



2006-07 Bearcat Athletic Weekly



Northwest athletics from March 13-18

Northwest Schedule for March 13-18

- **Wednesday, March 14**
#22 Softball at Washburn, 2 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 15**
Track and Field at Pittsburg State Open (M)
- **Friday, March 16**
Tennis at Nebraska-Omaha (W), 6 p.m.
Track and Field at Austin Peay (Tenn.) Spring Fling (W)
- **Saturday, March 17**
#22 Softball at Emporia State Tournament, All Day
Tennis hosts Emporia State, 12 p.m.
Track and Field at Austin Peay (Tenn.) Spring Fling (M)
- **Sunday, March 18**
#22 Softball at Emporia State Tournament, All Day
Tennis at Missouri-St. Louis, 2 p.m.

Northwest Winter Notables

BASEBALL

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

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- MIAA Regular Season Champions (11th overall)
- No. 13 in the NABC Coaches' Poll (Feb. 27)
- No. 4 in the South Central Region (March 4)
- 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
- MIAA Most Valuable Player
Hunter Henry
- MIAA First Team
Hunter Henry (Unanimous)
- MIAA Second Team
Lance Sullivan
- MIAA Freshman of the Year
Lance Sullivan
- MIAA Defensive Team
John Hawkins
- MIAA All-Tournament
Hunter Henry
- Daktronics All-Region First Team
Hunter Henry

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- NCAA All-American
Eric Isley - 800-meters (1:51.15)
- NCAA Championship Qualifiers (March 9-10)
Bayo Adio - High Jump (6' 11 1/2")
Diezeas Calbert - Triple Jump (48' 8 1/4")
Eric Isley - 800-meters (1:51.67)
- Individual school record-holder
Bayo Adio - High Jump (6' 11 1/2")
- MIAA Champions
E. Isley - 800-meter 1:57.60
K. Wright - Long Jump 23-02.00
D. Calbert - Triple Jump 47-09.75
- All-MIAA
S. Cook 3rd 60-meter dash 6.97
S. Cook 2nd 200-meter dash 22.05
E. Isley 1st 800-meter 1:57.60
M. Pohren 4th 3K-meter 8:43.78
M. Pohren 2nd 5K-meter 15:17.35
K. Berry 5th 60-meter hurdles 8.37
K. Wright 6th 60-meter hurdles 8.46



QUICK HITTERS

- **Men's Track and Field:** Senior **Eric Isley** earned All-America honors in the 800-meter run at the NCAA National Indoor Championships last weekend. His time of 1:51.15 was within .04 of the school record.
- **Basketball:** Both Northwest Missouri State basketball teams ended their seasons in the NCAA South Central Regional Tournament, as one of only 23 schools to qualify both men's and women's teams for the national tournament. The men ended 24-7, winning 20 or more games for the seventh time in the past eight seasons. The women finished 18-12 in their fourth ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Baseball

- Overall Record:** 7-9 / 0-0 MIAA
- Last Week:** L, 0-7 vs. Nebraska-Omaha @ Rockhurst (7 innings)
L, 5-14 vs. Nebraska-Omaha @ Rockhurst (7 innings)
W, 20-0 vs. Minnesota-Crookston @ Rockhurst (7 innings)
W, 17-0 vs. Minnesota-Crookston @ Rockhurst (7 innings)
W, 10-0 vs. Minnesota-Crookston @ Rockhurst (7 innings)
W, 28-0 vs. Minnesota-Crookston @ Rockhurst (7 innings)
hosts Southwest Baptist, 12 p.m. March 16 (2-7)
hosts Southwest Baptist, 12 p.m. March 17 (2-7)
- This Week:**

NOTES: Northwest will open its conference season this Friday, which will also be their home opener. The Bearcats were swept Nebraska-Omaha on Tuesday last week. In the first game the Bearcats were shutout 7-0, in seven innings, and beat 14-5 in second game, a nine inning affair. In game one, Northwest collected just five hits as a team. Starting pitcher Tyler Cloud was nearly perfect, until the fifth, when junior catcher **Ryley Westman** singled to the left side to break-up his no-hit bid. Ryley was the leading hitter going 3-for-7 in the doubleheader. **Brian Lamers** took the loss in game one and **Bret Harvel** in game two. The four game series with the Golden Eagles got Northwest back on the winning track, snapping its eight game losing streak. The Bearcats hit .483 as a team and out-scored Crookston 75-0 in four games. The 28-0 win in game four tied a record for most runs scored in a game and set a record for the largest margin of victory in Bearcat history. Both **Chris Benham** and **Britt Westman** had two triples and 10 RBI in the series. The pitching staff allowed just eight hits and struck out 45 batters.

