

NORTHWESTERN BASKETBALL



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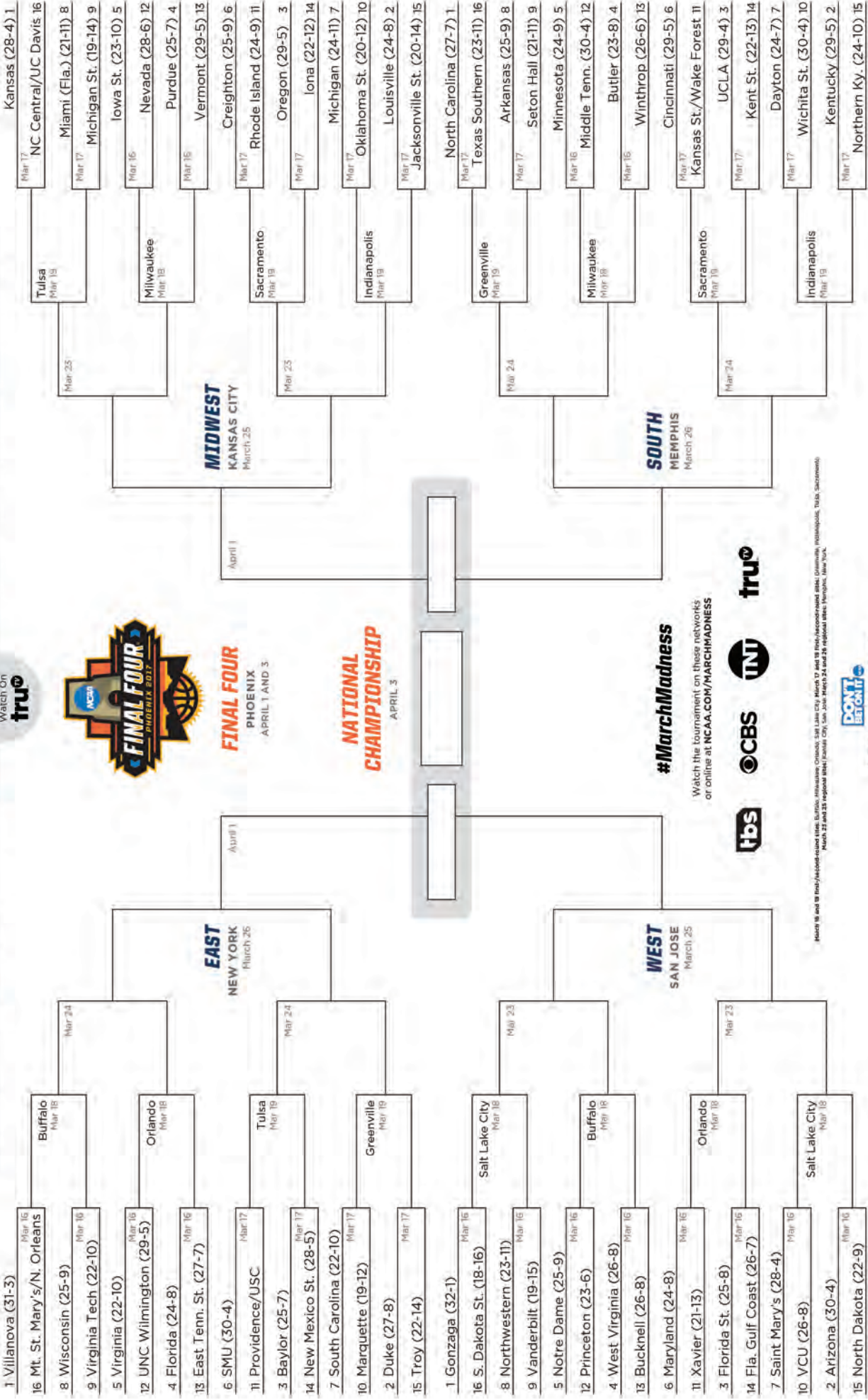
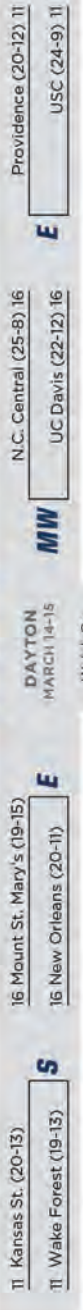
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# 2017 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

