

Northern State University

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PRACTICE BEGINS FOR NSU MEN

Wach's Arena is again ringing with the sounds of squeaking shoes, bouncing balls, whistles and buzzers as the Northern State men's basketball team takes to the hoops. The Wolves held their first practice of the season on Sunday, October 15, the official NCAA basketball start date. But sites and sounds from the entire arena will definitely change. Wachs Arena, in the Barnett Center, will come alive with fans anxious to see what Coach Don Meyer's Wolves have in store for them. On November 11th, NSU takes on Mayville State University in their first home game of the season. Mayville State went 28-6 last season after playing in the NAIA Quarter Finals. Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m.

The Wolves finished second in the NSIC last season with a 11-3 record, going 27-6 overall, and advancing as far as the North Central Region Championship game, where they fell 86-96 to eventual NCAA DII Champion Winona State. After two road games to Vanderbilt and North Carolina State, the Wolves look forward to a series of seven home games during November. The NSIC schedule begins on December 1st at Winona State, the '05-06 NCAA DII Champs.



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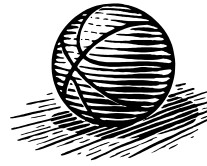
Special points of interest:

- 2006-2007 season is underway!
- When in Aberdeen
- Get your Wolf Wear now
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A particular shot or way of moving the ball can be a player's personal signature, but efficiency of performance is what wins the game for the team. **Pat Riley**



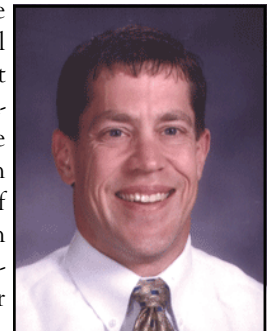
MORE PRACTICE PHOTOS



**"Talent wins games but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."
-Michael Jordan**

Meet the Assistant Coaching Staff

Brad "BC" Christenson is in his 15th season at NSU. He has helped the Wolves advance to three NAIA National Tournaments, including two national championship games and six NCAA II National Postseason Tournaments ~ with an Elite Eight bid in 1997-98. With BC's help, NSU has won eight Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference titles and two NSIC Tournament Titles. He will be most visible on the bench where he participates in lots of on-the-floor coaching. With a keen eye for the strengths and weaknesses of other teams, BC provides the Wolves with accurate scouting reports on many of their future opponents. His previous coaching experience (1995-98) includes head coach of the freshmen girls basketball and assistant coach for the varsity girls team at Aberdeen Central High School. Christenson earned his bachelor's degree in business administration (1989) and master's degree in professional accountancy (1990) from the University of South Dakota. He received his teacher certification from NSU in 1993. BC continues to teach math and business at Aberdeen Central.



Steve Smiley, originally from Arvada, CO, is a familiar face at NSU. Steve played basketball at Northern from 1999-2004 where he was a three-year starter. The NSU men's basketball team won the NSIC regular season during his sophomore and junior years and the NSIC Conference Tournament Championship while he was a senior. That same year, Steve was named NSIC Tournament MVP, NSIC Defensive Player of the Year, and selected to the All-Conference Team. Smiley finished his career at NSU second all-time in assists. Steve earned his undergraduate degree in International Business in 2004, then moved with his wife Nikki to Laredo, TX to pursue his MBA in International Business at Texas A&M University. Steve completed his Masters in August '05. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant while at Texas A&M. Before coming to Northern, Steve was the head assistant coach at Black Hills State University. We are glad to have Steve back as he begins his first year as an assistant coach at NSU. *Be sure to ask him about his book entitled "Player for Coach Meyer".*



Local Establishments Support Wolf Basketball

Several Aberdeen motels/inns are offering Wolf parents/family members discounts for lodging.

Two very good deals from supporting community members include the AmericInn Lodge & Suites and the Super 8 Motels of Aberdeen.

AmericInn is located next to the Lakewood Mall, 1 1/2 miles from the Aberdeen Regional Airport and just a few minutes from the Barnett Center on the NSU campus. NSU parent rate is **\$54.90 plus tax** and features a free enhanced continental breakfast with waffles, sausage, and biscuits and gravy! They have an indoor pool, Jacuzzi and exercise room.



