

Baseball continues decent season

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Sports Reporter

The Northern State University Wolves baseball team has been working hard since its first double header against the University of Mary. Northern would fall the first game 2-0, but would be able to get their offense going and score 10 runs in the second game and defeat the U of Mary 10-5.

Double header number two for the Wolves came against Winona State. Northern would have their first game end the same as the previous game one, losing 2-0, but again the Wolves were able to get eight runs across and get the 8-7 victory.

The next day, the Wolves would face the same foes except would not have favorable outcomes. Northern would get their bats working for them but Winona would do the same, getting 16 across and defeating our Wolves 16-9 in game one. Game two would seem to be an offensive explosion as the Wolves fell 35-6 in seven innings.

When Northern traveled to North Dakota to face Valley City, they seemed to be on the right track as they won both games 9-7 and 6-0 respectively.

Coming back to Aberdeen, the Wolves prepared for Wayne State. Game one would end with a Northern loss 5-2, whereas game two would be a closer match as the Wolves fell 5-4. There was supposed to be games the next day but were cancelled due to weather.

Heading up to Minnesota, the Wolves faced the Mustangs of Southern Minnesota State. Game one would fall in Northern's favor as they won 3-1, but game two would be in the Mustangs' favor as they defeated the Wolves 10-9.

After that midweek game, Northern took the weekend to go to Iowa and face Upper Iowa. Northern would unfortunately

fall in game one, 5-4, but would come back and win game two 14-9. The next day would not fare as well for the Wolves as they would lose both games 6-5 and 4-3 respectively.

The next double header for the Wolves was against St. Cloud here in Aberdeen. Northern would fall to the Huskies in the first game 16-2 and would also be at the demise of the Huskies in game two, 21-12.

The Wolves faced Concordia-St. Paul on April 28-29, but results were unavailable as of press time. There are still two more chances to watch the Wolves this weekend, May 5-6, against Bemidji State. The double headers start at noon each day.



Senior catcher Jose Figueroa, Manati, Puerto Rico, takes his stance during a game against Wayne State on April 14. Photo by Liz Zappa.

Softball ends season at playoffs

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The Northern State University women's softball team has been playing hard since their first double header coming against Minot State here in Aberdeen. Game one did not bide well for our Wolves as they lost 8-3 and would also lose game two 7-5.

After those games, Northern would head to Minnesota to take on Minnesota Crookston. Game one they would win 8-0 and continue in the winning manor to where they would win 7-6 in game two.

Staying in Minnesota for another day, they would face Minnesota Moorhead. Game one would end well as the Wolves would end up winning by eight, 12-4. Game two would end in a win for the Wolves as well, defeating Moorhead 11-6.

Heading back to Aberdeen, NSU prepared to face Sioux Falls. The first game for the Wolves ended victorious 10-2 and would end game two with another win 4-0 in the sixth inning.

Still in Aberdeen, the Wolves faced Bemidji State. Game one for the Wolves would be a win in the fifth inning, 9-5, with game two resulting in another win, 5-0.

Winona State would come to Aberdeen and defeat the Wolves 6-0 in game one, but the Wolves

would pick up the offense and win 3-2 in game two.

With four games left in Aberdeen, Northern would defeat Upper Iowa 11-8. Northern would win game two by three as well except with Upper Iowa going scoreless, losing to the Wolves 3-0.

The last two games at home would end with two losses, 5-2 and 5-0 respectively against Minnesota Duluth.

After the home stand, they headed to Marshall, Minn., to face Southwest Minnesota State. Game one would be a harsh one-point loss to the Mustangs, 12-11. After that loss, the Wolves defeated the Mustangs, 9-5.

Staying in Minnesota, Northern would prepare to face Minnesota State Mankato. Northern would drop both of these games 2-1 and 5-0 respectively. Even with these losses, Northern would qualify for the Northern

Sun Intercollegiate Conference tournament.

In the tournament, Northern would start its battle against Augustana. NSU would lose this game 16-8. After that game, Northern would play Winona State University in their double elimination opportunity and would fall 10-2.

