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2008-09 BOWLING



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2008-09 Quick Facts

UNION COLLEGE
 Location: Barbourville, Ky.
 Founded: 1879
 Enrollment: 1,350
 Nickname: Bulldogs
 Colors: Orange (PMS 165) and Black
 Affiliations: United States Bowling Congress/NAIA
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Head Coach: Matt Mahony
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BOWLING HISTORY

First Year of Bowling: 2008-09*
 *-Union had sponsored bowling until the 1970s before being reinstated in 2008.

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DIRECTIONS TO UNION

FROM THE NORTH: I-75 south to exit 29. Turn left at the end of the ramp and continue for approximately 17 miles into Barbourville. Turn right at the first entrance into town (just past the shopping center with a green roof). Go to the third traffic light and turn right. At the first four-way stop, continue straight and the campus will be one block up on the right.

FROM THE SOUTH: I-75 north to exit 25. Turn right at the end of the ramp and go to the first light. Turn right at the light (Corbin bypass) and continue for about five miles. Turn right when the road ends at US 25E south. Continue for approximately 12 miles into Barbourville. Turn right at the first entrance into town (just past the shopping center with a green roof). Go to the third traffic light and turn right. At the first four-way stop, continue straight and the campus will be one block up on the right.

FROM EAST TENNESSEE AND THE CAROLINAS: Take US 25E north into Barbourville. At the third traffic light in Barbourville, turn left (Daniel Boone Drive). Turn right at the third traffic light, then go through one more stop light and a four-way stop. The campus will be one block up on the right.

In 1879 a group of progressive citizens followed the prompting of Abraham H. Harritt, a salesman of school desks, and James T. Gibson, the owner of a general-merchandise store, to establish a college in the Barbourville community. W.W. Sawyers and James D. Black met in the office of Judge J.H. Tinsley and formed a stock company to launch Union College.

Black, who later served as president of Union from 1910-12 and later served as governor of Kentucky, is given credit for having named the school "Union." The institution would serve as a unifying influence for the community regardless of church affiliation or political differences. The Articles of Incorporation were drawn up on Oct. 18, 1879, and provided for the issuance of \$20,000 worth of capital stock. The London Echo of Dec. 12, 1879, carrying its first announcement of Union, listed the corporation as being "designed to fill a long-felt want in eastern Kentucky, eastern Tennessee and western Virginia."

Union was operated under local leadership for the first few years, but began to experience severe financial struggles. On Oct. 25, 1886, the property was "cried off" to Green Elliott, who purchased it for Dr. Daniel Stevenson for the sum of \$4,425 with Mrs. Mahala Dowis furnishing the funds. The renowned Kentucky educator had been authorized to attend the sale by the Board of Education of the Kentucky Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Union's athletic mascot, the English Bulldog, was introduced during the fall of 1925. The breed, whose ancestors were developed in Britain before the 13th century from the British mastiff and other breeds, was used for bullbaiting and dogfighting until these sports were outlawed in the 19th century.

In 1967, the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity of Union College purchased the first living mascot named Mack. He was presented at the Homecoming basketball game that same year. A registered English Bulldog, Mack died in 1971. His remains are buried in an area adjacent to Union's current baseball complex.

During the past seven years, Union College began a major campus renovation and building project. Plans included the creation of new student housing, expanded academic and athletic centers, and the upgrade of existing facilities. Projects completed were the construction of the Stewart Apartments, Sharp Academic Center, Black Technology Center and the renovation of Speed Hall. Union's athletic facilities have also received facelifts as well. A new brick backstop erected in 2001 at Sanders Field at Jerry W. Carey Baseball Stadium, while a new outfield fence was built in 2007. Robison Arena recently had the floor repainted, new scoreboards installed and new lights, roof and gutters installed. Two new tennis courts were constructed, while the existing four were resurfaced, and a new press box was constructed at Burch/Nau Field (football) in 2003. In 2007, synthetic sports turf was inlaid at Burch/Nau Field, allowing the men's and women's soccer teams to host its home games there along with football. New locker rooms were built for the football team, while the locker rooms for volleyball and women's basketball have been expanded and refurbished.

Union offers 27 majors in the undergraduate curriculum, which lead to a bachelor's degree. Twenty-one minors are also available in many of these programs. In addition, the college offers pre-professional programs.

Union College also offers a graduate program with graduate work in education leading to a Master's degree, Fifth-Year Certificate and Rank I Certificate. A Master's in Psychology is also available.

