing poorly."

But having children and seeing McDermott's wife, Theresa, battle breast cancer gave him a new appreciation and importance for family.

"A lot of times we say our family is the most important thing and I was great at saying it, but as I look back at it, my actions haven't always followed it," Jacobson said. "Is it perfect now? No, but I'm much better."

Now, regardless of how practice goes or what game looms on the schedule, he makes it a priority to spend at least an hour or two at night with his family.

"Hunter and Tanner don't have any idea if we're doing great or doing poorly," he said. "They just want to hang out. It has helped me put some distance and separation between how our team is doing at a particular moment and spending quality time with the family."

And even when he comes home after a difficult defeat, his focus shifts from basketball to family.

Coach's personality

Competitive? Yes. Demonstrative? Definitely not. Ask his players, those who work for him or his wife about Jacobson's personality and the responses are nearly identical.

"He's really low key and mellow," guard Ali Farokhmanesh said. "He's pretty calm, cool and collected all the time," Hogan noted. "He's quiet, conservative and even-keel," Dawn said.

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So when Dawn sees her husband jawing with an official over a call, she gets amused. "I get a kick out of it because that's not like him at all," she said. "He's so even-keeled and mellow. Nothing gets him too worked up."

Jacobson's practices are relatively laid-back. He rarely screams or calls a player out for a mistake. That approach carries over to game nights. Whether it's a non-conference tilt against Chicago State or a contest for the league title, Jacobson's demeanor is the same on the sideline.

"He's never gotten too down, and he's never gotten too up," Dannen said. "His personality successfully wears off on his players."

Because of that, the players enjoy suiting up for him.

"On and off the floor, he's real calm," junior Adam Koch said. "It's nice to play for a coach like that. He instills a lot of confidence in us."

Learning experiences

When Jacobson inherited the program from McDermott, the Panthers won 13 of their first 15 games in the 2006-07 season. UNI looked like a lock for postseason play.

What followed was 10 losses in the next 13 games. The Panthers finished 18-13 and lost in the opening round of the MVC tournament.

"I wish I could go back and do a couple things differently that maybe would have helped that group win two or three more games and play in the NIT," he said.

Last year was one of Jacobson's most trying seasons, but maybe one of his best coaching jobs.

After incoming junior college point guard Matt Culliver was kicked off the team for a legal situation in the fall and Kwadzo Ahelegbe missed the year because of a shoulder injury, Jacobson was forced to move shooting guard Jared Josten to point.

UNI managed to win 18 games, but the Valley season was a roller coaster and scoring points was like a visit to the dentist.

"I couldn't quite get that team all on the same page," he said. "That bothered me when I went home at night. Every day was difficult at practice because we didn't have a point guard. The injury we had no control over, but recruiting I do."

In addition to its lack of personnel, Jacobson had distractions within the team that prevented the club from being a cohesive unit.

"Everybody has to be 100 percent bought into what you're doing," he said. "If there's any selfishness, it's going to affect everybody. It wasn't a lot, but it doesn't take a lot."

From the outside, Dannen --- a former season-ticket holder --- applauded the job Jacobson did. "I saw him win 18 games with a lineup that had a lot of holes in the guard court and a center in Eric Coleman who was different than the guy that played the previous three years, to think they won 18 games, that told me a lot."

Now, Jacobson enjoys coming to work. He hasn't had problems off the court or egos to control.

"I've spent all my time thinking about Xs and Os, things I should be doing," he said. "I'm not trying to figure out how to get this guy to play hard or this guy to accept his role. That's been more fun than the accomplishments we'll look back on."



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Farokhmanesh delivers in the clutch for UNI

By MATT COSS, *Courier Sports Writer*

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Cindy Fredrick coached Division I volleyball for more than 30 years. She's accustomed to pressure. But when her son, Ali Farokhmanesh, stepped to the free-throw line with 6.8 seconds left in overtime Sunday afternoon and the University of Northern Iowa basketball team clinging to a one-point lead with an NCAA Tournament berth on the line, Fredrick's nerves reached an all-time high.

"It's harder when it's your own kid," she said. "As a coach, you put your heart and soul into it, but when it is your heart and soul, it makes a difference."

Farokhmanesh knocked in both free throws to propel UNI to a 60-57 victory in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship game at Scottrade Center.

Coming out of high school, the 6-foot junior had zero scholarship offers from Division I or II schools. He had several Division III and junior college programs vying for his services.