**First Round** MARCH 16-17 | **Second Round** MARCH 18-19 | **Regional Semifinals** MARCH 23-24 | **Regional Finals** MARCH 25-26 | **National Semifinals** APRIL 1 | **Regional Finals** MARCH 25-26 | **Regional Semifinals** MARCH 18-19 | **First Round** MARCH 16-17

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**THE MATCHUP**



**Vanderbilt Commodores (19-15)**  
**Thu., March 16 • 3:30 p.m. CT**  
**Vivint Smart Home Arena •**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Radio:** 720 WGN (Dave Eanet and Joey Meyer);  
 Sirius 145, XM 206

**TV:** TBS (Andrew Catalon, Steve Lappas, Jamie Erdahl)

**2016-17 SCHEDULE & RESULTS**

Overall: 23-11 | BIG: 10-8

Home: 14-4 | Away: 5-5 | Neutral: 4-2

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Nov. 4	Ill. Springfield (exhib.)	W, 89-52
Nov. 11	Mississippi Valley State	W, 94-63
Nov. 14	Eastern Washington	W, 86-72
Nov. 16	at Butler ♦	L, 70-68
Nov. 21	vs. #22/21 Texas ✓	W, 77-58
Nov. 22	vs. Notre Dame ✓	L, 70-66
Nov. 25	Bryant	W, 86-66
Nov. 28	Wake Forest ★	W, 65-58
Dec. 3	DePaul	W, 80-64
Dec. 11	New Orleans	W, 83-49
Dec. 14	Chicago State	W, 68-64
Dec. 17	vs. Dayton X	W, 67-64
Dec. 20	IUPUI	W, 87-65
Dec. 22	Houston Baptist	W, 72-63
Dec. 27	at Penn State *	W, 87-77
Dec. 30	at Michigan State *	L, 61-52
Jan. 5	Minnesota *	L, 70-66
Jan. 8	at Nebraska *	W, 74-66
Jan. 12	at Rutgers *	W, 69-60
Jan. 15	Iowa *	W, 89-54
Jan. 22	at Ohio State *	W, 74-72
Jan. 26	Nebraska *	W, 73-61
Jan. 29	Indiana *	W, 68-55
Feb. 1	at #23/24 Purdue *	L, 80-59
Feb. 7	Illinois *	L, 68-61
Feb. 12	at #7/5 Wisconsin *	W, 66-59
Feb. 15	#23/24 Maryland *	L, 74-64
Feb. 18	Rutgers *	W, 69-65
Feb. 21	at Illinois *	L, 66-50
Feb. 25	at Indiana *	L, 63-62
March 1	Michigan *	W, 67-65
March 5	#16/16 Purdue *	L, 69-65
March 9	vs. Rutgers ▲	W, 83-61
March 10	vs. #25/-- Maryland ▲	W, 72-64
March 11	vs. #24/23 Wisconsin ▲	L, 76-48
March 16	vs. Vanderbilt ♦	3:30 p.m.

All times Central Home games in bold  
 ♦ Gavitt Tipoff Games  
 ✓ Legends Classic; Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 ★ Big Ten/ACC Challenge  
 X State Farm Chicago Legends  
 ▲ Big Ten tournament; Washington, D.C.  
 ◆ NCAA tournament; Salt Lake City, Utah  
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**2016-17 NORTHWESTERN MEN'S BASKETBALL**

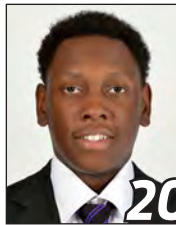
**THE OPENING TIP...**

- Northwestern is making its first NCAA tournament appearance in school history.
- Northwestern's 23 wins this season are a school record while it reached 10 Big Ten wins this season for the first time since the 1932-33 campaign. The Wildcats tied for fifth place in the league standings, their best Big Ten finish since tying for fifth in 2003-04.
- The Wildcats advanced to the semifinal round of the Big Ten tournament for the first time last week, defeating Rutgers and No. 25 Maryland before falling to No. 24 Wisconsin.
- NU has a pair of All-Big Ten selections in junior guards **Bryant McIntosh**, a consensus second-team pick, and **Scottie Lindsey**, a third-team choice of the league's head coaches. Redshirt sophomore forward **Vic Law** was named to the five-member Big Ten All-Defensive Team.
- Northwestern posted a 6-8 record against NCAA tournament teams this season. The Wildcats notched wins over Wake Forest, New Orleans, Dayton, Wisconsin, Michigan and Maryland. NU's three losses to non-NCAA tournament teams came against a pair of teams participating in the NIT (Illinois (twice), Indiana).
- The winner of Thursday's matchup takes on the winner of the game between top-seeded Gonzaga and 16th-seeded South Dakota State.

