



2005-06 Bearcat Athletic Weekly



Northwest athletics from April 10-16

Northwest Schedule for April 10-16*

• Tuesday, April 11

Softball at #11 Nebraska-Omaha, 3 p.m.

Baseball at Washburn, 3 p.m.

Tennis (W) hosts Nebraska-Omaha, 4 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 12

Tennis (B) at Washburn, 3 p.m.

• Thursday, April 13

Track at Emporia State Multis

• Friday, April 14

Baseball hosts Pittsburg State, 1 p.m.

Tennis (B) at Central Oklahoma Tourn.

Track at Emporia State Multis

Softball hosts Northwest Classic

2:30 p.m. vs. Minnesota State

4:30 p.m. vs. Washburn

• Saturday, April 15

Baseball hosts Pittsburg State, 12 p.m.

Tennis (B) at Central Oklahoma Tourn.

Track at Nebraska Invite

Softball hosts Northwest Classic

11:30 a.m. vs. Upper Iowa

1:30 p.m. vs. #3 Emporia State

* Note that events are subject to change

2005-06 Northwest Spring Honors

• Women's Indoor Track & Field

Alisha Samuel - MIAA Indoor Track Athlete of the Week (Feb. 20)

• Men's Indoor Track & Field

E.J. Falkner - NCAA All-American in 200-meter and 400-meters

• Women's Tennis

Gena Lindsay - MIAA Athlete of the Week (March 20 & 27)

• Men's Tennis

Pablo Acebedo - MIAA Athlete of the Week (March 27)

• Softball

Cola Krueger - MIAA Pitcher of the Week (March 27)

Ashley Pride - MIAA Player of the Week (March 27)



Quick Hitters

• **Softball:** Ranked for the first time in reported school history at No. 18, Northwest has won 11 straight and 21 of 22 games. The Bearcats, who have hit 17 homers in their last six games, have set the single-season HR mark with 48 in 34 games.

• **Baseball:** The Bearcats went 5-3 last week to improve to 12-17 on the season thank to a doubleheader sweep at Truman State and a 3-1 mark at Missouri Southern over the weekend. Senior Matt Coons hit .520 (13-of-25) over the week including four extra-base hits to lead the offensive charge.

Baseball

Current Record: 12-17 / 6-8 MIAA

Last Week: W, 2-1 at Truman State on Monday
W, 11-8 at Truman State on Monday
L, 2-0 vs. #6 Emporia State on Wednesday
L, 6-3 vs. #6 Emporia State on Wednesday
W, 14-7 at Missouri Southern on Friday
L, 5-4 at Missouri Southern on Saturday
W, 7-0 at Missouri Southern on Saturday
W, 18-10 at Missouri Southern on Sunday

This Week: at Washburn on Tuesday, 3 p.m.
hosts Pittsburg State on Friday, 1 p.m.
hosts Pittsburg State on Saturday, 12 p.m.

NOTES: Coming off a 5-3 week, the Northwest baseball squad gears up for six MIAA games this week starting off with a couple teams right ahead of the Bearcats in the conference standings. On Tuesday, Northwest heads to Washburn for a battle with the fifth-place Ichabods. Northwest then hosts Pittsburg State, a team that holds the fourth spot in the MIAA, on Friday and Saturday. Currently seventh in the league, the Bearcats took a conference doubleheader at Truman State last Monday - the first MIAA doubleheader sweep of 2006. The Bearcat bats exploded for a season-high 18 runs on 23 hits in the Game 2 18-10 win over Missouri Southern on Sunday. It was the highest amount of runs since plating 18 against Pittsburg State on April 16, 2005. Five Bearcats hit over .300 last week led by the .520 effort of senior **Matt Coons**. Junior **Brett Whittle** appeared in four games on the mound earning the Game 2 win at Truman State.