How many independent, liberal arts colleges in the Commonwealth of Kentucky can boast of a Nobel Prize-winning graduate? Union College can certainly lay claim to that. Dr. Phillip A. Sharp, the co-winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize for medicine, received his bachelor's degree from Union in 1966.

Campus life starts from the moment the students arrive on campus and continues through the end of the school year. Students can participate in more than 30 campus organizations such as music, theatre productions, sports, student government, religious activities and clubs.

A recent expansion of the school's outdoor program includes rental services for canoes and mountain bikes, as well as various hiking expeditions throughout the year.

Union offers 23 intercollegiate varsity sports which are affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as well as a cheerleading squad. In 2002, Union became a member of the Appalachian Athletic Conference, but it still competes in the Mid-South Conference in football.



CENTENNIAL HALL

It's a dawning of a new day for Union College.

Union is gearing up to take to the lanes as the newly reinstated men's and women's bowling teams get ready for their first season back in action.

"I'm excited," said Union coach **Matt Mahony**. "This is going to be a fun, new experience for me and for the team."

Once upon a time, Union sponsored bowling as an intercollegiate sport, but that was over three decades ago. So, everything is fresh and new for the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs.

Mahony noted that this first-year experience will be something the team members will long remember.

"I have a good group of student-athletes. Not only are they good bowlers, they are good young men and women," the Bulldog coach said. "And I believe this will be something they can look back on with pride as being a part of something new."

Entering this first season, Mahony's expectations are tempered by the unknown. The goal for the programs are to qualify for the sectional tournament, but not fully knowing the strength of the competition and the full capabilities of the Union squads makes projecting the future difficult.

"Even though the teams are all freshmen, we have some talented bowlers, and I want us to be competitive at the highest level possible," said Mahony.

The fact that the teams are loaded with nothing but freshmen will not be a reason for any success or lack thereof.

"I don't want a free pass or use the excuse that we're all freshmen," Mahony added. "Will we win any tournaments this year? I don't know, but I expect us to compete."

To qualify for the postseason sectional tournament, a school earns points based on its finish in up to 10 United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Collegiate certified competitions. A team garners points depending on its finish in the tournament with the first-place squad receiving a maximum of 250 points at a Tier I tournament and a maximum of 150 points at a Tier II tournament. The USBC certifies which tournaments are Tier I or Tier II events.

Currently, the Lady Bulldogs have only three on their roster, two shy of what is needed for competition. Mahony hopes to be able to bring in a couple more bowlers for the spring schedule to round out the roster. In the meantime, the Lady Bulldogs will be able to gain competition experience as part of a mixed

team.

Making up the Lady Bulldogs are **Andrea Higgins** (Hendersonville, Tenn.), **Kayleen Hiatt** (Kettering, Ohio) and **Haley McDowell** (Lexington, Ky.).

"Andrea is one of our better bowlers," Mahony said of Higgins. "She is good enough to compete with our guys."

The Lady Bulldog coach noted that Hiatt "is very competitive and works hard at practice." "She is very knowledgeable and are good at making adjustments when needed," Mahony added.

McDowell played a number of sports growing up and in high school, including golf, basketball and softball. However, bowling is what is helping her go to college.

"Haley is quite the athlete," said Mahony. "She is a good bowler but has never really been devoted to it full time. Now that she is focused solely on bowling, she has gotten better every day and with every practice."

On the men's team, **Jordan Rummel** (Athens, Tenn.), **Chad Ferguson** (Louisville, Ky.), **Jesse Beal** (Dayton, Ohio), **Justin Ward** (Lexington, Ky.), **Mark Baker** (Lexington, Ky.) and **Jeremie Blattler** (Savannah, Tenn.) make up the roster.

Rummel and Ferguson are what is known as "power bowlers," meaning they get a lot of revolutions on the ball making it bend and break across the lane. Ferguson comes from a good bowling program at Male High.

"Chad has been bowling his entire life," Mahony added.

Beal hails from Stebbins High, which won the 2008 Ohio State Championship.

"Jesse is used to winning," said Mahony. "He's won in high school and hopefully he can bring that here to Union."

The Bulldog coach commented that Ward and Baker have been "very consistent and accurate during the pre-season." Baker is of a new breed of bowlers in that he is a left-handed, two-handed bowler.

Blattler is showing he is going to be a quality teammate.

"Jeremie is eager to learn and is always asking questions in trying to improve his game," Mahony said. "He's a team player and a good kid. He is a very solid player who'll help out the program throughout the season."

