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2008 CYCLING



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2008 Quick Facts

UNION COLLEGE

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 Nickname: Bulldogs
 Colors: Orange (PMS 165) and Black
 Affiliations: Appalachian Athletic/NAIA
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CYCLING FACTS

Head Coach: Chuck Coffey

CYCLING HISTORY

First Year of Cycling: 1998
 Team National Championship Appearances: 8
 Last National Championship Appearance: 2007
 National Championships: 1 (2002)
 Individual National Championships: 5
 Conference Championships: 4

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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.





This Is Union!

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. Robson Arena recently had the floor repainted, new scoreboards installed and a 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 21 majors in the undergraduate curriculum, which lead to a bachelor's degree. 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.

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



Chuck Coffey rejoined the Union College mountain biking program as he was named the team's head coach in January of 2002.

When the program first formed in the 1998, Coffey served as the Bulldogs' first head coach. After a four-year hiatus, he returned to assume the position once again.

In addition to being familiar to the Bulldog program, Coffey has been involved with cycling and mountain biking for over a decade, having owned a store that specialized in mountain biking for 12 years.

Under Coffey, Union enjoyed its most successful year in 2002. The Bulldogs won the NCCA Division II National Championship - the first team national championship in school history, and Amanda McKay won the NCCA Division II Women's Individual Omnium National Championship. In 2003, the Bulldogs placed third overall at nationals, while McKay won the women's cross country national championship.

Union placed sixth at nationals in 2004. In 2005, Coffey had two riders place in the Top 5 in the Omniums with Chrissy Buerkel placing fourth in the Women's Omnium and Travis Mullen finishing second in the Men's Omnium. Buerkel also won a national championship by winning the women's cross country race. In 2006, McKay captured the short-track national championship as she placed third in the Women's Omnium.

Union recorded a fourth-place finish for the second year in a row in 2007 as Greg Gibson came in fourth in the Men's Omnium.

Coffey has had a total of eight riders to be named an NCCA All-American.

Since its existence, the Union cycling team has just focused on the mountain biking aspects of the sport: cross country, dual slalom, and downhill.



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BULLDOG CYCLING



Following a fourth-place finish at the NCCA Division II National Championship last season, Union College head cycling coach **Chuck Coffey** returns the core of the team.

Despite the strong national finish, the Bulldogs were unable to capture a fourth MidWest Collegiate Cycling Conference championship in a row. Coffey, though, recruited quality riders that will hopefully bring back the MWCCC crown.

This season Coffey will look upon a talent-filled team mixed with newcomers and experience to try to regain conference supremacy.

The 2008 squad according to Coffey might be the deepest during his tenure at Union. "Some years we have had four expert riders and now we have seven entering 2008," Coffey commented. Union also has a tradition to keep building on of national championship appearances as the team has eight straight and is looking for trip number nine in 2008.

Of the seven male expert riders, there are seniors, a junior, two sophomores and two freshmen.

All sophomore **Zach Winn** (Fort Hope, Canada) did in his freshman season was win the MWCCC Rider of the Year award. He opened the season with a pair of wins at the first event in Indiana and kept the momentum up throughout 2007 on route to the honor. Winn became the second Union rider to collect the MWCCC Rider of the Year award joining 2005 winner Travis Mullen.

Greg Gibson, a Salt Lake City, Utah native, finished fourth overall in the omnium standings at the NCCA National Championship. The 2007 season was the first for Gibson in a Union uniform after he transferred in. He used a fourth-place finish in the short track event and added an eight-place ride in the cross country race during the nationals.

Newcomer **German Bermudez** (Louisville, Ky.) brings in two years of

outstanding collegiate experience. **Matt Nourmohamadi** (Laguna Hills, Calif.) and **Brad Nelson** (Carmel, Ind.) are also incoming riders that Coffey will look to ride in the expert division.

Zac Moore (Loveland, Ohio) and **Jonathan Turner** (Harlan, Ky.) bring additional expert division experience. Moore will be a junior this season while Turner is a sophomore. Moore and Turner showed strong and steady performances throughout the 2007 season.