With the Wolves season over, junior Caitlin Moran, Santa Cruz, Calif., senior Brittany Hubback, Woodbury, Minn., and junior Kelsey Robling, Waconia, Minn., finished their seasons with special honors. Moran ended with New Comer of the Year to the NSIC as well as a Gold Glove and All-NSIC team. Hubback ended with first team NSIC team honors. Robling finished with first team all-NSIC honors.

The softball team ends their season with a record of 24-28 overall and 13-13 in conference play.



The 2012 Northern softball team. Photo courtesy of NSU Athletics.

Remembering Bryce

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Recently Northern State University lost one of the greatest people ever to grace the campus – Bryce Anglin.

Many people who ever had the opportunity with him will be very quick to say they will never regret it. God blessed him with many gifts and he wasn't afraid to use them. His

name should be written as a synonym to positivity. Wherever he was, he would always brighten up the area. He took the time to have long lasting conversations with you whenever possible and found ways to leave you with a smile on your face with his humor and his smile. Never

once would he let you down if you asked him to do something; he always would come through. Even during the rough times, not once would it bring him down. Instead, he learned a method of perseverance and taking things in stride that we

can all take a lesson from.

Bryce will be missed in many ways. From his contributions to the classroom, community, athletic field, and beyond, no one will be able to match the impact that he made to everyone's lives. This was evident as we all rallied behind him during his courageous battle with cancer. He was there for us when we needed someone and you can bet that when we supported him he was happy the feelings were reciprocated. Even this ability to love



and care for everyone was not lost in his final days.

God blessed us with Bryce for 21 years of life. His reward of being up in Heaven is more than deserved. Rest in peace, Bryce and #BryceNation will never be forgotten.



Track and Field head to Conference meet

Mariah Nelson
Sports Reporter

So far the Northern State University outdoor track and field team has had an excellent season. The team has been all over the Midwest as far as meets go. They started out here at Swisher Field for their first meet and then traveled to Bismarck, N.D., Orange City, Iowa, Crete, Neb., Moorhead, Minn., Jamestown, N.D., and Sioux City, Iowa. All these meets have had a specific goal – to get better than where they were from the meet before.

This one goal is what keeps the team going and it seems to be working since a few school records have been broken. One of the women's relay

teams broke a record at Orange City and junior Yvonne Freeze, Lanesboro, Minn., broke the school's discus record with a toss of 155 feet at Moorhead.

Along with breaking records, many athletes have been placing at all the meets and hope to continue to place in the top as they head to the University of Sioux Falls Invite on May 4-5 and then hopefully the NSIC Outdoor Championships on May 24-25 in Colorado. Many are so very close to pre-qualifying for nationals that it wouldn't be a surprise if a few athletes take first at conference.

All the coaches have been extremely pleased with what they have been seeing, and are excited to see what the athletes are going to do at their last couple meets.

Bob Olson Says Goodbye:

Athletic Director, Coach & Northern State University Athletics Alpha

Jamie Golden
Exponent Staff

What made you want to be a coach and eventually an athletic director?

"I grew up all my life as a kid starting off carrying balls and playing sports. I was hoping that if I coached I would get the same satisfaction that I did when I was an athlete but in a different way and I was fortunate that I did. I coached for a number of years and there gets to be a time in your life when you're coaching that you just wonder if you can keep doing it because it is such a demanding thing and I was getting close to that point. I wasn't ready to get out of coaching necessarily but an opportunity came along and I always felt that it's easier to go forward than backward."

How many years did you coach?

"I was a head coach for 18 years and an assistant coach for three years."

What did you coach?

"I coached a little bit of everything but basketball was the sport that I felt the most strongly about."

When did you start working at Northern State University?

"I graduated from Northern in 1977 and I stayed another year to finish my graduate program. Then I went to North Dakota for a year and came back to Northern (1979) to be an assistant coach and I taught for two years. After that I was the head high school coach for two years and then came back to Northern and have been here ever since. When I came back for the final time in 1983 I started out as the head women's basketball coach for two years, became the men's basketball coach for the next fourteen years and have been the athletic director ever since."

What are some of your favorite memories from coaching, teaching and/or from being the athletic director here at Northern State?

"The people. Here we have just have the most incredible people I have ever been around. I may not have been a lot of places but the thing I love most about Northern is that people always

care. They care about you and they care about students. That is the thing that I think is really resonated with me over the years."