**NORTHWESTERN PREVIOUS GAME STARTERS**



**BRYANT MCINTOSH**  
 Jr. • G • 6-3  
 Greensburg, Ind.



**SCOTTIE LINDSEY**  
 Jr. • G • 6-5  
 Hillside, Ill.



**VIC LAW**  
 R-So. • F • 6-7  
 South Holland, Ill.



**SANJAY LUMPKIN**  
 R-Sr. • F • 6-6  
 Wayzata, Minn.



**DERERK PARDON**  
 So. • C • 6-8  
 Cleveland, Ohio



**Northwestern vs. Vanderbilt Series Information**



**Season Statistics**

71.8	Points Per Game	72.3
64.7	Opponent Points Per Game	61.5
+7.1	Scoring Margin	+10.8
36.5	Rebounds Per Game	37.5
+1.2	Rebounding Margin	+6.2
.438	Field Goal Percentage	.453
.401	Opponent Field Goal Percentage	.407
.343	3-Pt FG Percentage	.352
.331	Opponent 3-Pt FG Percentage	.379
.750	Free Throw Percentage	.642
15.6	Assists Per Game	13.7
5.2	Blocks Per Game	3.6
5.1	Steals Per Game	7.0
+1.5	Turnover Margin	+2.3

**Head Coaches**

Chris Collins ..... Bryce Drew  
 Duke, '96 ..... Valparaiso, '98  
 Fourth Year at NU ..... First Year at VU  
 72-58 career (30-42 B1G) ..... 19-15 at VU, 143-64 career

**Of Note:**

- Vanderbilt leads the all-time series between the schools, 4-1. The Commodores won the most recent matchup, 86-66, Dec. 3, 1992 in Nashville. The teams have never met at a neutral site.

## SCOUTING VANDERBILT

The Commodores (19-15, 10-8 SEC) enter the NCAA tournament having won seven of their last nine contests. Vanderbilt fell to Arkansas 76-62 in the semifinal round of the SEC tournament. Seven-foot senior center Luke Kornet was named first-team All-SEC as well as an All-Defensive Team selection and the SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year, averaging 13.2 points, 6.2 rebounds and 2.0 blocked shots per game. Matthew Fisher-Davis paces the team with an average of 13.6 points per contest while Riley LaChance is a 49.3 percent (68-138) 3-point shooter.

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Both Northwestern head coach **Chris Collins** and Vanderbilt head coach Bryce Drew are the sons of famous coaching fathers. Chris is the son of Doug Collins, a former No. 1 overall NBA draft pick in 1973 and later the head coach of the Chicago Bulls, Detroit Pistons, Washington Wizards and Philadelphia 76ers. Bryce is the son of longtime Valparaiso head coach Homer Drew. Homer Drew earned 640 career collegiate coaching wins.

## COMMON FOES

Here's a look at the common opponents for Northwestern and Vanderbilt this season and how they did in those matchups:

Northwestern	Vanderbilt
L, 70-68 .....	Butler .....
L, 70-66 .....	Minnesota .....
W, 67-64 .....	Dayton .....

## STELLAR START

Northwestern achieved its 20th win of the season in its 27th game, the fastest to reach the standard in school history. The team's six-game league winning streak from Jan. 8-29 is NU's fourth longest in school history. The 'Cats reached 10 Big Ten wins this season for the first time since the 1932-33 team went 10-2 in league play. The school record for league wins is 11 in 1930-31 (11-1).

### Northwestern's Longest Big Ten Winning Streaks

- 7—Jan. 10-Feb. 12, 1931
- 7—Jan. 4-Feb. 8, 1932
- 7—Jan. 9-Feb. 18, 1933
- 6—Jan. 8-29, 2017

### Games Needed for Northwestern to Reach 20 Wins

- 27—2016-17
- 31—2015-16
- 32—2009-10
- 33—2010-11

## NEW TO THE BIG DANCE, BUT NOT NATIONAL PROMINENCE

Even though the Wildcats are making their first NCAA tournament appearance in school history, it's not the first time Northwestern has been relevant nationally in basketball. The 1930-31 NU team posted a 16-1 record, won the Big Ten Conference title and later was named the Helms Foundation national champions. The historic season predated the NCAA tournament which was initially held in 1939. The very first Final Four was played at Northwestern University's Patten Gymnasium, a structure that no longer stands. NU's McGaw Hall (now Welsh-Ryan Arena) also hosted the 1956 Final Four. Northwestern has played in the NIT seven times, most recently in 2012.