"The opportunity he had at Kirkwood gave him a lot of confidence and let him know he belonged at this level," Fredrick said.

"He never quit working. Ali is probably one of the most dedicated athletes. I look at this kid and I would have given anything to have kids with that type of dedication.

"His dad and I are just really glad Ben (Jacobson) saw that this was a kid that could play."

Asked if Sunday's performance was validation for all those who passed on him, Farokhmanesh shrugged it off.

"A lot of people said, 'Why go to juco? You can't get better there. It's not Division I,'" Farokhmanesh said. "I think I proved some people wrong, but I'm just glad to be here, glad to go to the NCAA Tournament and glad to be cutting down nets."

Farokhmanesh finished with 13 points Sunday, but the shooting guard was hounded for most of the afternoon. He didn't get a shot attempt in the first half and for more than four minutes into the second half.

"It was frustrating being played like that the whole game," he said.

Finally, Jacobson ran a couple of set plays for him. He missed his first three, but quickly buried a mid-range jumper with 13:28 left. Three minutes later, he uncorked a 3-pointer from the left wing to give UNI a 40-37 lead.

"If we run something for him, he usually comes through for us," Jacobson said.

Farokhmanesh saved his best for overtime. While Illinois State scored on its first four possessions to gain control, Farokhmanesh kept UNI in striking distance with two 3-pointers from the top of the key.

"They didn't cover it right the first time, so coach asked me what play do you want to run again and I said run the same one," Farokhmanesh said. "We ran the same play again and it worked out."

In addition to his offense, he also took two charges and didn't commit a turnover in 31 minutes.

"These kids have done this all year long," Fredrick said. "Every one of them steps up at different times. I was just proud he had the opportunity to do it. He needed to."

His teammates took notice, too, as Farokhmanesh's late-game performance ignited them into the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2006.

"Thanks, Ali," point guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe said during a postgame press conference. "We got it."





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Ex-UNI coach enjoying return to program

By **MATT COSS**, *Courier Sports Writer*

CEDAR FALLS --- During a round of golf this summer, Jim Berry approached Ben Jacobson about joining the University of Northern Iowa basketball staff as a volunteer assistant.

"I thought it'd be fun," said Berry, who has been involved in coaching for 47 years. "I enjoy being around the game of basketball, and UNI is close to my heart. I figured it'd keep me out of trouble."

According to NCAA rules, Division I programs are prohibited from having volunteer assistants. Instead, Berry is serving as a consultant this season for the Panthers.

Much like a director of basketball operations, the 72-year-old isn't allowed to instruct on the practice floor, but he can observe and interact with the players before and after workouts. Berry has a seat on the bench during games and offers input in staff meetings.

"When I see something or feel this would be a good thing to do, I'll mention it," Berry said. "Sometimes when you're just observing and away from the situation, it can be easier. It's like the saying, 'Sometimes you're so close to the forest, you can't see the trees.'"

Rich Glas provided that a year ago, but left at the end of the season to become a head coach at Division III Concordia-Moorhead. With UNI's four fulltime coaches ranging in age from 28 to 38, an experienced set of eyes was important to Jacobson.

"You can't buy or manufacture that experience," the head coach said. "You have to go through certain things. You have to be part of the big wins and tough losses, and he's done that. The maturity he offers to myself and our staff helps our players."

Berry, who coached 354 games at UNI during his 13-year run from 1974-86, ushered the Panthers into the Division I era in 1980. He also spent time at Loras College and most recently was the head coach at Columbus High School before stepping down last March.

"I have great respect for the university and the people throughout," Berry said. "I owe them a lot for giving me an opportunity to coach here. I want them to do well and continue to be successful in all sports, not just basketball."

Berry has battled his share of health problems, but said he's feeling "pretty good" right now.

"Part of it is staying active and being a part of the UNI program," Berry said. "That's the best thing for me, to continue to be active and not think about what might happen to me physically."

"I get tired once in awhile, but I got that when I was in perfect health. It's an enjoyable situation to be in right now because I don't have to worry about planning a practice or handling other outside things."

The players respect him.

"It's nice to have a different perspective," junior Adam Koch said. "It's a little different style of coach than maybe some of the other guys, but it's good for our team."

Jacobson believes it's critical for his players to learn about UNI's history, and Berry provides that insight.

