

NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS

Cedar Falls, Iowa
Enrollment: 13,080Mark Farley (Career 82-32)
10th Year at Northern Iowa
Farley's record at Northern Iowa (82-32)

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2010

QUARTERBACKS - In '08 UNI had to replace QB Eric Sanders, who left as the FCS's all-time leader in comp % (69.6%) and threw for 2,842 (75%, 17-6) as a Sr. QB Pat Grace had just 7 pass att in '07. Grace (2nd Tm MVFC) started 12 in '08 throwing for 2,041 (62%, 14-7) and was the #3 rusher (618, 4.6) but missed 3. Backup rFr QB Zach Davis, started those 3 gms (3-0) and played in 7 overall. Davis threw for 504 (61.4%, 3-1). Both returned LY. Grace (1st Tm MVFC) started all 11 throwing for 2,280 (61.3%, 20-8) and was the #3 rusher (297, 3.2) but now departs. Davis threw for 230 (48.6%, 2-2) with 78 rush yds. Davis returns and they add in JC Tirrell Rennie (PS#122JC) who accounted for 3 TD's in the spring game.

RUNNING BACKS - UNI ret'd 4 of their top 5 rushers in '08 incl #1 rusher Corey Lewis (1513, 5.9, 16 TD). Lewis led again in '08 with 1,314 (5.1) and 11 TD and was 2nd Tm MVFC but he departed. UNI returned 7 of their top 8 rushers LY including RB Derrick Law (786, 4.2, 9 TD) and 2nd Tm MVFC FB Ryan Mahaffey. Law was suspended for the opener and only started the L/3 but led with 714 (5.8, 4 TD) but departs. RFr Carlos Anderson started the L/8 and was #2 with 541 (4.7, 4 TD), while Matt Strathman added 264 (6.8) and both return along with 2nd Tm MVFC FB Mahaffey (7 rec). UNI also adds JC Wilmont Wellington (PS#479JC) and a rare VHT in true frosh Andre Dawson (PS#48).

RECEIVERS - UNI ret'd their top 4 rec in '08 who comb for 2,305 in '07. They saw their pass ypg drop by 55 ypg in '08 with a new QB. Last year they had to replace 3 of their top 5 rec who comb for 984 and then lost WR Josh Collins, who led with 502 (15.7) prior to the ssn. They avg 53 ypg more despite being inexp'd. This year they lose their top 2 rec in DJ Hord (601, 16.7) and DP Eymann (540, 12.9). They get back Collins and return their #3 WR Jarred Herring and 2nd Tm MVFC TE Schuyler Oordt (358, 19.9).

OFFENSIVE LINE - The OL returned just 1 starter in '08 and had to replace #3 and #7 DC's. Unsurprisingly their rush ypg dropped by 35 as the ypc fell from 4.8 to 4.4 but they allowed just 12 sacks. Last year the OL lost just 1 starter and returned 6 OL who combined for 59 sts in '08 including 2nd Tm MVFC LT Austin Howard (15 st). They improved their ypc from 4.4 to 4.9 and allowed

just 10 sks (3.4%). This year they lose all 5 st's including 2 AA's C Austin Steichen and LT Howard. They add in C Brian Palangi, who started 6 at Northeastern LY along with JC Sean Boren on what should be a rebuilt UNI OL.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The DL ret 3 st's in '08 and while they allowed 16 more ypg rushing, they improved the ypc from 3.3 to 3.2 and for a 2nd year in a row were #1 in the MVFC in rush defense plus the sack total increased from 28 to 33. Last year they lost 3 DL who comb for 30 st in '08 incl 1st Tm MVFC DT Everett Pedescaux (#6 tkl'r, 6.5 sk) and 2nd Tm MVFC DE Jeremy Robertson (6.5 sk). They returned two 15 gm st's incl MVFC Def POY DE James Ruffin (#5, 10 sk) and added in Bowling Green transfer Darren Branch and a JC. UNI was again #1 in rush defense (#9 FCS) allowing just 96 ypg with a 2.9 ypc but the tm's sk total fell to 27. This year they lose 3 st's in MVFC Co-DPOY DE Ruffin (#7 tkl'r, 10.5 sks) and 2nd Tm MVFC DT Wes Lane (#9 tkl'r, 16 tfl) and NG Chuck Kinney (#5 tkl'r, 6.5 tfl). They return DE's Branch (27 tkl, 3 tfl) and Ben Boothby (27 tkl, 5 tfl), who comb to start 10 games LY.

