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For the Week of Feb. 25, 2008

Monday, February 25

Baseball	Northwest at Arkansas-Monticello (1-9)	Monticello, Ark.	1 p.m.
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Tuesday, February 26

Baseball	Northwest at West Florida (1-9)	Pensacola, Fla.	4 p.m.
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Wednesday, February 27

Baseball	Northwest at West Florida (2-7)	Pensacola, Fla.	3 p.m.
W-Basketball	Northwest vs. Missouri Western (Senior Night)	Bearcat Arena	5:30 p.m.
M-Basketball	Northwest vs. Missouri Western (Senior Night)	Bearcat Arena	7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 29

Baseball	Northwest at Christian Brothers (1-9)	Memphis, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Track/Field	Northwest at MIAA Championships	Joplin, Mo.	2 p.m.
M-Tennis	Northwest at Drury	Springfield, Mo.	3 p.m.
W-Tennis	Northwest at Drury	Springfield, Mo.	3 p.m.

Saturday, March 1

Track/Field	Northwest at MIAA Championships	Joplin, Mo.	10 a.m.
Softball	Northwest vs. Drury (Pittsburg State Tournament)	Pittsburg, Kan.	10 a.m.
W-Tennis	Northwest vs. Ouachita Baptist	Springfield, Mo.	10 a.m.
M-Tennis	Northwest vs. William Jewell	Frank Grube	2 p.m.
Softball	Northwest vs. Southern Arkansas (Pittsburg State Tournament)	Pittsburg, Kan.	2 p.m.
W-Tennis	Northwest vs. Central Oklahoma	Springfield, Mo.	3 p.m.
W-Basketball	Northwest at Fort Hays State	Hays, Kan.	5:30 p.m.
M-Basketball	Northwest at Fort Hays State	Hays, Kan.	7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 2

Softball	Northwest vs. Henderson State (Pittsburg State Tournament)	Pittsburg, Kan.	10 a.m.
Softball	Northwest vs. Missouri Southern (Pittsburg State Tournament)	Pittsburg, Kan.	Noon

All times listed are Central Time

Men's Basketball (18-7, 10-6 MIAA)

- Northwest wraps up the regular season against Missouri Western Wednesday and at Fort Hays State Saturday. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.
- The Bearcats find themselves in a three-way tie for second in MIAA standings with Central Missouri and Missouri Southern. Two losses by league-leader Southwest Baptist and two wins by Northwest can provide a share of the MIAA regular season title for Northwest.
- Northwest sits third in the latest NCAA South Central Regional poll. Fort Hays State is eighth in the regional rankings released Feb. 20.
- Matt Withers has led Northwest in rebounding in four of the last five games and scored a career-high 17 points against Missouri Southern Feb. 23.

Women's Basketball (14-11, 9-7 MIAA)

- The Bearcats end the regular season this week in contests with Missouri Western Wednesday and Fort Hays State Saturday. Both games begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Northwest secured a spot in next week's MIAA Tournament with a 73-62 victory against Missouri Southern Feb. 23.
- The Bearcats have won three straight against the Tigers since Fort Hays State joined the MIAA last season.
- Mandi Schumacher has led the Bearcat rebounding effort in six of the last seven games, earning two double-doubles in that span.

Baseball (2-2, 0-0 MIAA)

- Northwest continues its spring trip this week, playing Arkansas-Monticello Monday, West Florida Tuesday and Wednesday and Christian Brothers Friday.
- The Bearcats evened their record with two wins against Arkansas-Monticello Feb. 24, outscoring the Boll Weevils 20-6.
- Kreed Kurtz leads Northwest with two home runs this season, both coming against Arkansas-Monticello.

Softball (4-3, 0-0 MIAA)

- The Bearcats travel to the Pittsburg State Tournament Saturday and Sunday after winning three games at the Arkansas Tech Spring Slam last weekend.
- Northwest took a 5-4 game from Pittsburg State to wrap up the Arkansas Tech classic, and is scheduled to play Missouri Southern Sunday in the Pittsburg State Tournament in a preview of the MIAA schedule.
- The Bearcats defeated William Penn 17-5 Feb. 23, the most runs scored by Northwest under head coach Ryan Anderson.

Men's Indoor Track and Field

- Northwest wraps up the regular season at the MIAA Championships Friday and Saturday at the Leggett and Platt Athletic Center in Joplin, Mo.
- The meet will be the last for athletes to qualify for the NCAA Championships March 14-15 in Mankato, Minn.
- Sheldon Cook won the 200-meter dash at the Prairie Wolf Invitational Feb. 22 with a career-best 21.94. He also ran a season-best 6.94 in the preliminaries of the 60-meter dash.
- Kendall Wright led non-Division I/unattached athletes in the long jump, finishing fifth overall with 22-1. He enters the conference championships fourth among MIAA athletes with a 22-8 performance at Central Missouri Feb. 8.

Women's Indoor Track and Field

- The Bearcats conclude the regular season at the MIAA Championships Friday and Saturday at the Leggett and Platt Athletic Center in Joplin, Mo.
- It will be the last chance for Northwest to qualify additional athletes for the NCAA Championships March 14-15.
- Anna O'Brien broke the school 1,000-meter run record in Lincoln, Neb., last weekend, running 3:01.99 (previous record: 3:04.28, Feb. 20, 1998, Amber Martin)
- Hannah Henry, Audrey Bailey, Alissa Miller and Bridget Kleine won the 4x400-meter relay with 3:57.42. They enter the conference championships with the top time among MIAA schools.

Men's Tennis (0-0, 0-0 MIAA)

- The Bearcats begin the 2008 spring schedule in Springfield, Mo., against Drury Feb. 29, before opening the home schedule March 1 against William Jewell.
- Northwest is ranked No. 31 in the the ITA National Rankings released Nov. 12. It's the highest ranking since Feb. 25, 2004. The Bearcats are also ranked third in the North Central Region, behind No. 1 Southwest Baptist and No. 2 Washburn.
- Vigit Seghal is ranked eighth in the North Central Region singles rankings, and sits fifth in doubles rankings with Jake Saulsbury.
- Northwest carries an 11-match win streak against William Jewell and stands with a 35-2 all-time record against the Cardinals.

Women's Tennis (0-0, 0-0 MIAA)

- Northwest spends the opening weekend in Springfield, Mo., playing Drury Feb. 29 and Ouachita Baptist and Central Oklahoma March 1.
- Kristina Vucenov is ninth nationally in singles rankings released Nov. 12. She is the top-ranked singles player in the North Central Region, after winning the ITA region title last fall.
- Vucenov and Veronica Castilla are ranked sixth in region doubles rankings. Linda Gomez and Gina Pendrak are ninth in doubles rankings.
- The Bearcats are ranked sixth in the region rankings behind four MIAA schools.