"He's had an opportunity at different times to share some stories and some of the things he went through when he was coaching," Jacobson said. "That's really good for our players to gain an understanding of that. It hasn't always been like it is now. I'm just glad we've been able to make this work. It's been very beneficial."





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Brown shoots for big senior year

By MATT COSS, Courier Sports Writer

CEDAR FALLS --- The clock is winding down on Travis Brown's basketball career. After three years of ups and downs, the University of Northern Iowa senior is eager to make his final possession count.

"I don't know how much basketball I have left in my life after this year," said Brown, whose Panthers tip off the 2008-09 regular season today at the McLeod Center against Denver. "That goes through my mind a lot. I just want to make the most of it."

To this point, his career has been undefined. Head coach Ben Jacobson believes UNI isn't in the NCAA Tournament three years ago without Brown's three second-half 3-pointers against Buckell --- a game the Panthers eventually won that helped secure them an at-large berth.

That said, his performance has been inconsistent.

Touted out of high school as a player who could score in bunches, the 6-foot-3 guard never recorded double figures in consecutive games last season. His scoring average, field goal and free throw percentages all dipped from his sophomore to junior seasons.

"The ability to stay focused and disciplined at all points in a season, at a high level, is where Travis has struggled a little bit," Jacobson said. "A lot of that is mindset. He understands that, and he knows his consistency is going to be very important for our team this year."

With the season-ending injury to Carlton Reed, Brown is the club's lone senior in uniform. It brings added pressure and responsibility.

"In the past, I've been second-string leader-type, pretty quiet on the court," Brown said. "I'm stepping up my vocals and trying to lead more verbally."

Jacobson, in just a short period, has noticed an improvement. Because of that, the third-year head coach believes Brown is better equipped to handle the shooting lulls.

"His approach is a little different," Jacobson said. "He's very conscious about being a senior, and he's taking that responsibility very seriously. He needs to take that step of being consistent."

Plans were to redshirt Brown, a native of Richfield, Minn., as a freshman. With an experienced backcourt of Ben Jacobson, Erik Crawford, John Little and Brooks McKowen, minutes were going to be difficult to find.

But after what Jacobson labeled "three to four great practices" by Brown before the first exhibition game, UNI's staff elected to play him.

The decision turned out to be wise. After Crawford went down with a six-week injury midway through the conference season, Brown saw his minutes increase, and he even set a career high with 16 points against Indiana State.

Later that year, he had his coming-out party on national television with the three 3s versus Bucknell. Looking back, Brown has no regrets.

"I wasn't too upset with the situation," he said. "I would rather play and put four years in instead of five. Personally, I'm glad this is my last year because it takes a lot."

Brown started 27 games as a sophomore and reached double figures a dozen times. He even had a stretch of four straight double-digit games in the conference season.

Last year, Brown started slow and never established a rhythm. He shot 38.6 percent from the field and an uncharacteristic 65 percent from the foul line.

"A lot of it was mental," Brown admitted. "I've played basketball all my life and I have the experience now. I really don't have any excuses."

Asked if Brown has been the player he hoped when UNI recruited him, Jacobson didn't hesitate.

"He has done everything that we've expected academically, everything expected in terms of behavior on and off the floor, and he's a great teammate," Jacobson said. "Now, if he can add some consistency to his game this year, then it will be what we thought when we recruited him."

Jacobson, who experimented with bringing Brown off the bench last season, will do so in today's opener.

"He can get points in a hurry, and that's important," Jacobson said. "Also, having a senior on the bench, when he enters the game you don't have to wonder what kind of night he's going to have."

"With the situations Travis has been in the last three years, there will be very few things that will be new to him."

Brown, not completely satisfied with the way his career has gone, realizes the clock is ticking. The opportunity is now.

"I'm looking to do more," he said. "Hopefully, I can pull it together and have an impact on my team."





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UNI, Farokhmanesh getting used to winning

By MIKE HLAS, *The Gazette*

ST. LOUIS -- NCAA basketball tournament berths are like 75-degree sunny days. They're all welcomed and loved. But this 2009 invitation the Northern Iowa Panthers earned a week before the full NCAA field is revealed, this may be the best of UNI's four in the last six seasons.

There is no entering the NAAs as an at-large invitee, no stumbling in the league tourney after winning the regular-season crown.