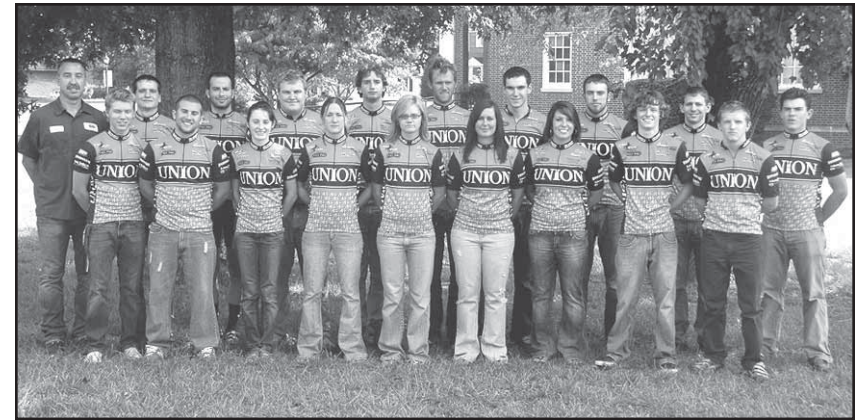
Coffey also has a host of sophomores back for the 2008 season to help on the trail for a championship.

On the women's side, senior **Amy Russell** (Monticello, Ky.) will be asked to lead the squad. She is the lone upperclassman returning on the women's side. Russell looks to build on a pair of Top-20 rides at last year's nationals. During the regular season, she racked up numerous Top-10 finishes including a win at the University of Michigan time trial.

Coffey was able to lure **Rachel Millsop** (Little Rock, Ark.) to join the program this season. Like Bermudez, she has a year of collegiate experience to rely on. At last year's NCCA Division II National Championship she posted two Top-15 finishes in the cross country and short track events. Millsop also picked up the MWCCC Short Track crown.

Jamie Bonza (Corbin, Ky.) returns for her sophomore campaign. She posted two Top-5 finishes at Michigan. **Sara Seitz** (Lexington, Ky.) and **Emily Yeager** (Dry Ridge, Ky.) add depth with tons of athletic ability and determination according to Coffey.

The 2008 MWCCC season opens on August 30 at the University of Missouri. The MWCCC Championship will be contested at Purdue (Ind.) University on October 11-12 while the NCCA National Championship is two weeks later in Banner Elk, N.C., and hosted by Lees-McRae College once again.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
German Bermudez	Junior	Louisville, Ky.
Jamie Bonza	Sophomore	Corbin, Ky.
Samantha Collett	Sophomore	London, Ky.
Aaron Farmer	Freshman	Middlesboro, Ky.
Greg Gibson	Senior	Salt Lake City, Utah
Colin McEacharan	Sophomore	Blenheim, Canada
Rachel Millsop	Sophomore	Little Rock, Ark.
Zac Moore	Junior	Loveland, Ohio
Brad Nelson	Freshman	Carmel, Ind.
Matt Nourmohamadi	Freshman	Calif.
Andrew Reed	Sophomore	Robinson, Texas
Amy Russell	Senior	Monticello, Ky.
Sara Seitz	Junior	Lexington, Ky.
Clay Steiger	Sophomore	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Josh Thomas	Sophomore	Lexington, Ky.
Sean Trinque	Sophomore	Burriville, R.I.
Jonathan Turner	Senior	Harlan, Ky.
Zach Winn	Sophomore	Ontario, Canada
Emily Yeager	Freshman	Dry Ridge, Ky.



Player Profiles

Player Profiles



Greg Gibson
Senior
Salt Lake City, Utah
Second Year with the Bulldogs



Jamie Bonza
Sophomore
Corbin, Ky.
Second Year with the Bulldogs



Josh Thomas
Sophomore
Lexington, Ky.
Second Year with the Bulldogs



Brad Nelson
Freshman
Carmel, Ind.
First Year with the Bulldogs



Amy Russell
Senior
Monticello, Ky.
Third Year with the Bulldogs



Samantha Collett
Sophomore
London, Ky.
Second Year with the Bulldogs



Sean Trinke
Sophomore
Burrville, R.I.
Second Year with the Bulldogs



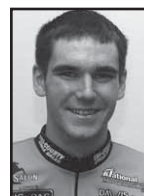
Matt Nourmohamadi
Freshman – Calif.
First Year with the Bulldogs