LINEBACKERS - The LB unit had to replace 2 st's in '08 incl the '07 GFC Def POY LY they returned the top 2 tkl's in 1st Tm MVFC LB Josh Mahoney (139 tkl, 7 tfl, 3 int) and LB Jamar Thompson (110 tkl, 10 tfl, 4 int) but Thompson started 9 at FS and they had to replace #3 De'Veon Harris (104 tkl, 8 tfl, 3 int). This year they lose 1st Tm MVFC LB Mahoney (#1 tkl'r) and Elijah Hodge (#4 tkl'r). They do return LJ Fort (#3 tkl'r) and Thompson (#2 tkl'r), who started the L/2 at LB LY.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '08 the secondary ret'd 4 players who comb for 31 st in '07 and they allowed an impressive 15-24 ratio. Last year they lost 6 players, who comb for all 60 sts including 1st Tm MVFC SS Darrell Lloyd (#4 tkl'r) and 2nd Tm MVFC CB Terrell McMoore (5 int). They moved LB Thompson to FS and improved their pass def by 31 ypg with an impressive 9-12 ratio. This year they lose SS Quentin Scott (#6 tkl'r) who led the Panthers with 5 int. Thompson moves back to LB but CB's Andre Martin (#8 tkl'r) and Terrell McBride (#10 tkl'r) return as well as 2 S's Garrett Scott and Tre'Darius Canady who had a combined 2 sts and 52 tkl.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UNI had to replace their P and top 2 KR in '08. Last year they returned K Billy Hallgren, who hit 19 of 28 FG (L/47) in '08, along with their top KR Jarred Herring (25.5). They had to replace P Brook Blake (39.9 avg, 30.7 net) and top PR Johnny Gray (8.1). This year they return all

2010 SCHEDULE

9/4	
9/11	North Dakota St
9/18	Stephen F. Austin
9/25	at Iowa St
10/2	South Dakota St
10/9	at Southern Illinois
10/16	at South Dakota
10/23	Illinois St (HC)
10/30	at Youngstown St
11/6	at Indiana St
11/13	Missouri St
11/20	at Western Illinois

2009 RECORD:
(7-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 3

DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 37 (17,18,2)

Lost: 22 (14,7,1)

2009 AVG ATTENDANCE:

12,969 (#19)

MISSOURI VALLEY

of their top ST players including Hallgren (13 of 17 FG, L/42) who had 2 game winning FG att's blocked vs Iowa, P Kyle Bernard (36.8 avg, 32.0 net), KR Herring (22.7, 1 TD) and PR Sonie (13.2).

COACHES - HC Mark Farley has led UNI to 5 conf championships, 5 playoff appearance and five Top 5 finishes in his 9 yrs. Co-OC's Bill Salmon and Mario Verduzco return for their 10th yr. Chris Klieman returns for his 3rd yr as DC (5th overall).

FORECAST - The Panthers ret'd 6 Off st's LY and improved in the MVFC from #5 to #2 in scoring and from #5 to #1 in total Off. This year they return just 3 Off st's and lose all 5 OL, their top QB and RB and their top 2 receivers. They get back '08's leading receiver (out LY), add in 3 JC's and a FCS transfer, who started 6 LY at Northeastern (dropped program). UNI returned just 4 Def st's LY yet still finished #1 MVFC (#4 FCS) in scoring def and #1 (#9 FCS) in total def. This year they return 5 Def st's but lose all 4 All-MVFC players including 2x DPOY Ruffin and return just 3 of their top 9 tkl's. UNI opened '09 losing by 1 at Iowa as they had 2 last second FG's blocked. They won their next 4 by a comb 193-21 and they beat NDSU by 15. The Panthers were ranked #2 when they hosted #5 SIU in front of a record crowd but lost by 7 and then lost to SDSU the next week. They still had the playoffs in sight but gave up a TD with 0.6 sec left and lost by 2 to Illinois St in the season finale. The Panthers welcome back just 9 starters (fewest in L/7 yrs) in 2010. UNI is still a talent laden team however and should have their 8th straight winning year. Their schedule is front loaded with the toughest games at the start of the year and they are set up for a strong second half run for their 6th conference title under Farley.