First, UNI shared the MVC regular-season championship with Creighton with a distinguished 14-4 mark. Then, after Creighton was humbled 73-49 by Illinois State in the MVC semifinals Saturday, the Panthers staved off the 24-win Redbirds in overtime Sunday at Scottrade Center, 60-57.

That's four snipped nets and two championship trophies for Northern Iowa this season, a program first.

No matter how the Panthers do in next week's NAAs, this season forever stands as a special one in program history.

The vagaries of fate are more mercurial in college basketball than in most walks of life. A freakish injury here, a lucky shot there -- it can be an awfully thin line between cutting those nets in celebration, or getting verbally cut to shreds by the outer world.

Coaches who survive are ones who not only can game plan and adjust during games, but who have keen eyes for recruits with more than just major-college game. It also requires major heart.

Ali Farokhmanesh of Iowa City didn't lure a stampede of major-college coaches to Kirkwood Community College last winter when he played for the Eagles. But the 6-foot junior has this funny habit of associating himself with nothing but winners, be it at Iowa City West High, or Indian Hills Community College as a freshman, or last season at Kirkwood.

Farokhmanesh couldn't have been more clutch Sunday, making two huge 3-pointers in overtime before sinking a pair of free throws with 6.8 seconds left to force Illinois State to go for a 3-pointer to tie.

He became part of the umpteenth example of a team showing you can get to the NAAs with all sorts of lineups if the players are made of the right stuff.

He took just three shots in regulation, but Farokhmanesh sank back-to-back 3-pointers in the first two minutes of overtime to keep his team afloat.

Not every player would have been comfortable taking such critical shots. Fewer yet would have stroked the shots with the apparent confidence Farokhmanesh showed.

"A lot of players need shots," said UNI Coach Ben Jacobson. "They have to touch the ball a lot. They have to get shots. He can just kind of be there. When something comes his way, he takes it. If we run something for him, he usually comes through for us."

Every team in the NCAA field will have at least a couple of players like that. Many teams that won't be in the NAAs will not.

With the Panthers up 58-57 with 6.8 seconds left, Farokhmanesh had two free throws. If he missed either, UNI could have lost on the Redbirds' subsequent possession.

"If you're a basketball player, everybody likes to be in those situations," he said.

Not everybody. About 99.4 percent of the time, the players who like those moments shoot better than those who don't.

"You always hope guys are going to be tough," Jacobson said. "You always hope they've got it inside to make plays that count.

"I watched him play last year. He took his team to the national junior college tournament and I watched him play some games out there, so I knew and felt really confident in what we were getting with Ali.

"Obviously, the recruiting part of it, you're not always on target. But I did know what he was made of, and I think that's why he comes through in those situations."

UNI will play against a really good team with dynamic athletes in the first round of the NAAs. The Panthers will probably be seeded 11th or 12th. Their opponent will start an off-guard who likely is 3 or 4 inches taller than Farokhmanesh and played in national all-star games as a prep.

But while that player may have physical and skill advantages, for him to have any sort of edge on the Panther he'll need to be this: Clutch.



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Iowa move turns out fine for Farokhmanesh

By *JIM ECKER, The Gazette*

CEDAR FALLS -- Ali Farokhmanesh hated the idea of moving to Iowa. He'd grown up in Pullman, Wash., and all his friends were there. He'd just been named one of the captains of his high school basketball team. Life was good. That was five years ago. His mother, Cindy Fredrick, had been offered a job as the volleyball coach at Iowa, but Ali did not want to go.

"I was begging my parents to stay in Washington," he said. "I was trying to convince my parents to let me stay in my friend's basement. Ridiculous things like that."

His mother was the volleyball coach at Washington State at the time. His father, Dr. Mashallah Farokhmanesh (known as Farokh), was Cindy's assistant at WSU, and they liked the idea of moving to Iowa, partially because Cindy's family is from Waverly and she grew up there.

So they moved to Iowa. And Ali was miserable.

"It was a tough call, it sure was," said Cindy, who's working now at Wartburg College as coordinator of community recreation programs.

If you know Ali Farokhmanesh, or recognize the name, you know the story has a happy ending, and it's getting better all the time. He's one of the top players for the University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team that leads the Missouri Valley Conference by two games, and he's currently the most prolific 3-point shooter in the league.

"I don't think he'd be playing Division I if we hadn't moved to Iowa," Cindy said.

