



2006-07 Bearcat Athletic Weekly



Northwest athletics from Feb. 26 - March 4

Northwest Schedule for Feb. 26 - Mar. 4

- **Monday, Feb. 26**
Baseball at West Florida, 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 27**
Baseball at West Florida, 4 p.m. CST
- **Wednesday, Feb. 28**
Baseball at West Florida, 4 p.m. CST
- **Thursday, March 1**
#15 MBB vs. Missouri Southern, 12 p.m. (MIAA Tournament)
- **Friday, March 2**
Tennis (Both) vs. Metro State (@ Washburn), 8 a.m.
WBB vs. Missouri Southern, 2:15 p.m. (MIAA Tournament)
Baseball at Montevallo (Ala.), 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 3**
#24 Softball at Missouri Western Tournament, 1 & 5 p.m.
Tennis (Both) vs. Colorado State-Pueblo (@ Washburn), 12 pm
Tennis (W) vs. Winona State (@ Washburn), 3 p.m.
Tennis (M) vs. Mesa State (@ Washburn), 3 p.m.
#15 MBB vs. TBA, 12 p.m. (MIAA Semifinals)
Baseball at Montevallo (Ala.), 1 p.m.
WBB vs. TBA, 6 p.m. (MIAA Semifinals)
- **Sunday, March 4**
#15 MBB vs. TBA, 1 p.m. (MIAA Championship)
#24 Softball at Missouri Western Tourn., 9 a.m./1 p.m./5 p.m.
WBB vs. TBA, 3:15 p.m. (MIAA Championship)

Northwest Winter Notables

BASEBALL

- Received votes in DII Baseball Preseason Poll (Jan. 11)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- MIAA Regular Season Champions (11th overall)
- No. 15 in the NABC Coaches' Poll (Feb. 20)
- No. 3 in the South Central Region (Feb. 21)
- No. 7 in the DII Bulletin Preseason Poll (Oct. 12)
- MIAA Co-Player of the Week
Hunter Henry (So.) -- Jan. 2
- MIAA Player of the Week
Lance Sullivan (Fr.) -- Jan. 30
Hunter Henry -- Feb. 5
Hunter Henry -- Feb. 19
Hunter Henry -- Feb. 26
- CoSIDA Academic All-District Third Team
Andy Peterson -- Feb. 8

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- NCAA Provisional Qualifiers
Bayo Adio - High Jump (6'11 1/2")
Diezeas Calbert - Triple Jump (48'8 1/4")
Sheldon Cook -- 200-meters (22.05)
Eric Isley - 800-meters (1:51.67)
Ike Urum-Eke - Triple Jump (47' 2 1/4")
Kendall Wright - Long Jump (23'2")
- Individual school record-holder
Bayo Adio - High Jump (6'11 1/2")
- Team ranked 8th nationally in D2Rankings.com (Feb. 14)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- No. 8 in the South Central Region (Feb. 21)
- Winstead-Reeves Classic All-Tournament
Mandi Schumacher (MVP)
Meghan Brue
- Western Washington Lynda Goodrich Classic All-Tournament
Mandi Schumacher
Kelli Nelson

SOFTBALL

- No. 24 in the NFCA Preseason Coaches' Poll (Jan. 31)

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- Individual school record-holder
Hannah Henry - 60-meter hurdles (9.09)
- NCAA Provisional Qualifier
Tierney Eaton - High Jump (5'6")



QUICK HITTERS

• **Men's Basketball:** The Bearcats won their 11th MIAA Regular Season Championship, and their first since 2002, with a 66-40 victory over Fort Hays State last Saturday. Three Bearcats were named to the All-MIAA Team, announced Monday, and **Steve Tappmeyer** was named MIAA Coach of the Year for the fourth time in his career.

Baseball

Overall Record: 3-1 / 0-0 MIAA
Last Week: W, 12-3 vs. Arkansas Tech, Feb. 17 (9 innings)
 W, 11-6 vs. Arkansas Tech, Feb. 18 (8 innings)
 L, 3-1 vs. Arkansas Tech, Feb. 18 (7 innings)
 W, 11-2 vs. Arkansas Tech, Feb. 19 (9 innings)
This Week:
 at #4 West Florida, 4 p.m., Feb. 26
 at #4 West Florida, 4 p.m., Feb. 27
 at #4 West Florida, 4 p.m., Feb. 28
 at Montevallo (Ala.), 4 p.m., March 2
 at Montevallo (Ala.), 1 p.m., March 3

