2008 RESULTS

Date  Opponent  Result
Aug. 29  Northland  W 3-1
Sept. 5  vs. North Park  W 3-2
Sept. 12  vs. Dubuque  W 3-0
Sept. 13  at Grinnell  W 3-0
Sept. 20  at Knox  W 3-0
Sept. 26  Illinois College  W 3-0
Sept. 27  Monmouth  W 3-0
Oct. 2  vs. Carroll  W 3-1
Oct. 8  Finlandia  W 3-0
Oct. 10  at Elmhurst  L 3-0
Oct. 11  vs. Trinity International  W 3-0
Oct. 15  Lake Forest  W 3-0
Oct. 22  Lawrence  W 3-0
Oct. 24  vs. Wheaton  W 3-1
Oct. 25  vs. Judson  W 3-0
Oct. 29  vs. North Central  W 3-2
Nov. 4  at Ripon  L 3-1
Nov. 7  Monmouth  W 3-0
Nov. 8  Beloit  W 3-0
Nov. 13  vs. Carthage  L 3-2

2008 AWARDS

All-Midwest Conference
Katie Casebolt (first team)
Sam Jungbluth (first team)
Joanna Mamek (first team)
Danielle DeGroot (second team)
Sarah Satinic (second team)

Academic All-Conference
Kris Jungbluth
Joanna Mamayek
Sam Jungbluth
Danielle DeGroot
Lauren Meyhan
Courtney Stephenson

2009 SCHEDULE

Date  Opponent  Time
Sept. 4-5  at Lakeland Tournament  
Sept. 11-12  at UW-Oshkosh Tournament  
Sept. 15  vs. Ripon (at Oshkosh)  5 p.m.
Sept. 18-19  at Aurora Tournament  
Sept. 25-26  at UW-Platteville Tournament  
Oct. 2  Knox  7 p.m.
Oct. 3  Grinnell  1 p.m.
Oct. 7  Carroll  7 p.m.
Oct. 9  at Illinois College  7 p.m.
Oct. 10  at Monmouth  1 p.m.
Oct. 17  at Lake Forest  3 p.m.
Oct. 20  at Lawrence  7 p.m.
Oct. 23-24  at UW-Whitewater Tournament  
Oct. 28  Ripon  7 p.m.
Oct. 30  at Beloit  7 p.m.
Nov. 6-7  MWC Tournament  

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Organization of the men’s conference was consummated at a meeting at Coe College (Cedar Rapids), Iowa on May 22, 1921. Charter members included Beloit, Carroll, Coe, Cornell, Knox and Lawrence. Initial competition was Sept. 27. The meet at Beloit field championships at Coe, in which all six charter members competed, and Cornell emerged victorious.

Hendline and Wilkie joined the league in December 1921, but later withdrew. Lawrence, Coe and Milwaukee entered the initial football standings in 1922, and Beloit won the first basketball championship in 1922-23. Conferences was added in 1923, tennis in 1924, swimming in 1928, wrestling in 1928, baseball in 1933, soccer in 1937 and indoor track in 1973.


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