The family moved during the summer of 2004, before Ali's junior year in high school. They lived in a hotel for three weeks, so that was tough. Ali would work out with the Iowa City West basketball team in the morning, play Nintendo most of the day, then play basketball at the UI Field House for three hours.

He met new people, made new friends.

"After the first four or five months, I got used to it and I really started liking Iowa," he said.

Success quickly followed.

Farokhmanesh helped his new teammates at Iowa City West reach the semifinals of the 2005 state tournament, then made all-state as a senior in 2006. He attended Indian Hills Community College for a year, helping the team compile a 34-2 record and reach a No. 1 ranking. Then he transferred to Kirkwood, helping the Eagles to a 32-4 mark and a third-place finish in the national tournament.

Wherever he goes, the team wins. The Panthers are 17-7, which puts his three-year record in college at a glittering 83-13.

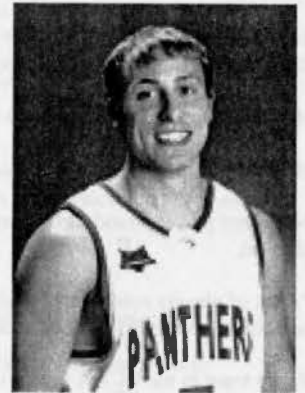
Northern Iowa Coach Ben Jacobson fell in love with the 6-foot guard when he saw him play in a junior college game against DMACC.

"When I walked out, I knew that I was going to offer him a scholarship, because of his toughness," Jacobson said. "I knew he'd have an impact on our team."

Farokhmanesh is averaging 12 points in Missouri Valley Conference games and 10.5 overall. His parents come to all the games.

"I admire him so much, because he never lost sight of his dreams," Cindy said. "This is exactly what he wanted to do."

As it turns out, moving to Iowa wasn't so bad at all.





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Fatherhood looks good on UNI's Ahelegbe

By **JIM ECKER**, *The Gazette*

CEDAR FALLS -- Kwadzo Ahelegbe was unsure of himself as a freshman at the University of Northern Iowa two years ago, a backup point guard struggling to make the transition from high school basketball to college. It wasn't pretty, but take a look at him now.

He's confident, poised and playing like an all-star guard for the Panthers. He's also a new father, and that might be the biggest change in the 20-year-old from Minnesota. It's certainly given him a new outlook.

"It's amazing to see that you have a beautiful child that you love unconditionally," Ahelegbe said Tuesday. "It blows my mind every time I think about it, having a child. But it's great."

Makhi Anthony Kwaku Ahelegbe was born Feb. 20, 2008. He's 11 months old, adorable and the light of his father's life.

Missed shots and occasional losses don't sting quite so much.

"At the end of the day, it's good that you get to go home and I can see my son, and he just laughs, regardless of whatever happened," he said.

Ahelegbe said he and his girlfriend -- the baby's mother -- have a "great relationship," but didn't want to go further than that. His girlfriend and the baby live in Minnesota, about 4 hours away in the Twin Cities, but Ahelegbe's mother makes regular trips to Cedar Falls and often brings Makhi for visits.

"They come down here a lot," he said. "My mom is a wonderful woman. She's crazy to come to every home game, but that's fortunate for me. When my mom comes, typically my son comes."

Ben Jacobson, UNI's head coach, thinks Ahelegbe has done a terrific job of accepting his responsibilities as an unmarried father.

"Some people have to make a decision as to what part they want to play in the life of their son or daughter. He never questioned it," Jacobson said. "He's been accepting of it and embraced it the entire time."

Ahelegbe had a lot to deal with last winter. He was injured and unable to play for the Panthers due to shoulder surgery, and his girlfriend was pregnant with their child in Minnesota.

"It was chaotic, dealing with school and going back and forth (to Minnesota) and going through all the surgeries," he said. "But I think the birth of my son kind of weighed everything down for me, knowing that there is a blessing in disguise."

Ahelegbe's roots go straight to Africa. His parents, Kwami and Kafui Ahelegbe, are from Ghana and moved to the United States so his father could get more schooling. Kwadzo (pronounced K-Jo) was born in the U.S., but received an African first name. Kwadzo means "born on Monday" in his parents' culture, and the tradition has carried over to his son.

The Kwaku part of his son's name means "born on Tuesday," he said, and is a tribute to Ahelegbe's grandfather. Makhi means "message sent from god," which he finds entirely fitting.