## A VICTORY FOR THE AGES

Northwestern fans won't soon forget the amazing finish to the team's home game against Michigan March 1. With 1.7 seconds remaining and a tie game, senior forward **Nathan Taphorn** connected with sophomore center **Dererk Pardon** on an 88-foot inbound pass with Pardon scoring on an ensuing layup, giving the Wildcats a 67-65 win and the team's school-record 21st win of the season.

## BIG MAC ATTACK

Junior guard **Bryant McIntosh** became Northwestern's career leader in assists March 5 against Purdue. He currently has 541 career assists, topping the previous mark of 528 established by Michael Thompson (2008-11). The total is the most of any non-senior in the nation. McIntosh also joined the 1,000-point club this season in the Wildcats' game against Minnesota Jan. 5. He currently ranks 18th in school history with 1,296 career points. McIntosh's

20-point, 10-assist game vs. Iowa Jan. 15 marked just the second time in school history that an NU player reached those standards in a contest, joining Evan Eschmeyer (1/13/99 at Indiana). McIntosh's average of 5.2 assists per game this season leads the Big Ten. He holds the top two single-season assist totals in school history. After posting a school-record 213 assists a year ago, McIntosh has 178 assists this season.

### NCAA Division I Career Assist Leaders (Non-Seniors)

<b>Bryant McIntosh, Northwestern</b>	<b>541</b>
Kahron Ross, Lehigh	533
Emmett Naar, St. Mary's (Calif.)	525
Erick Neal, UT Arlington	507

### NCAA Division I Players with at Least 900 Points and 375 Assists Over the Last Two Seasons

	Points	Assists
Jaaron Simmons, Ohio	1,036	475
Monte Morris, Iowa State	1,022	441
<b>Bryant McIntosh, Northwestern</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>391</b>

## TRIO OF WILDCATS EARN ALL-BIG TEN HONORS

Three Northwestern players earned All-Big Ten recognition when the league honors were announced March 6. Junior guard **Bryant McIntosh** was a consensus second-team all-league pick, while **Scottie Lindsey** was named by the league's head coaches to the third team and honorable mention by the media. In addition, redshirt sophomore **Vic Law** was selected by the coaches to the five-member All-Defensive Team. It's the first time NU has had two All-Big Ten picks in the same years since John Shurna and Drew Crawford in 2012. Law is the first Wildcat to be named to the All-Defensive Team since Jeremy Nash in 2010. McIntosh was a Big Ten All-Freshman Team selection in 2015 and was a consensus honorable mention All-Big Ten pick a year ago.

## A RUN FOR THE RECORDBOOK

In a second-round Big Ten tournament contest against Rutgers March 9, Northwestern put together a remarkable 31-0 run during the first half that spanned 8:54 on the clock. The string of consecutive points is a Big Ten Conference record. The Wildcats trailed 9-6 three minutes into the contest before embarking on the historic run that put them ahead 37-9.

## ROAD WARRIORS

Northwestern opened its conference season by playing four of its first five games on the road. This is the first time since the 1955-56 season that the Wildcats have opened their Big Ten season with four of their first five league games away from Evanston. The 'Cats responded to the challenge, posting a 4-1 road record during that opening stretch. NU posted five Big Ten road wins overall this season, one shy of the school record for road wins in conference play set by the 1930-31 Big Ten champions.

### Northwestern's Highest Big Ten Road Win Totals

Wins	Season
6	1930-31
5	2016-17, 1958-59, 1931-32

## BUSTING THE BADGERS

Northwestern's 66-59 victory at Wisconsin Feb. 12 was notable on many levels. The Badgers were ranked No. 7 in the AP poll, representing NU's first win over a top-10 team since an 81-74 win over No. 6 Michigan State Jan. 14, 2012. It was NU's first victory over a top-10 team on the road since a 70-63 win at No. 7 Michigan State Jan. 21, 2009. The win snapped Wisconsin's 19-game home winning streak, its eight-game winning streak overall and 26 straight wins against unranked foes.

## LAW RESTORED

Redshirt sophomore forward **Vic Law** has enjoyed a solid return to the Northwestern attack after missing the 2015-16 campaign due to injury. Law ranks 24th in the Big Ten with an average of 12.4 points per game and 19th with 5.7 rebounds per contest. He has led NU in scoring 11 times, including scoring a career-high 26 vs. Eastern Washington Nov. 14. Law is second on the team with a .396 3-point field goal percentage (55-139). He connected on eight straight 3-point attempts over a three-game span from Nov. 11-16.