Union opens the season on Oct. 25-26 at the SI Elite Invite I Cartersville, Ill. In all, Union will play in 10 tournaments in five different states with the closest event being the Striking Knights Classic in Louisville, Ky., on Nov. 21-22.



Matt Mahony was tabbed to revitalize the Union College men's and women's bowling programs in January of 2008.

He received his United States Bowling Congress Bronze certification in the summer of 2008.

Mahony is no stranger to Union. A 2007 graduate of the southeastern Kentucky institution, he was a two-year member of the Bulldog baseball team as he helped the squad to the 2006 Appalachian Athletic Conference

Tournament championship and the 2007 NAIA Region XII Tournament championship.

Playing in 122 games for the Bulldogs, Mahony posted a career batting average of .346 with 21 doubles, two home runs, 72 RBIs, 132 runs scored and 62 stolen bases. In 2007, he earned a spot on the All-Appalachian Athletic Conference First Team as a third baseman.

In addition to playing baseball at Union, Mahony is also the voice of the Bulldogs on the department's internet broadcasts of athletic events.



The 2008-09 Bulldog Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Mark Baker	Fr.	Lexington, Ky./Tates Creek
Jesse Beal	Fr.	Dayton, Ohio/Walter E. Stebbins
Jeremie Blattler	Fr.	Savannah, Tenn./Hardin County
Chad Ferguson	Fr.	Louisville, Ky./Louisville Male
Jordan Rummel	Fr.	Athens, Tenn./Walker Valley
Justin Ward	Fr.	Lexington, Ky./Tates Creek

The 2008-09 Lady Bulldog Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Kayleen Hiatt	Fr.	Kettering, Ohio/Fairmont
Andrea Higgins	Fr.	Hendersonville, Tenn./Hendersonville
Haley McDowell	Fr.	Lexington, Ky./Blue Grass Baptist



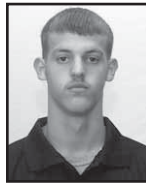


Bulldog Profiles



Mark Baker
Freshman
Lexington, Ky. /
Tates Creek

First Year with the Bulldogs



Chad Ferguson
Freshman
Louisville, Ky. /
Louisville Male

First Year with the Bulldogs



Jesse Beal
Freshman
Dayton, Ohio /
Walter E. Stebbins

First Year with the Bulldogs



Jordan Rummel
Freshman
Athens, Tenn. /
Walker Valley

First Year with the Bulldogs



Jeremie Blatter
Freshman
Savannah, Tenn. /
Hardin County

First Year with the Bulldogs



Justin Ward
Freshman
Lexington, Ky. /
Tates Creek

First Year with the Bulldogs



Lady Bulldog Profiles



Kayleen Hiatt
Freshman
Kettering Ohio /
Fairmont

First Year with the Lady Bulldogs



Haley McDowell
Freshman
Lexington, Ky. /
Blue Grass Baptist

First Year with the Lady Bulldogs



Andrea Higgins
Freshman
Hendersonville,
Tenn. /
Hendersonville

First Year with the Lady Bulldogs



With all the recent hoopla surrounding college bowling due to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's addition of women's bowling as a NCAA championship sport in the 2003-04 season, it would be easy to overlook the growth of college bowling at another varsity level.

Thirteen schools falling under the auspices of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics have emerged over the last few years, nearly 20 years since bowling ceased to exist at the NAIA ranks.

Not only have they emerged, two programs have become national champions while another is on the verge.

In only its second appearance at the national finals, Lindenwood University, located in St. Charles, Mo., captured the men's national title in 2005. The Lindenwood women followed up by winning the women's national title at the 2006 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships. One month later, Lindenwood's Brian Valenta won the men's national title at the 2006 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, avenging his runner-up finish from 2004.

Lindenwood's success comes on the heels of Pikeville College, in just its third year of existence, upending national powerhouse Wichita State to win the 2004 Intercollegiate Bowling Championships women's national crown in Tulsa, Okla.

It was first team national championship title for Pikeville in any sport in the school's 115-year history.

In 2005, Lindenwood University, Newman University and Pikeville College each advanced both its men's and women's teams to the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships, joining the McKendree College and Missouri Baptist University women's teams as NAIA representatives at the national finals.

Lindenwood and Pikeville haven't been the only programs to produce national champions recently. Newman University, located in Wichita, Kan., has had a member of its institution crowned an individual national titlist in the first two years of the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships – Bianca Montagnino won the women's crown in 2005 and Cory Simmons captured the men's title in 2004.

Simmons, an All-American selection along with Valenta in 2005-06, led the Jets to the men's national title match at the 2006 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships.

