



2008-09 Northern Illinois Basketball Preseason Information Sheet

General Information

Name of School..... Northern Illinois University
Location/Zip Code DeKalb, Ill./60115
Founded 1895
Enrollment 25,208
Nickname..... Huskies
Colors Cardinal and Black
Home Court / Capacity Convocation Center / 9,100
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I
Conference Mid-American (West Division)
President Dr. John Peters
Athletics Director..... Jeff Compher
Athletics Phone (815) 753-1295
Ticket Office Phone..... (815) 752-6800

History

First Year of Basketball..... 1900-01
Overall All-Time Record.....1,012-947
First Year of Division I Basketball..... 1967-68
All-Time Division I Record..... 515-604 (.460)
NCAA Appearances3 (last, 1996)

Media Relations

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209 Convocation Center
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Coaching Staff

Head Coach Ricardo Patton
Alma Mater Belmont, '80
Record at NIU/Years.....6-22/1 year
Overall Record/Years..... 190-182 /13 years
Associate Head Coach.....Dennis Gates
Assistant Coaches Will Smith, Sundance Wicks
Director of Basketball Operations Scott Stevens

Team Information

2007-08 Overall Record6-22
2007-08 MAC Record / Finish 3-12 / 6th (West)
Starters Returning / Lost..... 1 / 2
Letterwinners Returning / Lost 5 / 6
Roster by Class (Fr. / So. / Jr. / Sr.) 6 / 4 / 3 / 1

Mid-American Conference

Address 24 Public Square, 15th Floor
..... Cleveland, Ohio
..... 44113
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TEAM INFORMATION

Starters Returning (R) and Lost (L)	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	Other
21 Egan Grafel (L)	6-10	229	-	F	28/23	6.9	4.8	Led team with 25 blocks
25 Shaun Logan (L)	6-7	206	-	F	28/28	9.1	5.4	Led team in 3-point FG% and Reb.
32 Darion Anderson (R)	6-2	200	So.	G	28/19	12.2	5.1	2008 MAC Freshman of the Year

Other Returnees	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	Other
2 Najul Ervin	6-5	214	Jr.	F	25/2	2.4	2.4	Shot 47.1% from the field
4 Michael Patton	5-10	177	So.	G	27/11	6.8	1.0	Led team with 35 trifectas
12 Sean Smith	6-7	190	Sr.	F	25/9	6.2	2.7	Led team in FT% (92.3%)
24 Jeremy Landers	6-2	185	So.	G	25/8	3.3	1.8	Was 2nd on team in 3PT FG%
30 Lee Fisher	6-5	206	R-Fr.	F	n/a	n/a	n/a	Used 2007-08 as redshirt season
41 Sean Kowal	6-11	240	So.	C	n/a	n/a	n/a	Sat out 2007-08 season as a transfer
55 Michael Fakuade	6-7	222	R-Fr.	C	n/a	n/a	n/a	Used 2007-08 as a redshirt season

Other Losses	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	GP/GS	PPG	RPG
3 Jarvis Nichols	6-2	219	Jr.	G	27/10	9.9	2.8
10 Ryan Paradise	6-0	168	Sr.	G	6/6	10.7	1.5
22 Cody Yelder	6-1	177	So.	G	6/5	3.7	1.5
31 Bristan Kelley	6-6	244	So.	F	26/1	1.7	1.3
33 Ben Rand	6-7	205	Sr.	G/F	19/10	2.4	2.9
44 Michael Hart	6-7	209	Sr.	F	28/8	4.4	2.7