What are some of the best things/advice that you have learned over the years that you would like to share with anyone?

"What is perception and what is reality are two different things. You know, I just think that a lot of times people perceive things that are not necessarily factual. You can only control the things that you can control and only worry about the things you can control. You cannot worry about what other people do or what other people have. All we can do is worry about what we have."

Any special thanks or recognition to anyone?

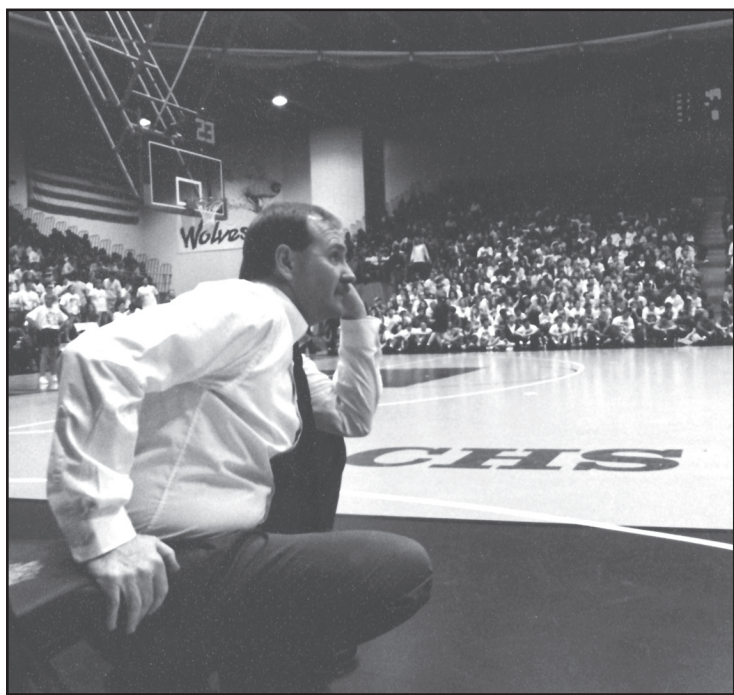
"I have been so fortunate to work with some incredible coaches over the years. These people work so hard and put a lot of hours in. They have such a great passion and I just feel so blessed and honored to be able to work with such a quality group of people."

Any words of wisdom to the athletes, staff and/or faculty?

"I think just really embrace what we have here at Northern. I think sometimes we are our worst enemy when we do not realize what we have. There are a lot of great things going on here right now and a lot of really great people. Embrace it and lets just keep getting better."

Anything else that you would like to say?

"Its interesting because I tell people this and they look at me like I am crazy, but I love my job and I really enjoy the people I work with. I have always told myself that if I do this I want to do it when things are good and my boss is the President [Jim Smith], who is the greatest guy in the world to work with. We have such a tremendous coaching staff right now. It just feels like its great timing for a new person (athletic director) to come in, be able to take over the program and be able to help the program go forward. I think that they really have a good person (Josh Moon) coming in. I also think that there are some positive things that are going to happen and are on the rise here. There is no doubt a lot of potential."



Olson as a basketball coach in his earlier years at Northern State. Photo courtesy of Jamie Golden.

"Coach, never in my life have I met someone so determined to make me ask questions for my own good. I just have one question left. Without you, who will be the thorn between the roses?"
-Jacque Scoby-



"Thank you Coach, for everything!"
-Kendra Titze, Soccer-

"Coach Olson, thank you for always supporting NSU Rugby! Take care and thank you for your services."
-DJ Mounga, Rugby-

"Thanks Coach!"
-Zach Neer, Football-

"Thanks Coach!"
-Levi Sether, Cross Country & Track and Field-

"When I decided to leave Arizona State University and return back to my roots in the Midwest I knew that I wanted to find a university that was the right fit for me and my family and had great leadership. The first time that I met Bob Olson I knew that I had found the right place. Bob took my wife Mary and I out to eat with Zach Flakus and from the moment we walked in the doors at the restaurant Bob knew everyone in the place and treated each one of them with respect. I thought that was a pretty cool thing to see. Bob may just be one of the most genuine guys that I have ever met. I was lucky enough that I was hired at Northern State University and worked with Bob for a year. I am very sad to see Bob retire but I am very happy at the same time for him. It will open some time for him to get out and do some hunting and fishing...and driving to Lincoln, Nebraska with his wife Cheri to see their grandchild. Thank you Bob and Cheri for all that you have done for me and my family."
-Coach Aldridge, Volleyball-