Jacobson thought he'd found a quality young man when he signed Ahelegbe out of Tartan High School in Oakdale, Minn., three years ago. Recent events have confirmed his faith.

"He's really changed his overall behavior from when he got here as a freshman," Jacobson said. "He's really grown a lot, in a lot of areas. And I think part of that is being a dad."

Ahelegbe is a major reason the Panthers have won six straight games in the Missouri Valley Conference and lead the league heading into tonight's showdown with Bradley in the McLeod Center. He's averaging 11.4 points, 3.4 assists, 2.3 rebounds and did a superb job on defense last Saturday in an 81-59 victory at Drake, helping UNI hold Drake star Josh Young to three points.

Ahelegbe averaged just 2.6 points as a freshman two years ago, took a medical red-shirt last year and now has blossomed into one of the top guards in the Valley. Ahelegbe said he won't be satisfied until they win the MVC title.

"I'm happy," he said, "but not happy enough."





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Keeler: no star power needed for resilient Panthers

By SEAN KEELER, *Des Moines Register*

St. Louis, Mo. — Jordan Eglseder has two left feet. Travis Brown's shot leaves his hands the way a knuckleball does from an aging pitcher. Lucas O'Rear is 6-foot-4 on tippy-toes. The recruiting experts decreed that Adam Koch was too skinny and Ali Farokhmanesh was too small.

Individually, this Northern Iowa men's basketball team isn't much to look at. But collectively, no trophy case can contain them.

"They don't care which one of them it is," coach Ben Jacobson said after the Panthers beat Illinois State to clinch the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament and lock up a berth in the Big Dance. "It can be any of them ... they've got confidence in each other to do that."

Osiris Eldridge, Illinois State's marvelous junior guard, was the premier player on the floor Sunday, although, to be fair, he wasn't so much a player as he was a sky-walking, cybernetic basketball death machine. Mere mortals do not drain 27-footers while falling out of bounds. They do not fly through the air to swat away the shot of a man eight inches taller. Scoreless at halftime, The Little O collected 21 points over the next 25 minutes. Surrounded by a half-dozen reporters at Arch Madness last week, an NBA scout called the 6-foot-3 Chicago native a future pro, the single best player in the Valley.

But the Panthers are the Valley's best T-E-A-M. If there's a lesson from the tourney's overtime finale, it's this: Players, no matter how great, eventually hit a wall. Northern Iowa keeps coming at you. The Panthers are a basketball octopus. If an arm isn't working, one of the other seven are going to figure out a way to do the trick.

Koch held in check? There's O'Rear with a big offensive rebound and a putback.

Johnny Moran hits a wall? There's Farokhmanesh dropping daggers from the top of the arc.

Eglseder needs a breather? There's Adam Rodenberg, all 6-6 of him, tossing elbows inside.

Kwadzo Ahelegbe gets in foul trouble? There's Kerwin Dunham and Brown, diving for loose balls, sacrificing their bodies for the cause.

"(Eglseder's size) helped them a lot, but they've also got some tough kids," observed Illinois State coach Tim Jankovich, who's now lost in the Valley title game two straight years to two different Iowa schools. "And I don't think anybody plays good defense in whatever style you choose unless you've got a pretty good dose of toughness."

You can't underestimate toughness, especially in Bracketville, when every game starts to feel as if you've got the weight of the world — or a small Buick, at least — on your back. Northern Iowa is probably a lock for a 13 seed, maybe even a 14, but doubt the Purple at your peril. The Panthers are 9-3 in games decided by 12 points or fewer. On road or neutral courts, they're 12-5. Defense, as they say, travels well.

So does chemistry. On one side of the lane, stands Farokhmanesh, whose father once played volleyball for the Iranian national team. On the other is Ahelegbe, whose dad hails from the Republic of Ghana, and Koch, a pre-med whiz from Wisconsin. This melting pot of kids from towns big and small jelled in a way no one saw coming.

No one, that is, except for them.

"I don't know how many people outside our team would have, you know, predicted this to happen," said Koch, who finished with six points and six rebounds. "After that 6-6 start, I mean, our team probably could have gone one of two ways."

They took the high road. The hard road. Yet for all the floor burns, the heart-stopping comebacks and the hardware, the best story about this team, the one that sums it up, involves a piece of nylon.

More than a week ago, they were cutting down nets at the McLeod Center. The Panthers had just held off Evansville to clinch a share of the Valley's regular-season title, the first in the program's history. When Brown came down off the ladder, rather than keep his piece, he gave it to a little kid. Suddenly, the rest of the players started to do the same.

