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**For the Week of March 3, 2008**

## Wednesday, March 5

M-Tennis Northwest vs. Missouri Valley St. Joseph, Mo. 7 p.m.

## Thursday, March 6

W-Basketball Northwest vs. Missouri Southern (MIAA Quarterfinals) Kansas City, Mo. 2:15 p.m.

## Friday, March 7

M-Tennis Northwest vs. Metropolitan State Topeka, Kan. 8 a.m.  
Softball Northwest vs. Quincy (Missouri Southern Tournament) Joplin, Mo. 10:45 a.m.  
Softball Northwest vs. Arkansas Tech (Missouri Southern Tournament) Joplin, Mo. 2:15 p.m.  
Softball Northwest vs. Fort Hays State (Missouri Southern Tournament) Joplin, Mo. 5:45 p.m.  
M-Basketball Northwest vs. Pittsburg State (MIAA Quarterfinals) Kansas City, Mo. 6 p.m.

## Saturday, March 8

W-Basketball If win-Northwest vs. Washburn/Missouri Western (MIAA Semifinals) Kansas City, Mo. Noon  
M-Tennis Northwest vs. Mesa State Topeka, Kan. Noon  
W-Tennis Northwest vs. Mesa State Topeka, Kan. Noon  
**Baseball Northwest vs. Concordia-St. Paul (2-7) Bearcat Field 1 p.m.**  
Softball Northwest vs. Missouri S&T (Missouri Southern Tournament) Joplin, Mo. 4:30 p.m.  
M-Tennis Northwest vs. Winona State Topeka, Kan. 5 p.m.  
W-Tennis Northwest vs. Winona State Topeka, Kan. 5 p.m.  
Softball Northwest vs. Drury (Missouri Southern Tournament) Joplin, Mo. 6:15 p.m.  
M-Basketball If win-Northwest vs. Central Missouri/Washburn (MIAA Semifinals) Kansas City, Mo. 8:15 p.m.

## Sunday, March 9

**Baseball Northwest vs. Concordia-St. Paul (2-7) Bearcat Field Noon**  
W-Basketball If win-Northwest in MIAA Championship Kansas City, Mo. 1 p.m.  
M-Basketball If win-Northwest in MIAA Championships Kansas City, Mo. 3:30 p.m.

All times listed are Central Time

## Men's Basketball (20-7, 12-6 MIAA)

- Northwest advances to the MIAA Tournament for the 17th consecutive season as the No. 2 seed. The Bearcats claimed two of their three MIAA Tournament titles as the No. 2 seed (1989, 2002) and are 10-3 all-time as the No. 2 seed.
- Northwest plays No. 7 Pittsburg State Friday at 6 p.m. from Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. The Bearcats swept the Gorillas this season.
- Matt Withers and Hunter Henry earned Second-Team All-MIAA honors announced by the conference Monday. Andy Peterson was one of eight on the honorable mention team. Withers also earned a spot on the All-Defensive Team.
- The Bearcats have won 20 games for the ninth time in the last 11 seasons and the tenth time under Head Coach Steve Tappmeyer.

## Women's Basketball (14-13, 9-9 MIAA)

- The Bearcats begin MIAA Tournament play Thursday against Missouri Southern as the No. 5 seed. Tip off from Municipal Auditorium is 2:15 p.m.
- Mandi Schumacher earned Second-Team All-MIAA honors after averaging 15.7 points and 7.5 rebounds this season. Kelli Nelson was named to the honorable mention squad.
- Northwest defeated Missouri Southern in the first round of last year's tournament. The Bearcats split with the Lions this season, earning a win in Joplin, Mo., Feb. 23.

## Baseball (7-2, 0-0 MIAA)

- The Bearcats look to continue their seven-game winning streak this week in their home-opener with Concordia-St. Paul Saturday. First pitch from Bearcat Field is 1 p.m. The two are scheduled to play another doubleheader Sunday at noon.
- The single game scheduled for March 4 against Nebraska-Omaha has been turned into a doubleheader next Tuesday, March 11. Location will be announced.
- Britt Westman became the all-time career RBI leader in the last game against West Florida, reaching 163 against the Argonauts. He stands with 163.

## Softball (8-3, 0-0 MIAA)

- Northwest participates in its last tournament at Missouri Southern before beginning the MIAA schedule March 19 against Missouri Western.
- The Bearcats have won six straight since Feb. 24, winning twice in five innings. In the last two games, Northwest has outscored the opponent 18-4.
- Northwest leads MIAA teams with a .727 winning percentage this season.

## Men's Tennis (1-1, 0-0 MIAA)

- No. 31 Northwest will move Wednesday's scheduled home match with Missouri Valley to the St. Joseph Tennis and Swim Club. First serve is 7 p.m. The Bearcats head to Topeka on Friday and Saturday for three matches against RMAC and NSIC opponents.
- The Bearcats split their opening weekend, falling to No. 5 Drury before defeating William Jewell the next day.
- It will be the second meeting with Missouri Valley all-time. Northwest won 7-1 when the two teams met in 2000.
- Northwest is 15-1 against the opponents it will face this weekend (Metropolitan State 8-1, Winona State 5-0, Mesa State 2-0)

## Women's Tennis (1-2, 0-0 MIAA)

- The Bearcats will spend the weekend in Topeka, Kan., facing Winona State and Mesa State Friday and Saturday.
- Lina Gomez and Jordan Lipira are 3-0 at No. 3 doubles this season.
- Kristina Vucenov and Veronica Castilla went 2-0 at No. 2 doubles against Ouachita Baptist and Central Oklahoma, allowing only three points between the two matches.