

Northern State University

2006-2007 Men's Basketball Newsletter

From the Coach's Desk—

The Northern State Men's basketball team is now midway into the season and we are learning many valuable lessons along the way. With only one senior, the team has had to find new leadership both on and off the floor. The Wolves returned three starters from last year's team that went to the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen. Craig Nelson, Levi Hamilton, and Dan DeWitt have found themselves growing up very quickly. Our younger players, starters Kevin Ratzsch and Mitch Boeck, are stepping up and helping us find our new identity. Reserves Luke Wicks, Rob Thomas, Brett Newton, Nick Schultz, Cole Kratovil and senior Curtis Carr have all added great depth to the new team. Every one of our players are working towards playing to the best of our abilities. Although they are finding it a challenge not being able to play this year, redshirts Jordan King, Derek Hoellein and Tom Giesen are getting ready for next year. Coach (Derik) Budig (Strength and Conditioning) is taking good care of all the extra energy these three may have left in the weight room.

We are excited to get practice each day with this team because everything is new and they have a great eagerness to learn. This young team has a 'wide eyed willingness' about them that gives us great optimism for the future. We know that come March, this will pay off and really pay big dividends next year. We, as coaches, are very happy with where the team is right now and how well we are growing. Yes, we all wish it could happen faster and there are times when we are not as patient as we could be. But the Wolves WILL be a good team in March if they keep working as hard as they are to become the best TEAM they can be.

The Wolves have added three new players to the family: Marty Gregor, Chaska, MN, Alex Thomas, Maple Plain, MN and Casey Becker, Beulah, ND (brother to Carolyn Becker on the Lady Wolves Basketball Team).

Injury Update- Kyle Schwan's rehab (knee) is going very well and he should be back practicing shortly. Unfortunately, he will not play this year. Casey Anderson is continuing his rehab (shoulder) and hoping to be on the court shortly.

We hope to see everybody on the 10th of February- if you have any major questions or concerns in the meantime, please



For best results, be sure to use the Live Stats link on the NSU Athletics Main Page!



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Northern State Wolves Basketball Schedule Changes

Saturday, January 27

11:00 am: Northern State vs. Winona State (men)
1:00 pm: Northern State vs. Winona State (women)

Sunday, January 28

1:00 pm: Northern State vs. Upper Iowa (women)
3:00 pm: Northern State vs. Upper Iowa (men)

NSU Men's Basketball Mid-Season Statistics

NSU Basketball to be televised

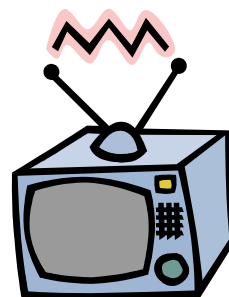
Northern State Wolves vs. Winona State Warriors

Game times changed for television coverage

Men's Game

Saturday, January 27th, 2007 @ 11:00 a.m.

(NSU Women vs. Winona women at 1:00 p.m.)



The Northern State men's basketball team will be juggling their final weekend of play in January to accommodate television coverage of the Wolves vs. the Winona State Warriors. This broadcast is part of a partnership between NCAA Division II and CSTV: College Sports Television that will showcase more than 80 live Division II regular-season football and basketball games over a series of years. Northern was also part of this deal during football season, when the NSU/Concordia-St. Paul game was broadcast live on the internet. The NSU/Winona game was selected to be one of six NCAA Division II basketball games to be shown live on national TV. The game will be broadcast nationally on College Sports Television (CSTV) and regionally on Fox Sports Net North at 11:00 a.m. on Sat., January 27th.

See local listings for channel information in your area.

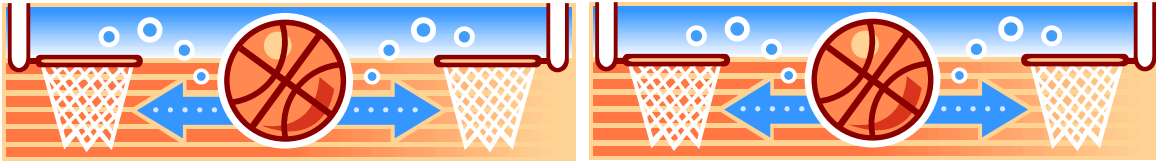
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Arena!
Show EVERYONE what
NSU Basketball is all
about!**

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference 2006-07 Men's Basketball - Standings as of 01/13/07