#17 Men's Basketball

- Overall Record:** 24-7
- Last Week:** W, 74-53 vs. Pittsburg State, March 10 (NCAA Regionals)
L, 72-61 vs. Central Missouri, March 11 (NCAA Regionals)
- This week:** Season Finished

NOTES: Northwest played in its 11th NCAA Tournament overall and seventh in the last eight seasons with an appearance at the South Central Regionals, hosted by Central Missouri last weekend. The Bearcats evened up the season series at 2-2 with a 74-53 opening-round win over No. 5 seed Pittsburg State. The No. 4 Bearcats held PSU to 31 percent shooting and the Gorilla big men well below their season scoring average. Cory Abercrombie and Ed Morris, two All-MIAA performers, had a combined 15 points and eight rebounds. Freshman guard **Lance Sullivan** had 15 of his team-high 19 points in the game-deciding first half which saw the Bearcats hold a 44-28 lead at the break. Four other Bearcats scored at least 10 points as the team shot 54 percent including a scorching 63 percent in the first 20 minutes. The Bearcat season ended with a 72-61 loss to top seed Central Missouri on Sunday. UCM, who held a 35-20 rebounding advantage, closed out the game in the second half thanks to a pivotal 19-8 run. **Hunter Henry**, who ended the season tied for sixth in school record books with 546 points, had a team-best 14 points -- he will enter the 2007-08 season with a 27-game scoring streak over 10 points. Northwest went 24-7 overall and posted 20 wins for the seventh time in eight seasons.

Women's Basketball

- Overall Record:** 18-12 (10-8 MIAA)
- Last Week:** L, 87-72 vs. West Texas A&M @ Missouri Western
- This Week:** Season Complete

NOTES: Northwest ended its season in the NCAA Division II Tournament for just the fourth time in school history with a 87-72 loss to No. 2 seed West Texas A&M (ranked 10th nationally). In the first half, Northwest got out to an early 4-0 lead off a couple jumpers by sophomore guard **Meghan Brue** and continued to lead until a lay-up from senior Alicia Saunders at 11:49 gave West Texas A&M a 14-13 lead. The Bearcats recaptured the lead with a 9-0 run, capped with a lay-up from junior forward **Lauren Williams** at 4:21 to give Northwest a 26-21 margin. A few quick lay-up at the end of the first half gave the Bearcats a slim one-point margin at intermission, 33-32. West Texas A&M shot just 1-of-7 from the free-throw line in the first half. The Lady Buffs scored the first five points of the second half and never relinquished the lead. Northwest knotted the game at 42 after a 3-pointer by sophomore guard **Jessica Burton** at 14:31, but the Lady Buffs would follow with a 16-6 run over the next four minutes. The Bearcats trailed by as much as 12 points after two free-throws by sophomore Emily Brister with 6:00 minutes left in the game. A late run, complimented by some missed free-throws by West Texas A&M, got Northwest within five with just 1:26 left. A tie-up, caused by MIAA All-defensive team member Williams, gave the Bearcats a chance to make it a one



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MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD (cont.)

- B. Adio 2nd High Jump 6-11.50
- B. Houston 6th High Jump 6-04.75
- C. Ingram 5th Pole Vault 15-01.75
- K. Wright 1st Long Jump 23-02.00
- S. Cook 3rd Long Jump 22-03.00
- D. Calbert 1st Triple Jump 47-09.75
- B. Adio 5th Triple Jump 46-02.50
- I. Urum-Eke 6th Triple Jump 45-02.50

- Team ranked 8th nationally in D2Rankings.com (Feb. 14)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- No. 7 in the South Central Region (March 4)
- Winstead-Reeves Classic All-Tournament
 - Mandi Schumacher (MVP)
 - Meghan Brue
- Western Washington Lynda Goodrich Classic All-Tournament
 - Mandi Schumacher
 - Kelli Nelson
- MIAA Honorable Mention
 - Meghan Brue
 - Mandi Schumacher
- MIAA Defensive Team
 - Lauren Williams

SOFTBALL

- No. 22 in the NFCA Coaches' Poll (March 7)

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- Individual school record-holder
 - Hannah Henry - 60-meter hurdles (9.09)
- All-MIAA
 - K. Cook 4th 60-meter hurdles 7.81
 - K. Cook 4th 200-meter dash 25.73
 - A. Bailey 4th 400-meter dash 1:00.65
 - A. O'Brien 3rd 1 Mile 5:15.32
 - K. Raffety 6th 600 yard run 1:34.18
 - A. O'Brien 5th 3K-meter 10:40.75
 - H. Henry 2nd 60-meter hurdles 9.09
 - C. Dightman 5th 60-meter hurdles 9.26
 - J. Avilex 6th 60-meter hurdles 9.26
 - T. Eaton 2nd High Jump 5-06.00
 - B. Honeywell 3rd Long Jump 17-06.75
 - L. Biermann 6th Triple Jump 36-08.50
 - 4x440 Relay
 - Distance Medley Relay

possession game with a minute remaining. A 3-point attempt by lone senior **Katie O'Grady** rimmed out and ended a Bearcat comeback as the Lady Buffs hit eight consecutive free-throws.