NOTES: After taking a week off of season-opening action at Arkansas Tech, Northwest is starting up its spring trip with a four-game series against #4 West Florida beginning on Monday. That series will precede two, 9-inning contests at Montevallo (Ala.) on Friday and Saturday. On Friday (Feb. 23), the Bearcat bats exploded in the first inning of the season with four runs and never trailed. Leadoff junior outfielder **Jake Bradshaw** led Northwest at the plate with a 3-for-5 performance and two RBI. Junior right-hander **Bret Harvel** got the win allowing four hits and three runs, only one earned, in six innings. Northwest split the two, seven-inning affairs on Saturday. A seventh inning rally by the Bearcats forced extra frames and Northwest plated five runs in the top of the eighth to secure the comeback. Senior shortstop **John White** was 4-for-5 at the plate and reliever **Brett Whittle** gained the victory on the mound. The bats fell asleep in the nightcap getting just four hits. On Sunday, the Bearcats knocked out the Wonder Boys starter before an out was recorded. A three-run home run by junior first baseman **Britt Westman** capped a four-run first inning as sophomore **Danny Malone** coasted six innings for the win.

#15 Men's Basketball

Overall Record: 22-5 / 15-3 MIAA (MIAA Co-Champions)
Last Week: W, 69-61 at Missouri Western, Feb. 21
 W, 66-40 vs. Fort Hays State, Feb. 24
This Week: vs. No. 8 Missouri Southern, 12 p.m., March 1 (MIAA Tourn.)
 in MIAA Semifinals, 12 p.m., March 3
 in MIAA Championships, 1 p.m., March 4

NOTES: Heading to its 16th straight and 24th overall MIAA Tournament, No. 1-seed Northwest takes on No. 8-seed Missouri Southern on Thursday at 12 p.m from Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium. The Bearcats earned a share of the MIAA Championship, its first since 2002 and 11th overall, after a 66-40 home win over Fort Hays last Saturday. Sophomore **Hunter Henry**, who was named (Feb. 26) the first sophomore MIAA MVP since Dan Buie from Washburn, hit for a career-high 16 rebounds to go along with 16 points. Northwest led at the half 44-17 and led by at least 20 points for the rest of the way. Last Wednesday, Northwest limited Missouri Western to three field goals in the game's final nine-plus minutes, securing a 69-61 victory. Junior **Andy Peterson** finished with 14 points and nine rebounds and junior **Matt Withers** gathered 13 points for his fourth 10-plus game in six contests. On Monday (Feb. 26), head coach **Steve Tappmeyer** was named MIAA Coach of the Year while **Lance Sullivan** was honored as the MIAA Freshman of the Year and junior **John Hawkins** was mentioned on the All-Defensive Team. Henry also earned his fourth season MIAA Player of the Week (Feb. 26) for averaging 19.5 points and 11.5 rebounds in two wins. Northwest is positioning itself for the regional tournament as it is third (Feb. 21) in the South Central Region -- the top eight seeds will be announced at 9:30 p.m. CST on Sunday via www.NCAAsports.com/dii.



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Women's Basketball

Overall Record: 17-10 / 10-8 MIAA

Last Week: L, 77-58 at #2 Missouri Western, Feb. 21
W, 94-77 vs. Fort Hays State, Feb. 24

This Week: vs. No. 5 Missouri Southern, 2:15 p.m., March 2
in MIAA Semifinals, 6 p.m., March 3
in MIAA Championships, 3:15 p.m., March 4

NOTES: Northwest, the No. 4 seed in the upcoming MIAA Tournament, will look to make a move in the regional scene as it takes part in the MIAA Tournament this weekend. The Bearcats, who are No. 8 in the South Central Region (Feb. 21), take on No. 5 seed Missouri Southern on Friday at 2:15 p.m. from Municipal Auditorium. Finishing the regular season, Northwest dropped a 77-58 decision at #2 Missouri Western before winning on Senior Night, 94-77 over Fort Hays State. In the loss to MWSU, Northwest scored just 22 second half points, it's lowest second-half output of the season, shooting a measly 23.3 (7-of-30) percent from the field. The Bearcats finished with just two players in double figures, led by junior forward **Lauren William's** 14 points. Fellow classmate **Kelli Nelson** contributed 13 in the losing effort, hitting 3-of-8 from 3-point range. A school-record 14 3-pointers were made by Northwest in the win over FHSU. Thanks to a 53-37 advantage at the half on the strength of 10 treys, the Bearcats improved to 11-4 at home. Senior guard **Katie O'Grady** scored a career and game-high 24 points in her last game at Bearcat Arena to lead Northwest. Sophomore **Meghan Brue** grabbed seven boards and contributed 20 points. Northwest will find out if it is one of the top eight seeds selected to regional action -- the field will be announced at 9:30 p.m. CST on Sunday via www.NCAAsports.com/dii.