-from <http://northernsun.org>

2006-07 Basketball (M)	NSIC Only						Overall					
	W	L	Win %	GP	PF	PA	W	L	Win %	GP	PF	PA
1 Winona State	7	0	1.000	7	585	475	15	0	1.000	15	1328	1009
2 Concordia St. Paul	6	1	.857	7	581	449	12	3	.800	15	1192	1025
3 Southwest Minnesota State	6	1	.857	7	520	427	10	6	.625	16	1129	1015
4 Northern State	5	3	.625	8	603	549	12	5	.706	17	1281	1174
5 Wayne State (NE)	4	3	.571	7	544	548	9	7	.562	16	1199	1206
6 Minnesota State Moorhead	3	4	.429	7	499	489	8	8	.500	16	1181	1148
7 Mary	3	5	.375	8	512	557	7	9	.438	16	1057	1100
8 Upper Iowa	1	6	.143	7	418	530	2	14	.125	16	940	1197
9 Bemidji State	1	6	.143	7	392	537	1	15	.062	16	872	1257
10 Minnesota Crookston	0	7	.000	7	474	567	1	15	.062	16	1090	1291

Mid Year Statistics



PLAYER	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3PT%	FT-FTA	FT%	PTS	PTS/G	Hi Pts
Schul tz, Ni ck.....	8-24	.333	3-9	.333	5-10	.500	24	1.6	5
Nel son, Crai g.....	67-148	.453	50-112	.446	40-47	.851	224	13.2	23
Newton, Brett.....	8-21	.381	2-5	.400	9-12	.750	27	1.6	4
Wi cks, Lu ke.....	49-115	.426	27-71	.380	26-37	.703	151	8.9	21
Kratovi l, Cole.....	1-6	.167	1-4	.250	2-3	.667	5	0.5	3
Dewi tt, Dan.....	32-75	.427	10-32	.313	18-30	.600	92	5.4	11
Rat zsch, Ke vi n.....	122-231	.528	33-65	.508	34-45	.756	311	18.3	32
Curti s-Carr, John..	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	6	0.8	3
Hami l ton, Levi.....	77-141	.546	5-16	.313	30-43	.698	189	11.1	23
Ande rson, Case y....	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	5	5.0	5
Schwan, Kyle.....									
Boeck, Mi tch.....	38-75	.507	5-13	.385	14-23	.609	95	5.6	12
Thomas, Robert.....	43-86	.500	0-0	.000	19-35	.543	105	6.2	16
Magri no, Dan.....	21-25	.840	0-0	.000	5-14	.357	47	3.9	10
Total.....	470-958	.491	137-333	.411	204-303	.673	1281	75.4	88
Opponents.....	418-922	.453	120-345	.348	218-321	.679	1174	69.1	90

PLAYER	GP-GS	Min/G	R/G	A/G	STL	BLK	O-RB	D-RB	TOTAL	PF	FO	A	TO
Schul tz, Ni ck.....	15-0	8.5	1.6	0.2	6	2	7	17	24	13	0	3	10
Nel son, Crai g.....	17-17	30.4	1.9	2.7	17	0	5	28	33	38	1	46	18
Newton, Brett.....	17-0	14.4	1.2	1.8	4	0	6	15	21	18	0	30	14
Wi cks, Lu ke.....	17-0	22.6	2.8	2.5	8	2	15	33	48	20	0	43	26
Kratovi l, Cole.....	11-0	3.5	0.7	0.1	1	1	1	7	8	2	0	1	2
Dewi tt, Dan.....	17-17	26.2	3.5	3.6	13	1	18	42	60	27	0	62	28
Rat zsch, Ke vi n.....	17-17	32.1	6.2	1.7	27	11	37	68	105	34	0	29	36
Curti s-Carr, John..	8-0	4.5	0.6	0.6	1	1	1	4	5	6	0	5	3
Hami l ton, Levi.....	17-17	23.6	5.0	0.9	21	4	41	44	85	51	4	16	23
Ande rson, Case y....	1-0	11.0	4.0	0.0	1	0	3	1	4	3	0	0	1
Schwan, Kyle.....													
Boeck, Mi tch.....	17-13	22.2	2.6	1.2	8	2	22	22	44	20	0	20	12
Thomas, Robert.....	17-4	17.2	4.2	0.6	8	7	28	44	72	38	2	11	28
Magri no, Dan.....	12-0	8.7	1.8	0.3	1	6	7	15	22	17	0	3	9
Total.....							215	363	578	287	7	269	220
Opponents.....							195	330	525	303		220	236



Wicks Graduates in December

Northern State Wolves guard, Luke Wicks, graduated *cum laude* in December with a B.S. Degree in Fitness Management. He was a member of the Maroon and Gold Club. Luke will continue playing basketball while continuing his education at Northern State in the Health, Physical Education, and Coaching Master's Program. His future plans??? To "live in a van down by the river!"