## LINDSEY'S LEAP

**Scottie Lindsey** is thriving in his first year as a starter. The junior ranks 12th

in the Big Ten in scoring (14.1 ppg) after averaging 6.4 points per game last season. Lindsey scored in double figures in each of the Wildcats' first 20 games this season, the longest streak by an NU player since John Shurna scored 10 or more points in 22 straight contests during the 2011-12 season. Lindsey scored a career-high 31 points in the Big Ten opener at Penn State Dec. 27. Lindsey missed four straight games due to illness from Feb. 1-15 before returning to the lineup against Rutgers Saturday, Feb. 18. He got back on track during the Big Ten tournament, scoring 16 points vs. Rutgers before tallying 17 vs. Maryland and 16 against Wisconsin.

#### Top B1G Scoring Average Increases From 2015-16 to 2016-17

	2015-16	2016-17	Increase
Moritz Wagner (Michigan)	2.9	12.0	+9.1
Caleb Swanigan (Purdue)	10.2	18.5	+8.3
<b>Scottie Lindsey (Northwestern)</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>+7.8</b>
Tai Webster (Nebraska)	10.1	17.0	+6.9

#### SWAT TEAM

The 'Cats rank third in the Big Ten and 25th nationally with an average of 5.0 blocked shots per game. NU's 170 blocks this season have blown away the previous school record of 133 set in 2009-10. The Wildcats set a school record and matched a record for a Big Ten Conference game when they swatted 15 shots in a Jan. 12 win at Rutgers. The previous school record was 12 blocks on four occasions, including two times this season. **Dererk Pardon** came up with 8 blocks against the Scarlet Knights, the second most ever by a Northwestern player in a game, trailing only the 10 blocks by Jim Pitts against Purdue Jan. 8, 1966. Pardon has 49 blocks in 26 games played this season after posting 12 in 20 contests as a freshman a year ago.

#### Most Blocked Shots in a Big Ten Conference Game (Team)

- 15—Northwestern at Rutgers (1/12/17)
- 15—Ohio State vs. Iowa (2/23/80)
- 15—Purdue at Northwestern (3/2/78)

#### A DISH TO PASS

The Wildcats sport a 1.45 assist-to-turnover ratio (519 assists, 348 turnovers) this season ranking them second in the Big Ten and 14th in the nation. Northwestern ranked seventh nationally with a 1.59 assist-to-turnover ratio during the 2015-16 campaign. NU's average of only 10.5 turnovers per game this season is the 16th-best mark nationally.

#### DOING IT WITH DEFENSE

The Wildcats are limiting their opponents to 40.3 percent shooting from the field, the 22nd-best mark in the nation and second best in the Big Ten. NU's foes shot 40.1 percent during the 2015-16 season, the school's best mark since the 1998-99 season. The Wildcats' average of 65.1 points allowed per game ranks second in the Big Ten to only Wisconsin (61.4 ppg).

#### Lowest Season Field Goal Percentage by NU Opponents (since 1960)

Season	Opp. FG %
1998-99	.373
1963-64	.392
1960-61	.397
2015-16	.401
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>.403</b>

#### PULLING RANK

When the Wildcats came in at No. 25 in the Jan. 30 edition of the Associated Press poll, it was the first time Northwestern earned a top-25 ranking since Dec. 28, 2009 when the team had a 10-1 mark following the conclusion of the nonconference portion of its season.

#### PARDON THE INTERRUPTION

**Dererk Pardon** has been an impact performer in his first season as a starter. Despite missing eight games due to hand injury suffered against Wake Forest Nov. 28, Pardon is averaging 8.5 points and team bests of 8.0 rebounds and 1.9 blocked shots per game and a .609 field goal percentage. His .617 field goal percentage in Big Ten play led the league, while the rebounding mark is currently the highest since Evan Eschmeyer averaged 10.1 boards per game in 1998-99. His top performance came in a Jan. 16 win over Nebraska when he posted 19 points and a career-high 22 rebounds. The rebound total was the most by an NU player in 51 years since Jim Pitts had 22 boards vs. Ohio State Jan. 22, 1966. The 22 rebounds also set a Welsh-Ryan Arena record (dating back to 1983).

#### LINDSEY TABBED BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Scottie Lindsey** was named Big Ten Player of the Week Jan. 16 for the first time in his career for his efforts in wins over Rutgers and Iowa. Lindsey averaged 18.0 points, 7.5 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.0 steals per game in leading the Wildcats to a pair of victories. He posted 14 points in the win at Rutgers before recording 22 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals in NU's 35-point blowout win over Iowa.