STADIUM: UNI-DOME (16,324) (#43)
PLAYING SURFACE: MONDOTURF

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-3	5-6	10-3	7-4	11-4	7-4	12-1	12-3	7-4	82-32
Home	6-0	3-3	6-0	4-2	7-0	4-2	6-1	8-1	5-1	49-10
Away	5-3	2-3	4-3	3-2	4-4	3-2	6-0	4-2	2-3	33-22
Conf	6-1	2-5	6-1	5-2	5-2	5-2	6-0	7-1	5-3	47-17
Non-Conf	5-2	3-1	4-2	2-2	6-2	2-2	6-1	5-2	2-1	35-15
Playoffs	2-1	-	1-1	-	3-1	-	1-1	2-1	-	9-5

2009 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
RUSHING												
Derrick Law	123	721	7	714	4	5.8	Josh Mahoney	89	1	0	0	0
Carlos Anderson	114	551	11	541	4	4.7	Jamar Thompson	86	0	2	3	2
Pat Grace	93	382	85	297	8	3.2	LJ Fort	70	1	3.5	1	2
Matt Strathman	39	269	5	264	2	6.8	Elijah Hodge	64	2	4.5	3	0
Joe Johnson	25	102	2	100	1	4.0	Chuck Kinney	56	2.5	4	2	0
Jarred Herring	7	86	0	86	1	12.3	Quentin Scott	49	0	3.5	4	5
Zach Davis	12	83	5	78	0	6.5	James Ruffin	48	10.5	3.5	0	0
PASSING												
Pat Grace	253	155	61.3	2280	20	8	Andre Martin	44	0	0	3	2
Zach Davis	37	18	48.6	230	2	2	Wes Lane	42	4.5	11.5	0	0
RECEIVING												
DJ Hord	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG		Terrell McBride	41	0	2.5	3	0
DP Eymann	42	540	12.9	4	57		Ben Boothby	27	2.5	2.5	0	0
Jarred Herring	27	516	19.1	3	75		Darren Branch	27	1	2	0	0
Schuyler Oordt	18	358	19.9	5	50		Tre'Darius Canady	27	0	0	1	0
Maurice Turner	20	266	13.3	1	40		James Conley	26	0	1	1	1
Carlos Anderson	15	110	7.3	1	22		Garrett Scott	25	1	1	2	0
Derrick Law	7	61	8.7	0	18		Shawn Gerard	18	1	1	0	0
Ryan Mahaffey	7	50	7.1	3	14		Jordan Smith	15	0	1.5	0	0
Zach Gran	1	8	8.0	0	8		Zach Gran	15	0	0	0	0
PUNTING												
Kyle Bernard	42	1545	36.8	14	32.0	1	12	Varmah Sonie	6	79	13.2	0
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL LONG		Jarred Herring	9	55	6.1	0
Billy Hallgren	43-43	5-5	6-6	2-5	0-1	13-17	42	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Max Martin	3-3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	34	Jarred Herring	19	431	22.7	1
								Carlos Anderson	8	247	30.9	0

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	TOTAL	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	SKS	TOTAL	RET	PTS	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	SKS
STS	FTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPS	VS	TURN	STS	FTS	DEF	DEF	DEF	YPC	%	YPP	BY
6*	33.4	417	189	4.28	58.6	12.5	10	+2	2009	4	13.2	267	96	2.9	172	61.4	20.3	27
6	29.2	367	192	4.4	175	61.6	12.6	12	+22	2008	6	17.7	310	107	3.2	203	57.7	17.5
7*	36.1	457	227	4.8	230	75.5	12.7	23	+15	2007	9	16.8	304	91	3.3	213	60.8	18.1
6	31.0	408	219	5.4	189	67.5	13.2	21	+7	2006	4	22.6	342	138	4.0	204	58.2	15.1
7	29.9	401	164	3.8	237	67.6	13.4	38	+5	2005	6	23.8	376	127	3.4	248	61.5	15.8
8	31.9	390	204	4.3	186	59.5	12.2	11	+11	2004	5	18.0	305	109	3.3	196	54.9	16.9