You go, Luke. Congratulations!

Fans Travel to Moorhead, Minnesota

Northern State basketball fans had the opportunity to see an out of town game in Moorhead, MN on January 5th. Fans boarded the bus around noon in Aberdeen and traveled to see the Wolves men's and women's teams take on the Minnesota State Moorhead Dragons. Even with so many fans present to support the Wolves, the women's team fell to Moorhead 56-40 and were dished their first NSIC loss of the season. The men's team, however, won decisively rolling over the Dragons, 81-60. Luke Wicks had a career night tallying 21 points by hitting 8 of 9 shots from the field.



More Meet the Families...



Dan DeWitt

Parents—Karen & David
 Siblings—Sarah, 22; Katie, 19; Emily, 17; Clare, 15;
 Josh, 12
 Hometown—Lino Lakes, MN
 Karen is a Special Education teacher. Dave is a PE teacher and head coach of women's basketball at Anoka Ramsey Community College.
 Dan is a 6'3" junior guard and is majoring in finance



Levi Hamilton

Parents—Mark & Jean Hamilton (rt. w/ granddaughter),
 Karen & John Hall (pictured in last issue)
 Sister—Hannah, 15
 Hometown—Lincoln, NE
 Mark and Jean both work for the NE Dept. of Roads.
 Karen is the data processing manager for the Nebraska National Guard. John is self-employed. Levi is a 6'6" junior forward. He is majoring in International





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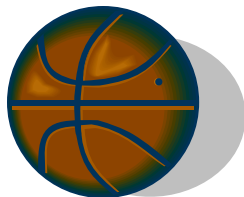
About this newsletter...

WOW! Where does the time go? It wasn't so long ago when the December newsletter went out with all of those pictures of the games and the parents. I hope that you enjoyed noting the resemblances of the guys and their parents as much as I did! Thank you all for helping me put that together. Thanks to Coach Baruth and the NSU publishing staff who got it all printed and sent out—I know it was nightmare!

We're happy to announce that we've finally compiled most of the team photos (from John's efforts along the sidelines) and placed them out on our fledgling website. Please bear with us as we continue to build upon this site. It's still got a long way to go and there are tons of opportunities ahead for us as we explore new ways to present parent/team information to you. And yes, we welcome your constructive criticism and requests. Give the site a visit and let me know what you think...

<http://www.iss-lnk.com/nsu/index.htm>

See ya soon! –Karen



NSU parents and friends enjoy some time together after the game!

Upcoming Event to Honor Basketball Parents

The parents of both the NSU men's and women's basketball teams will be honored on February 10th during intermission between the women's and men's games with Minnesota State Moorhead.

This marks the last of the 2006-2007 regular season home games for both teams.

Following the game, parents and family members of the men's team will be treated to an old fashioned



ice cream social in the Barnett Center second floor classroom. It's a chance to get together with other parents, the team, and the coaches for some great Culver's ice cream and fun!

Make your reservations at area hotels early as this is usually a big weekend for the NSU basketball parents group. Look for further information as the event draws nearer.

January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 WBB OFF MBB 4pm (Lift, Meet, Swim)	8 WBB MBB OFF	9 WBB MBB 8am Practice & Lift	10 WBB MBB 8 am Practice & Lift	11 WBB MBB 8 am Practice & RS Lift	12 WBB 6pm Crookston MBB 8pm Crookston WBB MBB 3pm Practice & RS Workouts	13 WBB 6pm Bemidji MBB 8pm Bemidji HS BB Classic 315pm WBB MBB
14 WBB OFF MBB 4pm (Lift, Meet, Swim)	15 WBB 330pm MBB OFF	16 WBB 330pm MBB 615am Practice & Lift	17 WBB 330pm MBB 615am Practice & Lift	18 WBB 330pm MBB 615am Practice & RS Lift	19 WBB 330pm MBB 615am Practice & RS Workouts	20 WBB 6pm Mary MBB 8pm Mary WBB MBB
21 WBB OFF MBB 4pm (Lift, Meet, Swim)	22 WBB 330pm MBB OFF	23 WBB 330pm MBB 615am Practice & Lift	24 WBB 330pm MBB 615am Practice & Lift	25 WBB 330pm MBB 615am Practice & RS Lift	26 WBB 330 pm MBB 615am Practice & RS Workouts	27 WBB 1pm Winona MBB 11am Winona MBB 6am Shoot WBB 8am Shoot
28 WBB Upper Ia. 1pm MBB Upper Ia. 3pm WBB MBB	29 WBB MBB OFF	30 WBB 330pm MBB 6am Practice & Lift	31 WBB 330pm MBB 6am Practice & Lift			