Newcomers	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	Other
1 Bryan Hall	6-1	157	Fr.	G	Helped Whitney Young advance to 2008 IHSA Class 4A Supersectionals
10 Keith Smith	5-5	135	Fr.	G	Averaged 11.3 points and led St. Ignatius to Catholic League North title
11 Mike DiNunno	5-11	177	Fr.	G	Averaged 20 points, 6.0 assists and 4.0 rebounds to lead Von Steuben
13 Xavier Silas	6-5	201	Jr.	G	Transferred from Colorado; Will sit out 2008-09 season
15 Ante Dzepina	6-8	235	Jr.	C	One of seven from Highland C.C. to receive Division I scholarship
22 Michael Peaster	5-11	165	Fr.	G	Three-year captain and All-Upstate 8 selection as a senior.
44 Tyler Storm	6-7	206	Fr.	F	Averaged 19.5 pts. and 9.1 boards to lead Geneseo to sectional finals

2008-09 NORTHERN ILLINOIS MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/High School/Last School
1	Bryan Hall	6-1	157	Fr.	G	Chicago, Ill./Whitney Young
2	Najul Ervin	6-5	214	Jr.	F	Memphis, Tenn./Mitchell/Kankakee C.C.
4	Michael Patton	5-10	177	So.	G	Boulder, Colo./Boulder/Solebury School (PA)
10	Keith Smith	5-5	135	Fr.	G	Chicago, Ill./St. Ignatius
11	Mike DiNunno	5-11	177	Fr.	G	Chicago, Ill./Von Steuben
12	Sean Smith	6-7	190	Sr.	F	Gary, Ind./West Side/Vincennes J.C.
13	Xavier Silas	6-5	201	Jr.	G	Austin, Texas/Brewster Academy (N.H.)/University of Colorado
15	Ante Dzepina	6-8	235	Jr.	C	Kraljevica, Croatia/Highland C.C.
22	Michael Peaster	5-11	165	Fr.	G	Aurora, Ill./Waubonsie Valley
24	Jeremy Landers	6-2	185	So.	G	Milwaukee, Wis./Murphysboro (Ill.)/Genesis One
30	Lee Fisher	6-5	206	Fr.	G	Dolton, Ill./Thornridge
32	Darion Anderson	6-2	201	So.	G	Chicago, Ill./Carver Military Academy
41	Sean Kowal	6-11	240	So.	C	St. Louis, Mo./Desmet Jesuit/University of Colorado
44	Tyler Storm	6-7	206	Fr.	F	Geneseo, Ill./Geneseo
55	Michael Fakuade	6-7	222	Fr.	C	Chicago, Ill./Von Steuben



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2008-09 Schedule

November

2	(Sun.)	FREED HARDEMAN (EXH)	DeKalb, Illinois	2 p.m.
8	(Sat.)	CARTHAGE COLLEGE (EXH)	DeKalb, Illinois	7 p.m.
14-15	(Fri.-Sat.)	at 100 Club Classic	Kennesaw, Georgia	
	(Fri.)	vs. Maine		4 p.m.
	(Sat.)	vs. Western Illinois / Kennesaw State		TBA
18	(Tue.)	INDIANA STATE	DeKalb, Illinois	7 p.m.
21	(Fri.)	at Tennessee State	Nashville, Tennessee	7:30 p.m.
26-29	(Wed.-Sat.)	at Great Alaska Shootout	Anchorage, Alaska	
	(Wed.)	vs. Portland State		TBA
	(Fri.)	vs. Hampton/Alaska Anchorage		TBA
	(Sat.)	vs. TBA		TBA

December

3	(Wed.)	at Air Force	Colorado Springs, Colo.	8 p.m.
6	(Sat.)	CHICAGO STATE	DeKalb, Illinois	2 p.m.
14	(Sun.)	at Arkansas-Little Rock	Little Rock, Arkansas	1 p.m.
17	(Wed.)	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	DeKalb, Illinois	7 p.m.
20	(Sat.)	LOYOLA (ILL.)	DeKalb, Illinois	3 p.m.