Softball

Current Record: 27-7 / 6-4 MIAA

Last Week: W, 5-1 vs. Lincoln (Mo.) on Tuesday
W, 8-2 vs. Lincoln (Mo.) on Tuesday
W, 3-0 vs. Southwest Baptist on Saturday
W, 5-1 vs. Southwest Baptist on Saturday
W, 11-6 vs. Central Missouri on Sunday
W, 11-3 vs. Central Missouri on Sunday
This Week: at #11 Nebraska-Omaha on Tuesday, 3 p.m.
hosts Northwest Classic on Friday and Saturday
2:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. on Friday
11:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday

NOTES: Extending their winning streak to 11 straight, the Bearcat softball team has turned in a school best performance in the last month. Earning the No. 18 spot in the latest NFCA (April 5) national poll for the first time in reported history, Northwest has gone 21-1 in its last 22 contests - an unrivaled stretch of wins in the 32-year history of Bearcat softball. The 1976 club won a school-best 17 straight but went 20-2 during its best stretch of 22 games. Powering past Central Missouri State twice on Sunday with eight home runs, the Bearcats have hit 17 homers in their last six games to push their school HR record total to 48. This week, Northwest travels to No. 11 Nebraska-Omaha on Tuesday - the Bearcats prevailed 1-0 in the last meeting on April 1. Northwest stands 4-0 when ranked this year and 3-2 when playing ranked teams - the Bearcats have won their last three games against the Top 25. This weekend, Northwest hosts its annual Northwest Classic on Friday and Saturday as seven teams are participating. The Bearcats begin their four-game stretch with an 2:30 p.m. battle with Minnesota State on Friday.

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Men's & Women's Indoor Track and Field

Last Week: Both at Concordia Invitational, April 7-8
This Week: Both at Emporia Open Multi-Events, April 13-14
 Both at Nebraska Invitational, April 15

NOTES: Northwest will send multi-event athletes to the Emporia Open Multi-Events on April 13-14, in Emporia, Kan. Both teams will head to Lincoln, Neb., for the Nebraska Invitational on April 15. The Bearcats were at the Concordia Invitational on April 7-8, where the men won two events and the women placed four in the top-three of events. Freshman Sheldon Cook won the 100-meter dash and freshman Daniel Urum-Ike improved on his NCAA qualifying mark in the triple jump to win with 47' 10 1/4". Junior Eric Isley placed second in the 800-meter run with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 1:52.13, a mark that is first in the MIAA. For the women, senior Dia McKee broke her own school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase by nearly 20 seconds, recording 11:55.09 for second-place in Seward, Neb. Senior Alisha Samuel finished third and junior Kailea Cook placed sixth in the finals of the 100-meter dash. Freshman Anna O'Brien finished third in the 5,000-meter run, her third top-five finish of the year in any event.

Men's and Women's Tennis

Current Record: 8-6 / 2-0 MIAA - Men
 13-0 / 5-0 MIAA - Women

Last Week:
 W, 9-0 at Quincy (M) on Tuesday
 L, 5-4 at Rockhurst (M) on Wednesday
 W, 6-3 at Rockhurst (W) on Wednesday
 L, 5-4 at St. Cloud State (M) on Friday
 W, 8-1 at St. Cloud State (W) on Saturday
 W, 9-0 at Minnesota State (M) on Saturday

This Week:
 hosts Nebraska-Omaha (W), 4 p.m. on Tuesday
 at Washburn (B), 3 p.m. on Wednesday
 at Central Oklahoma Tournament (B) on Friday
 at Central Oklahoma Tournament (B) on Saturday

NOTES: Both Northwest squads had a busy previous week with the men going 2-2 including 9-0 shutouts of Quincy (Ill.) and Minnesota State while the women rattled off two wins to remain perfect on the year at 13-0. Senior **Gena Lindsay** pushed her winning streak to 25 straight wins at No. 1 singles dating back to 2005 - Lindsay has won 12 of her 13 matches this year in straight sets. Lindsay, who is 31st nationally, is ranked No. 1 in the North Central Region (March 27) in singles and teams up with senior **Erica Ramirez** to hold the top ranking in doubles play. As a team, the Bearcat women are first in the region thanks to three singles player ranked in the top-15. On the men's side, Northwest is second in the region led by junior **Pablo Acebedo**, who sits fifth in the region. A one-time MIAA Player of the Week, Acebedo teams up with freshman **Daniel Isieto** to earn the fifth spot in the region. Overall, five Bearcats are in the top-15 in the region. This week, the Northwest women host Nebraska-Omaha on Tuesday at 4 p.m. for the next-to-last regular season home match of 2006. Both squads then travel to Washburn on Wednesday for a key MIAA showdown as the WU Lady Blues are sixth in the region and the WU Ichabods are first. On the horizon, the teams participate in the MIAA Championships in St. Joseph, Mo., on April 22-23 as Northwest co-hosts with Missouri Western State University.