



2007 HUSKIE HIGHLIGHTS



- ▶ Set school records with 34 Division I victories and 16 MAC wins while tying school marks for season victories (34), MAC series wins (six) and total MAC Player/Pitcher of the Week recipients (six).
- ▶ Team set a new season record with 398 strikeouts while posting a Modern Era record 4.65 ERA, the lowest mark in three decades. Established a Division I era school record with a .962 fielding percentage and tied the overall school mark (set in 1959).
- ▶ Earned the school's first All-American honor: Matt German on the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association team.
- ▶ Had the first national award finalist in school history: Matt German for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award.
- ▶ Matt German became the first Huskie to earn consecutive ABCA All-Mideast Region selections.
- ▶ Totaled the second-highest win total (34) in the state of Illinois while going 9-3 (.750) against Division I intrastate opposition, combining for a 20-5 (.800) record over the past two seasons.
- ▶ Made the school's furthest run at the MAC Tournament, winning two games, placing third, and finishing one win from playing for the championship.
- ▶ Compiled the second-best overall winning percentage among MAC schools (.586), higher than tournament champion Kent State and regular season champion Eastern Michigan.
- ▶ Earned three All-MAC honorees, including unanimous first-team selection Matt German, and second-team choices Jordin Hood and Jesse Seykora.
- ▶ Placed a Freshman All-American (Jordin Hood) on the Louisville Slugger team as chosen by Collegiate Baseball.
- ▶ Scott Simon was named to the Academic All-Mid-American Conference team.
- ▶ Matt German was named to the MAC All-Tournament team and finished his career as the NIU all-time saves leader with 26, a total that ranked second in MAC history.
- ▶ Scott Simon became the Mid-American Conference's career hit king with 318 and was one of 30 candidates for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, presented to college baseball's top student-athlete.
- ▶ Matt German (Philadelphia Phillies) and Mark Badgley (Florida Marlins) signed professional contracts following the season, becoming the 15th and 16th players to enter pro baseball during the Ed Mathey era.
- ▶ Had a player selected in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft (Trevor Feeney).
- ▶ Head coach Ed Mathey moved into second-place on the NIU career wins list and is five from becoming the career leader.
- ▶ Became the fastest NIU squad to reach 20 victories (31 games) and started 4-0 in the MAC for the first time in history. During the year, the Huskies won their first MAC series against Miami and their first series at Ball State since 1980.
- ▶ Entered the season as the only school in Illinois represented on both the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Watch List (Matt German) and the Wallace Award National Player of the Year Watch List (Scott Simon).