January

10	(Sat.)	TOLEDO	DeKalb, Illinois	TBA
13	(Tue.)	at Ball State	Muncie, Indiana	TBA
17	(Sat.)	at Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, Michigan	TBA
20	(Tue.)	EASTERN MICHIGAN	DeKalb, Illinois	TBA
24	(Sat.)	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	DeKalb, Illinois	TBA
28	(Wed.)	at Miami (OH)	Oxford, Ohio	TBA
31	(Sat.)	BOWLING GREEN STATE	DeKalb, Illinois	TBA

February

5	(Thurs.)	at Ohio	Athens, Ohio	TBA
7	(Sat.)	at Buffalo	Buffalo, New York	TBA
10	(Tue.)	KENT STATE	DeKalb, Illinois	TBA
15	(Sun.)	AKRON	DeKalb, Illinois	TBA
18	(Wed.)	at Central Michigan	Mount Pleasant, Mich.	TBA
21	(Sat.)	at Bracket Buster	TBA	TBA
25	(Wed.)	WESTERN MICHIGAN	DeKalb, Illinois	TBA
28	(Sat.)	BALL STATE	DeKalb, Illinois	TBA

March

4	(Wed.)	at Eastern Michigan	Ypsilanti, Mich.	TBA
8	(Sun.)	at Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	TBA
10-14	(Tue.-Sun.)	at MAC Championships	Cleveland, Ohio	TBA



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THE STAT CREW SYSTEM

Northern Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 21, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(6-22)	(5-7)	(1-12)	(0-3)
CONFERENCE	(3-12)	(2-6)	(1-6)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(3-10)	(3-1)	(0-6)	(0-3)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---			---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
32 ANDERSON, Darion...	28-19	832 29.7	116-287	.404	22-97	.227	88-123	.715	37	107	144	5.1	63	2	74	91	2	25	342	12.2
10 PARADISE, Ryan.....	6-6	145 24.2	22-68	.324	11-40	.275	9-13	.692	3	6	9	1.5	13	0	9	17	1	9	64	10.7
03 NICHOLS, Jarvis....	27-10	691 25.6	84-225	.373	32-103	.311	68-80	.850	23	52	75	2.8	60	3	48	74	4	18	268	9.9
25 LOGAN, Shaun.....	28-28	770 27.5	98-196	.500	29-73	.397	30-57	.526	45	105	150	5.4	101	9	55	64	22	33	255	9.1
21 GRAFEL, Egan.....	28-23	607 21.7	81-164	.494	0-2	.000	31-53	.585	56	79	135	4.8	76	4	28	46	25	17	193	6.9
04 PATTON, Michael....	27-11	501 18.6	62-178	.348	35-109	.321	25-34	.735	5	22	27	1.0	38	0	20	43	1	13	184	6.8
12 SMITH, Sean.....	25-9	507 20.3	64-154	.416	4-16	.250	24-26	.923	20	48	68	2.7	40	0	21	32	5	15	156	6.2
44 HART, Michael.....	28-8	349 12.5	39-74	.527	0-0	.000	46-65	.708	32	43	75	2.7	62	2	6	18	21	5	124	4.4
22 YELDER, Cody.....	6-5	99 16.5	7-20	.350	0-4	.000	8-9	.889	4	5	9	1.5	7	0	6	19	0	4	22	3.7
24 LANDERS, Jeremy....	25-8	354 14.2	26-82	.317	9-28	.321	21-38	.553	10	34	44	1.8	46	1	19	34	5	14	82	3.3
02 ERVIN, Najul.....	25-2	268 10.7	24-51	.471	0-3	.000	12-34	.353	25	35	60	2.4	35	1	12	27	12	10	60	2.4
33 RAND, Ben.....	19-10	278 14.6	15-32	.469	0-1	.000	15-22	.682	19	36	55	2.9	25	0	22	26	1	6	45	2.4
31 KELLEY, Bristan....	26-1	224 8.6	17-32	.531	0-0	.000	11-17	.647	14	21	35	1.3	41	0	7	12	2	5	45	1.7
TEAM.....									56	48	104	3.7	0		6					
Total.....	28	5625	655-1563	.419	142-476	.298	388-571	.680	349	641	990	35.4	607	23	327	509	101	174	1840	65.7
Opponents.....	28	5625	701-1552	.452	230-571	.403	479-697	.687	317	664	981	35.0	544	-	383	408	87	210	2111	75.4