#### HAMMERING THE HAWKEYES

Northwestern's 89-54 home win over Iowa on Jan. 15 was one for the recordbooks. The 35-point margin of victory is the largest ever for the Wildcats against the Hawkeyes. The previous high was a 25-point 41-16 win on March 2, 1931 in the last game of the season, clinching a Big Ten title for the Wildcats. The Wildcats dished out 29 assists in the win, NU's second most ever in a Big Ten game. Northwestern handed out a school-record 33 assists against Rutgers Feb. 27, 2016.

#### WINNING WAYS

Northwestern has a school-record 23 wins this season after posting what was then a record 20 regular-season wins a year ago. The previous regular-season best was 19 wins during the 2009-10 season. The team's 10-game winning streak from Nov. 24-Dec. 30, 2015 was the second double-figure winning streak in school history. NU also has put together a pair of school-record 13-game home winning streaks in each of the last two seasons. The 'Cats won their last four home games in both 2014-15 and 2015-16 before winning each of their first nine home games the ensuing campaign.

#### LUMPKIN, McINTOSH NAMED TEAM CAPTAINS

Redshirt senior **Sanjay Lumpkin** and junior **Bryant McIntosh** are serving as team captains for the 2016-17 season. Lumpkin, a native of Wayzata, Minnesota, has seen action in 135 career contests (second most in school history) while making 124 starts with the Wildcats. A native of Greensburg, Indiana, McIntosh has started 96 of the 98 games he has appeared in through two seasons.

#### LAW, McINTOSH PARTICIPATE IN ELITE SUMMER CAMPS

A pair of Wildcats took part in prestigious camps during the summer of 2016. For the second straight year, **Bryant McIntosh** earned an invitation to serve as a college counselor at NBA MVP Stephen Curry's SC 30 Select Camp that was held in California June 28-July 1. Additionally, **Vic Law** participated in the same role at Under Armour's All-America Camp in Charlotte July 5-8.

#### NORTHWESTERN SIGNS ANTHONY GAINES TO NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

Anthony Gaines will join the program in the fall of 2017 after signing a National Letter of Intent on Nov. 9. The 6-foot-4 guard is rated as a four-star recruit by ESPN.com. He has led his New Hampton School team to a 42-16 record over his two years at NHS, including a 21-8 mark and a NEPSAC AAA regular-season title in 2016.

#### LUMPKIN NAMED NOMINEE FOR ALLSTATE GOOD WORKS TEAM

Senior forward **Sanjay Lumpkin** was named a nominee for the 2017 Allstate National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Good Works Team®. The esteemed award honors student-athletes who represent the sport's finest in the areas of community service and leadership among their peers.

#### FALZON UNDERGOES SEASON-ENDING KNEE SURGERY

Sophomore forward **Aaron Falzon** underwent knee surgery and will miss the remainder of the Wildcats' 2016-17 season. Falzon is eligible to seek a medical hardship waiver. Falzon was limited to three appearances and 20 minutes of action this season. A year ago, the Newton, Massachusetts, native saw action in all 32 games with 29 starts while averaging 8.4 points and 3.4 rebounds per game. His 63 three-pointers during the 2015-16 season were the second most by a Northwestern freshman in program history.

#### UP NEXT...

The winner of the Northwestern/Vanderbilt game takes on the winner of Thursday's first game between Gonzaga and South Dakota State on Saturday with a berth in the Sweet 16 on the line.

Immediately following the completion of the 2016-17 season, Welsh-Ryan Arena will undergo a complete renovation that will close off the facility until the fall of 2018.

The project is estimated at a cost of \$110 million. A leadership gift from Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan, along with a \$10 million gift from Stephen R. and Susan K. Wilson, donations from other loyal Northwestern benefactors and the existing athletics maintenance and equipment budget, will fund the project.

The project, part of the 2010 master athletics facilities plan recommendation, will entail a complete renovation of Welsh-Ryan Arena and McGaw Memorial Hall, including:

- New seating throughout the arena, with chair-back seats replacing existing wood bleachers
- Wider, more accessible concourses with improved lighting
- Improved accessibility for the mobility-impaired, with five new elevators replacing the existing one
- New and expanded restrooms, as well as the addition of accessible family restrooms
- New concession areas with twice as many point-of-sale stations for increased efficiency, along with new food and drink offerings
- State-of-the-art lighting, audio and video capabilities in the arena
- Premium seating areas and expansion of the N-Club, which provides space for pre- and post-game events, by more than 400 percent
- Expansion of the building lobby by nearly 50 percent
- A new ticket office
- New locker rooms for men's basketball, women's basketball and volleyball

Northwestern's men's basketball program has announced plans to play its home games at Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Illinois, during the 2017-18 campaign.