#24 Softball

Overall Record: 3-0 / 0-0 MIAA

Last Week: W, 10-6 vs. Concordia (Neb.), Feb. 23 (Evangel Tournament)
W, 10-2 (5) vs. Columbia (Mo.), Feb. 23 (Evangel Tournament)
W, 2-0 vs. Rogers (Okla.) State, Feb. 23 (Evangel Tournament)

This Week: vs. Truman State, March 3, 1 p.m. (MWSU Tournament)
vs. Augustana (S.D.), March 3, 5 p.m. (MWSU Tournament)
vs. SW Minnesota State, March 4, 9 a.m. (MWSU Tournament)
vs. Fort Hays State, March 4, 1 p.m. (MWSU Tournament)
vs. #11 Nebraska-Omaha, March 4, 5 p.m. (MWSU Tournament)

NOTES: The No. 24 Northwest softball team is scheduled to play at the Missouri Western Tournament, March 3-4, weather permitting. The highlighted match-ups will be against SW Minnesota State, who is receiving votes in the NFCA Coaches' Poll and a 2006 regional participant, and No. 11 Nebraska-Omaha, who ended Northwest's season in regional action. Northwest opened up coach **Ryan Anderson's** first season with a bang going 3-0 at the Evangel Tournament last Friday. Northwest fell behind 6-0 after the top of the second inning against Concordia (Neb.), but was able to string together four consecutive hits in the second frame and score eight runs. Sophomore pitcher **Cola Krueger** pitched a complete game to take the 10-6 win, striking out 10 players. Northwest took the second game in five innings against Columbia (Mo.), 10-2. Senior **Sarah Johnson** recorded the first home run of the season providing a 3-0 advantage in the second inning. The Northwest bats exploded in the fourth inning, with home runs from freshman **Erin Leslie** and sophomore **Megan Simpson** taking the lead to 10-2, where it would stand. In Game 3, the Bearcats were able to remain undefeated after a 2-0 victory over Rogers (Okla.) State. Both runs came in the third inning, provided by a double from freshman **Kayla Ballard**, who was driven in by a single from senior **Linellis Santiago-Bernier**. Santiago-Bernier later scored courtesy of a single from Leslie.

Men's and Women's Tennis

This Week: Both vs. Metro (Colo.) State at Topeka, Kan., March 2, 9 a.m.
Both vs. Colorado State-Pueblo at Topeka, Kan., March 3, 12 p.m.
Women vs. Winona (Minn.) State at Topeka, Kan., March 3, 3 p.m.
Men vs. Mesa State (Colo.) at Topeka, Kan., March 3, 3 p.m.

NOTES: Both Northwest Missouri State tennis squads will open the 2007 spring season with a trio of matches in Topeka, Kan., on March 2-3. Both teams will play Metro (Colo.) State on March 2, followed by a match against Colorado State-Pueblo on March 3. The women then take on Winona State in their final contest and the men will battle Mesa State in the afternoon on March 3. The men are ranked No. 40 nationally in the preseason ITA/FILA poll released Nov. 20, 2006 and first in the North Central Region. Senior **Chris Smith** and junior **Jake Saulsbury** also sit No. 11 nationally in doubles action after winning the ITA North Central Regional tournament and advancing to the national tournament last fall. The duo is first in the region, followed by teammates senior **Pablo Acebedo** and sophomore **Daniel Usieto** in second. Smith is also ranked No. 4 in regional singles rankings. The Bearcat women received the No. 6 position in the regional preseason poll. Junior **Carolina Amaral** earned the No. 10 singles rankings in the region from the ITA/FILA rankings.

Indoor Track and Field

Last Week: Men-4th at MIAA Championships, Feb. 23-24 @ UCM
Women-6th at MIAA Championships, Feb. 23-24 @ UCM

This Week: Off

NOTES: Both Northwest Missouri State track and field teams ended the 2007 indoor regular season at the MIAA Championships last weekend, hosted by the University of Central Missouri. The men took fourth with three individual champions. Senior **Eric Isley** repeated as the 800-meter champion, running 1:57.60 in the finals after qualifying with 1:55.58 the day before. Junior **Kendall Wright** also defended his long jump title with a NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 23-2. Senior **Diezas Calbert** captured his second triple jump title with 47-9.75. Calbert won the event at the 2005 championships. The women finished sixth with 59 points, the largest team point total since 2003. Sophomore **Tierney Eaton** provisionally qualified in the high jump with 5-6 and a second-place finish at the conference championships. Sophomore **Hannah Henry** also lowered her personal record in the 60-meter hurdles, taking second in 9.09 seconds. A total of seven provisional qualifiers, six for the men and one for the women, will await invitations for the NCAA Championships on March 9-10. Accepted participants are scheduled to be released Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. CST on www.flashresults.com/flashresults.