There are three **Super 8 Motels** in Aberdeen each offering a **\$48** parent rate for up to 4 persons per room.

The east Hwy 12 location features an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, fitness center and free SuperStartPlus breakfast including waffles, high speed internet and guest laundry. Rates apply to all three Super 8 motels and all offer on-site winter plug-ins. North

and west locations offer limited amenities beyond breakfast.

Fans should book early and directly through either of these lodging establishments and mention the **NSU parent rate** when doing so.

NSU parents have found in previous years that the motels in Aberdeen book up early with a very steady business of game hunters and youth sports fans and participants.

Other lodging facilities have been known to offer very reasonable rates to NSU parents and fans and are provided for your convenience. Again, you should call the establishment directly for the best offers.

MOTELS, HOTELS and INNS

LODGING	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	COMMENTS
AmericInn	310 Centennial Street	605-225-4565 (1-888-748-9955)	NSU Men's BB parent favorite!
Best Western Ramkota	N Hwy 281 and 8th Ave	605-229-4040	Minervas restaurant!
Comfort Inn	2923 6th Ave SE	605-226-0097	Close to shopping
Holiday Inn Express	3310 7th Ave	605-725-4000	Across from Lakewood Mall
Ramada Inn	2727 6th Ave SE	605-225-3600	Small scale hotel w/ restaurant
Super 8 East	2505 6th Ave SE	605-229-5005	Close to NSU. Best parent rate!
Super 8 North	770 North Hwy 281	605-226-2288	Best parent rate!
Super 8 West	714 South Hwy 281	605-225-1711	Best parent rate!

6th Avenue is the main street running east/west through Aberdeen.

Addresses with "SE" mean east of 2nd Street. Addresses with "SW" mean west of 2nd Street. 6th Avenue is also Hwy 12.

Hwy 281 runs north/south in western Aberdeen.

*****Remember to thank the establishment who honors the Wolves and provides you with a discount on your stay!**

PLACES TO EAT

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	COMMENTS
Maverick's	1702 6th Avenue	605-225-1314	Steak and cocktails
McDonalds	on east 6th and N. 2nd	605-225-2841, 605-225-4275	Big supporter of Jr. McWolves
Minerva's	Best Western Ramkota	605-226-2988	Very nice! Great Sunday Brunch!
Millstone	2210 6th Ave SE	605-229-4105	Supports the Wolves
Perkins	1401 6th Avenue SW	605-225-9050	Big supporter of the Wolves!
Pizza Hut	2 locations Ave SE	605-725-2525	Pizza buffet
Shenanigans	Lakewood Mall	605-225-6210	Open after the game, good bar food
Wild Oats Bar & Grill	322 South Main	605-725-6287	Open after the game, good bar food

****Have you eaten at a local restaurant that you feel deserves mentioning? Provide details and they will be listed in an upcoming issue!**

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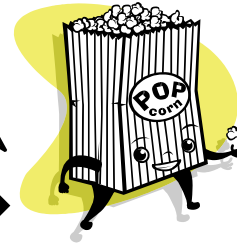
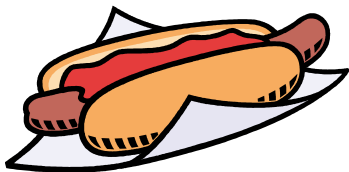
Kessler's	615 6th Ave SE	605-225-1692	Full service grocery. Very nice!
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Go Wolves!



Enjoy the Season!

About this newsletter...

Here we are already on the second issue of the 2006-07 NSU Men's Basketball Newsletter! As with all new ventures, there is plenty of room for improvement. Be sure to email me or Coach Baruth with ideas for future articles. Just because I haven't thought of it doesn't mean it isn't important.

It's been a busy couple of weeks getting the Wolf Wear ready to go. We hope you find something great for every member of your family. Remember to order early so that you can have your shirts in time for those first few home games.