Artist's rendering of the renovated Welsh-Ryan Arena

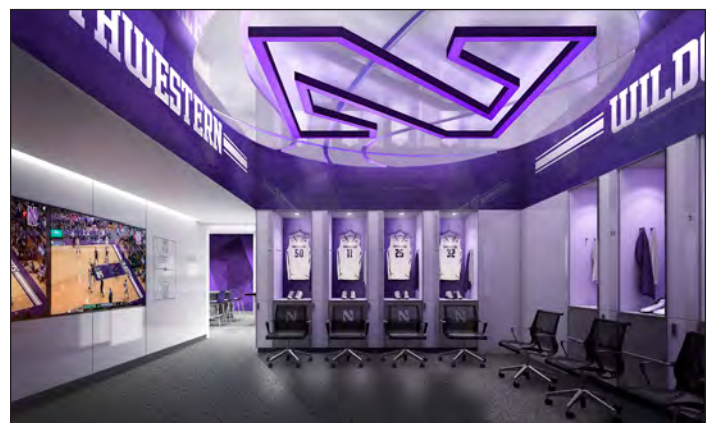
The renovation of Welsh-Ryan Arena also will include a state-of-the-art practice facility for basketball, volleyball and other Wildcats programs, the University announced Feb. 7. The enhancement is possible thanks in large part to a gift of up to \$20 million from University trustee and alumnus Howard J. Trienens. In recognition of his continuing generosity, the facility will be named the Trienens Performance Center.

The Trienens Performance Center will feature a fieldhouse with three courts constructed inside the existing Trienens Hall, adjacent to Welsh-Ryan Arena. The facility will allow for construction of larger team locker rooms inside the Arena for men's basketball, women's basketball and volleyball. It also will include:

- Best-in-class athletic training and rehabilitation amenities
- Ultramodern strength and conditioning facilities
- Team meeting rooms with advanced teaching technologies
- Expanded performance nutrition hub
- Offices for men's and women's basketball
- Staff locker rooms



Artist's rendering of the Trienens Performance Center



Artist's rendering of new basketball locker room

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
4	Vic Law	F	6-7	205	R-So.	South Holland, Ill./St. Rita
5	Dererk Pardon	C	6-8	235	So.	Cleveland, Ohio/Villa Angela-St. Joseph
10	Charlie Hall	F	6-5	205	So.	Los Angeles, Calif./Crossroads
12	Isiah Brown	G	6-2	175	Fr.	Lynnwood, Wash./Lakeside School
14	Rapolas Ivanauskas	F	6-9	215	Fr.	Barrington, Ill./Brewster Academy (N.H.)
20	Scottie Lindsey	G/F	6-5	210	Jr.	Hillside, Ill./Fenwick
21	Tino Malnati	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Northfield, Ill./New Trier
23	Jordan Ash	G	6-3	195	So.	Bolingbrook, Ill./St. Joseph
25	Barret Benson	C	6-10	240	Fr.	Willowbrook, Ill./Hinsdale South
30	Bryant McIntosh	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Greensburg, Ind./Greensburg
32	Nathan Taphorn	F	6-7	215	Sr.	Pekin, Ill./Pekin
34	Sanjay Lumpkin	F	6-6	220	R-Sr.	Wayzata, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's
35	Aaron Falzon	F	6-8	215	So.	Newton, Mass./Northfield Mount Hermon
44	Gavin Skelly	F	6-8	225	Jr.	Westlake, Ohio/Westlake