"He's a big Panthers fan, he's always at our camps and stuff, so I just felt it was right at the time to give it to him," Brown explained. "He knows it's a special thing, and he'll probably keep that for the rest of his life."

As he recalled that night, Brown held up his hand and opened it.

In his palm was a new strand, this one from the naked rim at the Scottrade Center. Then he offered a grin that could light up the Ozarks.

"This one," Brown whispered, "I'm going to keep for the rest of my life, too."



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Keeler: Adam Koch is the Panthers' hoss who provides the clout on offense

By SEAN KEELER, *Des Moines Register*

St. Louis, Mo. - Adam Koch seems a little tall to be a dentist, but that's the plan. "Good guy to have as your roommate," Ali Farokhmanesh, Koch's teammate, said of Northern Iowa's 6-foot-8 power forward, a biology/bio-med major. "He's really smart, too."

Smart. Strong. Reliable. If the Panthers were a football team, Koch would be the big tailback who gets the rock in the last six minutes while you're nursing a three-point lead. The hoss who moves the chains and eats up the clock. The closer.

"The last four or five weeks, he's been so aggressive," Farokhmanesh said after Northern Iowa rallied to hold off Indiana State and advance to Saturday's Missouri Valley Conference semifinal tussle with Bradley. "And when he's aggressive, I don't think anybody can guard him in this conference."

The Sycamores tried Friday. Not much worked. When they doubled him, he'd kick the ball out to Farokhmanesh at the 3-point arc or to a driving Kwadzo Ahelegbe in the lane. When they covered him 1-on-1, usually with the shorter Jay Tunnell, he'd back his defender down, wheel around him, and either bank the ball in off the backboard or draw a contact foul.

Of Koch's 19 points, eight came over the last nine minutes, as the Panthers were trying valiantly not to become the first No. 1 seed in Valley tournament history to fall in the quarterfinals.

"You definitely want to be the player that's looked at like that," said the lanky junior, who has averaged 17 points over the last three contests - all must-wins for the Valley's most surprising roster. "You want this team to have the confidence in you to make a play. And the nice thing is, we've got a lot of guys on (this) team who can make plays."

But Koch is the guy you count on most down the stretch. A quiet, personable type, his climb came the old-fashioned way: with a little patience, a little blood and a lot of sweat.

Koch spent his freshman and sophomore years getting pummeled in practice by former Northern Iowa stars Eric Coleman and Grant Stout, neither of whom gave so much as an inch. He put on about 25 pounds of muscle over this past summer, but because he's got the wingspan of a Boeing 727, you wouldn't know it from looking at him.

Always a solid free-throw shooter, Koch built himself into a complete player offensively, the quintessential Valley power forward. His 11 treys are more than twice the number of makes from a year ago (five). His triple from the top of the arc five minutes into Friday's contest gave Northern Iowa an 11-10 edge. A year ago, it's a shot he wouldn't have taken.

"Whenever he'd get the ball on the 3-point arc, he'd just kind of sit there (and think), 'Naw, I won't shoot it,'" reserve forward Lucas O'Rear explained. "But now if he's open, he's going to take it. How many did he make (Friday)? One? Two? He's just confident shooting that shot and lately, he's been shooting it a lot more."

The Panthers are 7-2 when Koch knocks down a 3-pointer, 14-8 when he doesn't. Craig Brackins is the most talented Big Four men's basketball player of 2008-09, but the Wisconsin native just might be the most valuable. Without him ...

"I think we're a completely different team," Farokhmanesh replied. "I mean, Adam brings so much to the table for all of us. He opens up lanes for Kwadzo to drive. When he gets double-teamed, I'm open for three. I don't think I would get half my shots if it wasn't for Adam. And I don't think we'd get as many drives, either, if it wasn't for Adam."

The Panthers pride themselves on balance, the idea that five or six kids can light somebody up for 15 points on any given night. True enough, but in the final five minutes, you want that rock, that foundation - someone to lean on when the palms get sweaty and the knuckles turn white.

"(He) was certainly the difference in the game," coach Ben Jacobson said. "That takes a team effort and his ability to finish."

Northern Iowa is 8-3 in games decided by five points or less, including victories in seven of their last eight. When it comes to crunch time, Koch knows the drill. In more ways than one.