German Bermudez
Junior
Louisville, Ky.
First Year with the Bulldogs



Colin McEacharan
Sophomore
Blenheim, Canada
Second Year with the Bulldogs



Zach Winn
Sophomore
Ontario, Canada
Second Year with the Bulldogs



Emily Yeager
Freshman
Dry Ridge, Ky.
First Year with the Bulldogs



Jonathan Turner
Senior
Harlan, Ky.
Fourth Year with the Bulldogs



Rachel Millsop
Sophomore
Little Rock, Ark.
First Year with the Bulldogs



Aaron Farmer
Freshman
Middlesboro, Ky.
First Year with the Bulldogs



Zac Moore
Junior
Loveland, Ohio
Third Year with the Bulldogs



Andrew Reed
Sophomore
Robinson, Texas
Second Year with the Bulldogs



Sara Seitz
Junior
Lexington, Ky.
First Year with the Bulldogs



Clay Steiger
Sophomore
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Second Year with the Bulldogs





NCCA DIVISION II TEAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

NCCA DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Amanda McKay (2006 Women's Short Track)
- Chrissy Buerkel (2005 Women's Cross Country)
- Amanda McKay (2003 Women's Cross Country)
- Amanda McKay (2002 Women's Omnium)
- Michael Hall (2000 Men's Cross Country)

NCCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM APPEARANCES

2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007

YEARS AN INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIED FOR THE NCCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004,
2005, 2006 and 2007

NCCA ALL-AMERICANS

- Ben Phillips - 2000
- Amanda McKay - 2002, 2003 and 2006
- Justin Becker - 2002 and 2003
- Chrissy Buerkel - 2005
- Travis Mullen - 2005
- Greg Gibson - 2007

MWCCC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2002, 2004, 2005 and 2006

MWCCC RIDER OF THE YEAR

- Travis Mullen - 2005
- Zach Winn - 2007



NATIONAL
COLLEGIATE
CYCLING
ASSOCIATION

The National Collegiate Cycling Association (NCCA), founded in 1985, is a standing committee of USA Cycling. The National Collegiate Cycling Association (NCCA) administers, develops, promotes and governs collegiate cycling across the country. The continued progress and development of collegiate cycling is the responsibility of the NCCA Management Committee, NCCA staff and the conference directors.

NCCA clubs, or "teams," are assembled specifically for recreational and competitive bicycle racing at the junior, four-year college and university level. The club is organized under the auspices of a school's recreation, sports or club department, and is governed by NCCA rules and regulations.

Whether it be road, track, cyclo-cross or mountain bike riding, the sport of cycling has experienced a wave of popularity in the U.S. The level of participation in recent years has taken the sport of cycling to new heights. More than one in every three Americans own a bicycle, and it is used as a form of recreational transportation and competition. It is also one of the most common modes of transportation on today's college campuses.

The first collegiate track national championship was held in the fall of 1987, followed by the road championships in the spring of 1988.

Today, there are approximately 215 NCCA member collegiate cycling clubs with over 2,500 member athletes. Each club belongs to a particular collegiate cycling conference, which is designated on the basis of the school's location.

MIDWEST COLLEGIATE CYCLING CONFERENCE

The Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference (MWCCC) is league that hosts teams from a wide-range of institutions. State and private colleges as well as church-sponsored schools are members of the conference.

The MWCCC is just one of 10 conferences in the National Collegiate Cycling Association (NCCA) and has members in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Like the NCCA, the MWCCC is split into two divisions based on the number of riders a team has. Championships are awarded at each level. Also just like the NCCA, the MWCCC hosts two different seasons. In the fall of each year, the mountain bike season is held, while the road course season occurs each spring.

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Dates	Host School	Location
Aug. 30-31	University of Missouri	Columbia, Mo.
Sept. 6-7	University of Illinois	Champaign, Ill.
Sept. 13-14	Michigan State University	East Lansing, Mich.
Sept. 20-21	Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia, Ky.
Sept. 27-28	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Oct. 4-5	Butler University	Indianapolis, Ind.
Oct. 11-12	MWCCC Championship	West Lafayette, Ind.
Oct. 24-26	NCCA National Championship	Banner Elk, N.C.