#22 Softball

- Overall Record:** 5-2 / 0-0 MIAA
- Last Week:** W, 9-8 (8 inn.) vs. Missouri-St. Louis, March 9 (Missouri Southern Tournament)
 W, 7-2 vs. Augustana (S.D.), March 9 (Missouri Southern Tournament)
 L, 4-0 vs. Southern Arkansas, March 10 (Missouri Southern Tournament)
 L, 8-0 (5) vs. Oklahoma City, March 10 (Missouri Southern Tournament)
- This Week:** @ Washburn, March 14, 2 p.m. (MIAA opener)
 @ Emporia State Tournament, March 17-18

NOTES: The No. 22 Northwest softball team will open up MIAA action this week with a doubleheader at Washburn on Wednesday, March 14. The first game from Topeka, Kan., is scheduled for 2 p.m. Then the Bearcats head to the Emporia State Tournament on Saturday and Sunday for five games against non-conference foes. Northwest ran out to its best start in school history at 5-0 before dropping a pair of games on Saturday at the Missouri Southern Tournament. The Bearcats outlasted Missouri-St. Louis 9-8 in eight frames before dropping Augustana (S.D.) 4-0 on day one. Against UMSL, sophomore outfielder **Megan Simpson** and senior outfielder **Linellis Santiago-Bernier** led the club with 3-for-4 efforts at the plate. Northwest took a 3-1 lead in the second inning after the first career home run by freshman infielder Erin Leslie, a three-run shot. Santiago-Bernier drove in the winning run with a single in the eighth inning. Against Augie, Simpson put the game out of reach for the Bearcats with her team-leading second homer of the year, a two-runner in the fifth and Northwest led 5-1 at that point. But two losses against Southern Arkansas (4-0) and Oklahoma City (8-0), ranked No. 5 in NAIA, closed out the event. The Bearcats could only muster eight hits in the two losses.

Men's and Women's Tennis

- Overall Record:** No. 39 Men: 3-3 / 0-0 MIAA
 Women: 3-2 / 1-0 MIAA
- Last Week:** Women - W 8-1 vs. Missouri Western, March 7
 Men - L 2-7 vs. No. 4 Drury (Mo.), March 9
 Women - L 3-6 vs. No. 10 Drury (Mo.), March 10
 Men - L 0-5 vs. No. 5 Ouachita Baptist (Ark.), March 10
 Men - W 6-1 (Exh.) vs. Cowley (Kan.) College, March 10
 Women - L 2-5 (Exh.) vs. Cowley (Kan.) College, March 10
 Men - L 4-5 vs. No. 18 Midwestern State, March 12
 Women - L 1-8 vs. Midwestern State, March 12
- This Week:** Women at Nebraska-Omaha, March 16, 6 p.m.
 Both host Emporia State, March 17, 12 p.m.
 Both at Missouri-St. Louis, March 18, 2 p.m.

NOTES: The Bearcat women's tennis team heads to Nebraska-Omaha on March 16 for an indoor match at 6 p.m. before both teams host Emporia State on March 17. Men's competition will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the women at 1 p.m. Both squads will then head to St. Louis the following day for matches against Missouri-St. Louis beginning at 2 p.m. The women opened MIAA play on March 7, winning 8-1 over Missouri Western at home. Junior **Carolina Amaral** and sophomore **Lina Gomez** paired together for the first time this season to win No. 1 doubles 8-2. The Bearcats five singles wins came in two sets. The No. 40 Northwest men dropped a 7-2 match to No. 4 Drury (Mo.) on March 9 in Springfield, Mo. Freshman **Felipe Gennari** and junior **Lucas Ariboni** were victorious in No. 3 doubles and junior **Jake Saulsbury** won No. 6 singles for the two Bearcat points in the match. Both Northwest teams lost on March 10, with the women falling 6-3 to No. 10 Drury and the men losing 5-0 to No. 5 Ouachita Baptist (Ark.). Freshman **Veronica Castilla** won the only singles match for the women, winning 6-2, 6-3 in No. 5 singles. The women took two out of three doubles matches. Against Midwestern (Texas) State, the men lost their third straight match to a nationally ranked opponent, dropping a 5-4 decision to the No. 18 Mustangs. Gennari and Ariboni earned their fifth win at No. 3 doubles, and senior **Pablo Acebedo** upset No. 47 Stefan McKinney 6-2, 6-3 in No. 2 singles. For the women, sophomore **Emily Lindsay** provided the only point in a win at No. 1 singles as the Bearcats fell 8-1.

Track and Field

- Last Week:** Men at NCAA Indoor Championships, March 9-10 @ Boston, Mass.
 Men at Pittsburg State Open, March 15 @ Pittsburg, Kan.
- This Week:** Women at Austin Peay (Tenn.) Spring Fling, March 16-17 @ Clarksville, Tenn.

NOTES: Both Northwest Missouri State track and field squads will open the 2007 outdoor season this weekend, with the men traveling to Pittsburg, Kan., to participate in the Pittsburg State Open on March 15. The women will travel to the Austin Peay (Tenn.) Spring Fling on March 16-17 in Clarksville, Tenn. At the NCAA Indoor Championships last weekend, senior **Eric Isley** earned All-America honors in a fourth-place finish in the 800-meter run. He finished with 1:51.15, four-hundredths shy of the school record. Senior **Bayo Adio** finished one spot out of earning All-America honors, placing ninth with 6-8 3/4 on his second jump. Senior **Diezeas Calbert** placed 11th in the triple jump, recording 46-10 3/4 on his first attempt.