



## NEIL DENAHAN, ATHLETE - CLASS OF 1990

Neil Denahan is considered the one of the best tennis players ever to compete for the Mustangs. He became Portage Central's first two time high school All-American in tennis. During his four year high school career Neil never lost a regular season match, winning 99 straight. Neil culminated his high school career by becoming the Mustangs first State Champion in tennis, by winning #1 singles in Class A. Neil is also the first tennis player at Portage Central to earn all-state honors all four years. After high school, Neil played for University of Iowa, earning Varsity and Academic All-Big 10 honors all four years.

*Biggest thrill in athletics: losing in semi-finals of the 14-U National Championships and finishing the year ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation.*

## PORTAGE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE HONORS

### Tennis

- State Class A Champion at # 1 Singles – 1989
- All-American – 1988 and 1989 – Prince National High School Tennis
- All-State – 1987, 88, 89, 90
- All-Conference – 1987, 88, 89, 90
- Big 8 Conference Champion – 1987, 88, 89, 90
- GK All-Star – 1987, 88, 89, 90
- Overall record of 99 wins and 4 losses. He never lost in the regular season.
- Portage Central Captain – 1989 and 1990

### University of Iowa Honors

- Neil graduated from Iowa with 55 Singles wins. This total currently places him sixth in Iowa's record book.
- Neil's Singles winning percentage of .688 (55 wins and 25 losses) currently stands fourth all-time in Iowa history.

- Academic All Big 10 – 1991, 92, 93, 94. He is one of only three Iowa tennis players to have achieved this honor for all four years.
- Since 1900, Neil is 1 of 43 tennis athletes to have earned four varsity letters.
- Captain – 1996

### Other Achievements

- Played four years in the Nationals at Stowe Stadium placing as high as the quarterfinals in 16 doubles
- Made it to the semi-finals of the 14 and under National Championship and finished that year ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
- Ranked first in the Western Section of the USTA in the 16 and under.

# NEIL DENAHAN TENNIS