TEAM STATISTICS	NIU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	1840	2111	11-09-07	at UNI	L	45-75	3428
Points per game.....	65.7	75.4	11-10-07	vs Massachusetts	L	87-102	312
Scoring margin.....	-9.7	-	11-11-07	vs Cal Poly	L	78-88	186
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	655-1563	701-1552	11-17-07	at Southern Illinois	L	68-88	6090
Field goal pct.....	.419	.452	11/17/07	at Indiana State	L	65-75	3112
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	142-476	230-571	11/24/07	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	L	50-74	1141
3-point FG pct.....	.298	.403	12/1/07	LAMAR CARDINALS	W	65-63	1042
3-pt FG made per game..	5.1	8.2	12/4/07	AIR FORCE FALCONS	W	63-52	1169
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	388-571	479-697	12-08-07	at Notre Dame	L	62-108	10142
Free throw pct.....	.680	.687	12.15.07	at Loyola University Chicago	LOT	72-76	2121
REBOUNDS.....	990	981	12-22-07	at Green Bay	L	75-86	3534
Rebounds per game.....	35.4	35.0	12/29/07	ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK	W	59-55	2164
Rebounding margin.....	+0.3	-	*1/5/08	at Western Michigan	L	69-86	3204
ASSISTS.....	327	383	*1/13/08	TOLEDO ROCKETTS	W	78-62	2138
Assists per game.....	11.7	13.7	*1/16/08	EASTERN MICHIGAN	L	61-65	1653
TURNOVERS.....	509	408	*01/19/08	at Central Michigan	L	63-77	2794
Turnovers per game.....	18.2	14.6	*1/22/08	BALL STATE CARDINALS	W	60-58	1702
Turnover margin.....	-3.6	-	*1/27/08	at Bowling Green	L	59-63	1320
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.6	0.9	*1/30/08	MIAMI REDHAWKS	L	51-66	1245
STEALS.....	174	210	*2-2-08	OHIO BOBCATS	L	55-73	2324
Steals per game.....	6.2	7.5	*2/5/08	BUFFALO BULLS	L	81-89	723
BLOCKS.....	101	87	*02/09/08	at Kent State	L	67-82	4056
Blocks per game.....	3.6	3.1	*02/12/08	at Akron	W	88-78	3390
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*2-26-08	WESTERN MICHIGAN	L	49-56	2032
Home win streak.....	0	-	*3/1/2008	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	73-80	3071
ATTENDANCE.....	20404	47763	*3/4/08	at Ball State	L	63-69	3247
Home games-Avg/Game....	12-1700	13-3636	*03-09-08	at Eastern Michigan	L	63-82	827
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	3-166	3/12/08	vs Central Michigan	L	71-83	-

* = Conference game

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Northern Illinois.....	819	1013	8	1840
Opponents.....	1016	1083	12	2111



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Northern Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of May 19, 2008)
Conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(3-12)	(2-6)	(1-6)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(3-12)	(2-6)	(1-6)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)