OFFENSE

2009 STATS BY GAME

DEFENSE

UNI 2009	ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
70,585		at Iowa	18	32-84	2.6	23-38	270	2	19	31-87	2.8	22-34	242	4	+1
12,688		South Dakota	30	29-234	8.1	26-35	478	0	17	35-90	2.6	20-31	202	4	+5
10,981		St Francis (PA)	17	38-215	5.7	10-18	167	1	9	32-40	1.3	15-25	107	3	-1
15,038		at Missouri St	22	43-194	4.5	17-24	202	2	15	34-69	2.0	17-30	116	4	0
14,860		Indiana St	28	64-406	6.3	8-10	165	0	5	25-42	1.7	6-17	60	1	+1
16,418		at North Dakota St	19	26-166	6.4	14-21	229	2	29	39-206	5.3	29-44	308	2	+1
17,190		Southern Illinois	17	32-156	4.9	13-29	219	0	19	39-170	4.4	16-29	175	1	-2
15,523		at South Dakota St	18	34-112	3.3	21-38	215	0	20	33-144	4.4	26-37	285	0	-2
11,025		Youngstown St	23	48-230	4.8	12-20	104	0	17	27-74	2.7	22-35	164	1	0
11,070		Western Illinois	16	48-185	3.9	9-17	213	2	6	28-52	1.9	9-22	60	6	+2
6,287		at Illinois St	21	30-98	3.3	20-45	248	1	13	34-77	2.3	22-28	169	1	-3
TOTALS			229	424-2080	4.9	173-295	2510	10	169	357-1051	2.9	204-332	1888	27	+2
AVERAGES			20.8	39-189	4.9	16-27	228	0.9	15.4	32-96	2.9	19-30	172	2.5	+0.2

2004 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Iowa St	0-23
Minnesota St-Mankato	40-0
Stephen F Austin	21-24
at Southern Illinois	36-40
WKU	10-17
at Youngstown St	22-20
Western Illinois	36-13
Missouri St	42-20
at Indiana St	58-6
Illinois St	41-14
at Northern Arizona	45-21

2005 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Drake	52-17
Minnesota-Duluth	49-14
at Iowa	21-45
at Western Illinois	41-24
at Missouri St	21-24
at Indiana St	31-10
at Illinois St	3-38
Youngstown St	21-7
at WKU (2OT)	23-20
Southern Illinois	25-24
N Arizona	41-17
E Washington	41-38
at New Hampshire	24-21
at Texas St (OT)	40-37
at Appalachian St	16-21

2006 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Drake	48-7
North Dakota	31-35
South Dakota St	27-17
at Iowa St	27-28
Missouri St	38-7
at Indiana St	34-14
at Youngstown St	31-23
Western Illinois	13-24
WKU	31-20
at Southern Illinois	23-47
Illinois St	38-27

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Minnesota St-Mankato	41-14
at Iowa St	24-13
at South Dakota St	31-17
at Drake	45-7
at Illinois St	23-13
Southern Illinois	30-24
at Western Illinois	42-13
Youngstown St	14-33
at Missouri St	38-17
Indiana St	68-14
Southern Utah	48-10
New Hampshire	38-35
Delaware	27-39

2008 RESULTS

	OPPONENT	SCORE
at	BYU	17-41
	South Dakota	24-13
	South Dakota St	34-20
at	Southern Illinois	24-27
	Nicholls St	34-14
	Illinois St	31-17
	North Dakota St	23-13
at	Youngstown St	21-20
	Western Illinois	30-6
	Missouri St	42-0
at	Indiana St	28-0
at	Southern Utah	34-24
	Maine	40-15
	New Hampshire	36-34
	Richmond	20-21