NAIA member institutions primarily fit the profile of smaller, private schools known more for academic excellence than athletic prowess. Since 1937, the NAIA has administered programs and championships in proper balance with the overall educational experience, placing academic achievement above athletic excellence. The organization also places importance on providing equal opportunities for all student-athletes.

The NAIA currently has 11 championship sports for men and 10 for women. Men's championship sports are: cross country, football, soccer, basketball (two divisions), swimming and diving, indoor track and field, wrestling, baseball, golf, tennis and outdoor track and field. Women's championship sports are: cross country, tennis, soccer, volleyball, basketball (two divisions), swimming and diving, indoor track and field, golf, softball and outdoor track and field.

NAIA bowling has begun to rise again – and has the opportunity to once again be a bowling pioneer. The popularity of collegiate bowling is increasing nationwide, with varsity bowling a reality at the NCAA level for women and a growing possibility at the NAIA level.

NAIA Institutions with Certified Bowling Programs

Calumet College of St. Joseph	Whiting, Ind.
Davenport University	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Indiana University-South Bend	South Bend, Ind.
King College	Bristol, Tenn.
Lindenwood University	St. Charles, Mo.
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia, Ky.
Martin Methodist College	Pulaski, Tenn.
McKendree College	Lebanon, Ill.
University of Michigan-Dearborn	Dearborn, Mich.
Missouri Baptist University	St. Louis, Mo.
Ohio Dominican University	Columbus, Ohio
Pikeville College	Pikeville, Ky.
Robert Morris College	Zion, Ill.
Union College	Barbourville, Ky.
Viterbo University	La Crosse, Wis.
Webber International University	Babson Park, FL



Sports Information Director Jay Stancil

Jay Stancil has served as Union College's Sports Information Director since August of 1999. He will serve as the primary contact for the men's and

women's bowling teams.

During his career, Stancil has received numerous awards, earning 38 NAIA-SIDA Publication Awards including three first-place honors and one Best Cover.

As Union's SID, Stancil has had 11 student-athletes earn CoSIDA Academic All-America District IV honors with four receiving CoSIDA Academic All-America Team honors.

Stancil is a member of the NAIA-SIDA - the NAIA's Sports Information Directors Association and College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Also, Stancil is an At-Large Representative on the NAIA-SIDA Board of Directors.

Stancil is married and he and his wife, Genople, have two children - a son, Jayson, and a daughter, Haylee.



Sports Information Assistant Gene Renfro

Gene Renfro is beginning his second year as the Assistant Sports Information Director.

Renfro, a native of Johnson City, Tenn.,

comes to Union after serving six years in the Milligan (Tenn.) College sports information office.

Among his responsibilities, Renfro will assist in media relations for all 23 of Union's athletic programs as well as writing releases, compiling statistics, website maintenance and producing and publishing media guides.

Renfro earned his bachelor's from Milligan in 2005 and his master's in sports management from East Tennessee State University.

Renfro is a member of both the NAIA-SIDA and CoSIDA.

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MEDIA POLICIES

Please contact the Union College Office of Sports Information for any requests for player or coach interviews.

On game days, players and coaches are not available for pre-game interviews. Once a contest is completed, they will be available for comment after a brief cooling-off period (10-15 minutes).

Statistics and information about players and coaches can be obtained by contacting the Union Sports Information Office.

Union College welcomes members of the media to attend practice sessions. However, if you do so, please notify the sports information director of your intent.

Basic team information (roster, schedule, results, and head coaches' bio) can also be found on the Union College website at <http://www.ucbulldogs.com>.

All game stories and box scores will be updated within 24 hours following each contest on the website.



2008-09 BULLDOG SCHEDULE

Date	Tournament	Site
October 25-26	SI Elite Invite	Cartersville, Ill.
November 1-2	Brunswick Southern Collegiate Classic	Marletta, Ga.
November 8-9	Bollermaker Classic	Lafayette, Ind.
November 15-16	Raider Classic	Beavercreek, Ohio
November 22-23	Striking Knights Classic	Louisville, Ky.
November 28-29	National Team Match Games	Fairview Heights, Ill.
January 17-18	Holke Bearcat Open	Cincinnati, Ohio
January 24-25	Blue & Gold Classic	South Bend, Ind.
February 7-8	McKendree Baker Challenge	Fairview Heights, Ill.
February 21-22	Hoosier Classic	Indianapolis, Ind.
March 13-15	USBC ITC Sectional	TBD
April 15-18	USBC Intercollegiate Team Championship	TBD