## Player	GP-GS	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		---REBOUNDS---				PF		FO		A		TO		Blk		Stl		Pts		Avg	
		Min	--Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg				
32 ANDERSON, Darion...	15-12	488	32.5	71-156	.455	14-57	.246	52-72	.722	23	72	95	6.3	37	1	47	58	1	14	208	13.9				
03 NICHOLS, Jarvis....	14-8	385	27.5	46-119	.387	20-55	.364	39-42	.929	12	22	34	2.4	28	1	25	30	2	3	151	10.8				
25 LOGAN, Shaun.....	15-15	433	28.9	52-107	.486	18-44	.409	19-38	.500	20	62	82	5.5	55	6	30	39	11	15	141	9.4				
12 SMITH, Sean.....	14-6	313	22.4	42-99	.424	3-11	.273	18-18	1.000	13	31	44	3.1	23	0	13	16	4	10	105	7.5				
04 PATTON, Michael....	15-4	304	20.3	38-112	.339	20-70	.286	15-16	.938	4	12	16	1.1	24	0	10	28	0	8	111	7.4				
21 GRAFEL, Egan.....	15-14	317	21.1	39-78	.500	0-0	.000	15-29	.517	20	41	61	4.1	44	3	23	26	10	11	93	6.2				
44 HART, Michael.....	15-4	202	13.5	22-39	.564	0-0	.000	11-14	.786	18	25	43	2.9	27	0	5	12	15	1	55	3.7				
33 RAND, Ben.....	8-6	148	18.5	9-16	.563	0-1	.000	11-15	.733	9	20	29	3.6	11	0	14	14	1	4	29	3.6				
02 ERVIN, Najul.....	14-2	139	9.9	12-24	.500	0-0	.000	7-17	.412	11	21	32	2.3	12	0	9	17	6	4	31	2.2				
31 KELLEY, Bristan....	15-1	126	8.4	12-22	.545	0-0	.000	8-11	.727	6	9	15	1.0	25	0	3	9	1	1	32	2.1				
24 LANDERS, Jeremy....	14-3	145	10.4	7-35	.200	3-13	.231	7-10	.700	4	18	22	1.6	22	0	9	13	3	4	24	1.7				
TEAM.....										31	29	60	4.0	0		5									
Total.....	15	3000		350-807	.434	78-251	.311	202-282	.716	171	362	533	35.5	308	12	188	267	54	75	980	65.3				
Opponents.....	15	3000		361-844	.428	117-305	.384	247-349	.708	173	324	497	33.1	278	-	180	196	42	107	1086	72.4				

TEAM STATISTICS	NIU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	980	1086	*1/5/08	at Western Michigan	L	69-86	3204
Points per game.....	65.3	72.4	*1/13/08	TOLEDO ROCKETTS	W	78-62	2138
Scoring margin.....	-7.1	-	*1/16/08	EASTERN MICHIGAN	L	61-65	1653
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	350-807	361-844	*01/19/08	at Central Michigan	L	63-77	2794
Field goal pct.....	.434	.428	*1/22/08	BALL STATE CARDINALS	W	60-58	1702
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	78-251	117-305	*1/27/08	at Bowling Green	L	59-63	1320
3-point FG pct.....	.311	.384	*1/30/08	MIAMI REDHAWKS	L	51-66	1245
3-pt FG made per game..	5.2	7.8	*2-2-08	OHIO BOBCATS	L	55-73	2324
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	202-282	247-349	*2/5/08	BUFFALO BULLS	L	81-89	723
Free throw pct.....	.716	.708	*02/09/08	at Kent State	L	67-82	4056
REBOUNDS.....	533	497	*02/12/08	at Akron	W	88-78	3390
Rebounds per game.....	35.5	33.1	*2-26-08	WESTERN MICHIGAN	L	49-56	2032
Rebounding margin.....	+2.4	-	*3/1/2008	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	73-80	3071
ASSISTS.....	188	180	*3/4/08	at Ball State	L	63-69	3247
Assists per game.....	12.5	12.0	*03-09-08	at Eastern Michigan	L	63-82	827
TURNOVERS.....	267	196	* = Conference game				
Turnovers per game.....	17.8	13.1					
Turnover margin.....	-4.7	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.7	0.9					
STEALS.....	75	107					
Steals per game.....	5.0	7.1					
BLOCKS.....	54	42					
Blocks per game.....	3.6	2.8					
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-					
Home win streak.....	0	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	14888	18838					
Home games-Avg/Game....	8-1861	7-2691					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Northern Illinois.....	437	543	- 980
Opponents.....	511	575	- 1086