Oh, and parents, about your son... He has been very busy lately now that practices have begun. Don't be alarmed if he doesn't want to talk to you as much on the phone or seems really tired when you do get to talk to him. It's because he probably is EXHAUSTED! College and basketball are a tough mix, but one your son can handle. (Veteran parents will tell you that the guys will call when they need spending money or when their car or computer are broke!) Remember, he's got lots of great peers to look to for support and the coaching staff is never far away. And you, as a parent, have the rest of us parents to lean on!

Looking forward to a great season! See ya soon! —Karen

Hey! Who is that, Part II?

This column didn't get the best response in the last issue, so we'll try this again!

Parents, PLEASE send in a photo of your family so that a 'who's who' of the players and their families can be created.

It will help us all learn each other's faces a little quicker, as well as help some of the fans and boosters recognize us, too.

NSU basketball fans are some of the best in the country and most are real friendly! They really do enjoy watching your son play basketball. So a little background about your family will help everyone become acquainted more quickly.

Send photos and any other info you'd like to share to karen2hall@hotmail.com.

WOLFWEAR Now Available

Support the Northern State Wolves men's basketball team in style with new designs of your favorite apparel. Your purchases not only will look great on you, but you will be supporting the Wolves with 100% of the profits benefiting the men's basketball team.

This year, we have two choices in adult polo shirts, a sweatshirt and a t-shirt. For the youngsters, we have a t-shirt and a sweatshirt in youth sizes SM-LG. All adult styles are available in sizes SM-3X. Adult polos and sweatshirts feature embroidered designs. On the embroidered designs, and new this year, is the *option* to have your favorite player's name and/or number included on either the sleeve, back of neck or under the logo on the shirt.

POLO SHIRTS - One is a solid maroon with black trim on the collar and sleeves. The other is a heather maroon with solid maroon trim on collar and sleeves. The design is embroidered on the upper left chest. Both are 100% soft cotton and machine washable in cold water. Be sure to order yours with your player's name or number!

SWEATSHIRTS— Adult sweatshirts are solid maroon with an embroidered logo on the upper left chest. Name and number are also available on the adult sweatshirts.

ADULT T-SHIRTS—Adult t-shirts are available with a screen printed design on both the front and back of a maroon t-shirt. Sizes available are SM-3X. *Embroidery is NOT available on this style.*

Don't forget the kids! **YOUTH SWEATSHIRTS** and **T-SHIRTS** are both available in gold with a cute wolf screen printed design.



Solid POLO with name & number



Close up of polo shirt embroidery. Name/number are optional.



Heather polo w/o name or number.



Adult t-shirt front view.
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Adult t-shirt back view.
←—————



Youth t-shirt/sweatshirt front view.



Close up of adult sweatshirt design. Optional name/number available below design, back of neck or on upper sleeve.

Orders must be received by November 3rd in order to be delivered by first home game. See Order Form on page 6 of this newsletter.

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WOLF WEAR Order Form

ALL profits benefit NSU Men's Basketball!



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Name _____ Phone _____
Total Payment Enclosed _____

POLO SHIRTS and SWEATSHIRTS

1. Embroidered on left chest with Northern State Basketball logo
2. Optional embroidered name and/or number can be placed on back, on sleeve or under logo of adult polo and sweatshirts. **No Additional cost!**
3. Men's sizing on adult apparel. Women, order accordingly.

		SM	MED	LG	XLG	2XL	3XL
Solid Polo Shirt	\$38.00	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maroon/Heather Polo Shirt	\$38.00	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sweatshirt	\$25.00	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Name &/or number on back ___ sleeve ___ front below logo ___ (check one)

Player Name _____ and/or NUMBER _____

ADULT T-SHIRTS

		SM	MED	LG	XLG	2XL	3XL
Maroon T-Shirt	\$10.00	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

YOUTH

		SM (6-8)	MED (10-12)	LG (14-16)
Gold T-Shirt	\$10.00	_____	_____	_____
Gold Sweatshirt	\$20.00	_____	_____	_____

Make checks payable to: **K.H's Sports Shop** Payment must be included with order.

Mail order form and payment ASAP to: **WOLF WEAR, c/o Karen Hall, 9633 Hollow Tree Drive, Lincoln, NE 68512**

Orders should be available by the first home game. See the basketball office to pick up at another time.