"Thank you so much for everything you have done for our school."
-Tia Lopez, Anna Woerle & Shaina Stein, Soccer-

"Thank you so much for everything you have done for Northern Athletics. You have put in a lot of effort and your hard work never goes unnoticed. Once again we all appreciate everything you have done and we will miss you!"
-Brittney Olfert, Cross Country & Track and Field-

"Thanks for all your passion for NSU Athletics! Thanks for all your hard work every day and you will be missed."
-Assistant Coach Matt Sevareid, Men's Basketball-

"Thank you for everything you have done here at NSU."
-Brandon Krein, Cross Country & Track and Field-

"Thank you for all you have done for this university's athletic program."
-Hunter Kopff, Cross Country & Track and Field-

"Thanks for always putting a smile on my face whenever I walked into the BC!"
-Morgan Richardson, Volleyball-

"A Northern State University legend. I'm glad I had the opportunity to work with him."
-Assistant Coach Chelvan Arunasalam, Soccer-

"Thank you for all that you have done for this university and athletic department. I wish you luck!"
-Trent Ehler, Football-

"Enjoy your retirement Bob! Thanks for being a great mentor and for all the support getting swimming developed and moving forward! Best Wishes!"
-Coach Elyce Kastigar, Swimming-

"Thank you for everything. You have done so much and always have the best jokes to tell. You will always be remembered by all of us."
-Ben Jastram, Football-



"Thank you for making fun of me and awarding me the scholarship!"
-Chelsea Chavez, Volleyball-

"Congratulations on your retirement, Coach Olson. I will miss working with you on a daily basis. As I've said before, no member of our faculty or staff has greater commitment to the total student athlete experience than you do. You will be missed greatly! Go Wolves."
-President Smith-

"Thank you for everything you have done for the athletic department at NSU. You are always making jokes and making all the athletes and coaches smile. You will be missed but always remembered!"
-Katrina Kjerstad, Basketball-

"Thank you for making my less than enjoyable practices better by walking in with your smile and saying hello. I will miss you next year."
-Leandra Schlecht, Track and Field-

"Thank you for all that you have done!"
-Max Meyers, Baseball-



"Thanks coach!"
-Mitchell White, Basketball-



"Thank you Coach Olson"
-Dustin Tetzlaff, Basketball-

"You are a spectacular athletic director, wise man and a great friend. The way you show such compassion, support and excitement for your job has inspired so many athletes. Thank you for being such a leader and role model for everyone here on campus and for being the great person you are. Your hard work and dedication throughout the years coaching, teaching and being the athletic director will never be overlooked. Good luck with the next chapter of your life; we will definitely miss our Alpha wolf!"
-Jamie Golden, Tennis-

"Thanks for your great attitude and effort her eat Northern. You're a very big factor in why this is a special place to go to school and play athletics! A spot in the nursing home must have finally opened up in order to get you out of here! Haha!"
-Tydan Storrusten, Basketball-

"Thank you for everyth8ing you have done for us. You will be missed."
-John Rawerts, Cross Country & Track and Field-

"Coach, thanks for everything you have done for athletics at this school. You are a huge part of what makes Northern such an amazing place and your presence will be deeply missed."
-Nick Kranz, Track and Field-



"Thank you so much!"
-Khachirha Tugan, Soccer-

"Thank you for your support personally as the athletic director and as a very considerate individual. Ever since I have been here at Northern you have been nothing but a great mentor and leader for all the great turns we are making here. It won't be the same without you but enjoy the remainder of your endeavors. God bless. Go Wolves!"
- Hanipale Seuga, Football-

"Thank you so much for the years you have put into Northern Athletics. Your dedication to athletes truly makes a difference. Thanks again and good luck in the years to come."
-Katie Burton, Track and Field-