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
23	Ash, Jordan	G	6-3	195	So.	Bolingbrook, Ill./St. Joseph
25	Benson, Barret	C	6-10	240	Fr.	Willowbrook, Ill./Hinsdale South
12	Brown, Isiah	G	6-2	175	Fr.	Lynnwood, Wash./Lakeside School
35	Falzon, Aaron	F	6-8	215	So.	Newton, Mass./Northfield Mount Hermon
10	Hall, Charlie	F	6-5	205	So.	Los Angeles, Calif./Crossroads
14	Ivanauskas, Rapolas	F	6-9	215	Fr.	Barrington, Ill./Brewster Academy (N.H.)
4	Law, Vic	F	6-7	205	R-So.	South Holland, Ill./St. Rita
20	Lindsey, Scottie	G/F	6-5	210	Jr.	Hillside, Ill./Fenwick
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	F	6-6	220	R-Sr.	Wayzata, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's
21	Malnati, Tino	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Northfield, Ill./New Trier
30	McIntosh, Bryant	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Greensburg, Ind./Greensburg
5	Pardon, Dererk	C	6-8	235	So.	Cleveland, Ohio/Villa Angela-St. Joseph
44	Skelly, Gavin	F	6-8	225	Jr.	Westlake, Ohio/Westlake
32	Taphorn, Nathan	F	6-7	215	Sr.	Pekin, Ill./Pekin

**Head Coach:** Chris Collins

**Assistant Coach:** Brian James

**Assistant Coach:** Pat Baldwin

**Assistant Coach:** Armon Gates

**Director of Operations:** Chris Lauten

## BY ELIGIBILITY

**SENIORS (2)**

Sanjay Lumpkin  
Nathan Taphorn

**JUNIORS (3)**

Scottie Lindsey  
Bryant McIntosh  
Gavin Skelly

**SOPHOMORES (5)**

Jordan Ash  
Charlie Hall  
Aaron Falzon  
Vic Law  
Dererk Pardon

**FRESHMEN (4)**

Barret Benson  
Isiah Brown  
Rapolas Ivanauskas  
Tino Malnati

## BY STATE/COUNTRY

**CALIFORNIA (1)**

Charlie Hall

**ILLINOIS (7)**

Jordan Ash  
Barret Benson  
Rapolas Ivanauskas  
Vic Law  
Scottie Lindsey  
Tino Malnati  
Nathan Taphorn

**INDIANA (1)**

Bryant McIntosh

**MASSACHUSETTS (1)**

Aaron Falzon

**MINNESOTA (1)**

Sanjay Lumpkin

**OHIO (2)**

Dererk Pardon  
Gavin Skelly

**WASHINGTON (1)**

Isiah Brown

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Aaron Falzon (35) ..... fal-ZONE  
Rapolas Ivanauskas (14) ..... EYE-van-ows-kiss  
Sanjay Lumpkin (34) ..... SAHN-jay  
Dererk Pardon (5) ..... DARE-ick

## QUICK FACTS

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Location: .....Evanston, Ill.  
 Founded: .....1851  
 Enrollment: .....8,688  
 President: .....Morton O. Schapiro  
 Home Facility: .....Welsh-Ryan Arena (8,117)  
 Nickname: .....Wildcats  
 Colors: .....Purple and White  
 Conference: .....Big Ten  
 Director of Athletics: .....Jim Phillips  
 Senior Woman Administrator: .....Janna Blais  
 Faculty Athletics Rep.: .....Robert Gundlach

### MEN'S BASKETBALL FACTS

Head Coach: .....Chris Collins  
 Alma Mater, Year: .....Duke, '96  
 Record at NU (Years): .....72-59 (4th yr.)  
 Overall Record (Years): .....72-59 (4th yr.)  
 Assistant Coach: .....Brian James  
 Alma Mater, Year: .....Illinois State, '77  
 Assistant Coach: .....Pat Baldwin  
 Alma Mater, Year: .....Northwestern, '94  
 Assistant Coach: .....Armon Gates  
 Alma Mater, Year: .....Kent State, '06  
 Director of Operations: .....Chris Lauten  
 Asst. Dir. of Operations: .....Tad Glibert  
 Basketball Athletic Trainer: .....Jen Tymkew  
 Sports Performance: .....Mike Schweigert  
 Program Assistant .....Jenifer Marr

2015-16 Overall Record: .....20-12  
 Conference Record (Finish): .....8-10 (9th)  
 Starters Returning/Lost: .....3/2  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: .....10/3

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 Communications Assistant .....Carsten Parmenter  
 Director of Broadcast Ops .....Rob Coons  
 Program Assistant .....Jocelyn Serranilla

## HEAD COACH CHRIS COLLINS

### 72-59 CAREER RECORD (FOURTH SEASON)



Chris Collins is in his fourth season as the head coach at Northwestern. He was named the University's 24th head men's basketball coach on March 27, 2013.

In Collins' first four years at the helm, he has led Northwestern to an increased win total each season.

The 2015-16 campaign saw the Wildcats establish a school regular-season record 20 wins, including eight in Big Ten Conference play. Three of the Big Ten wins were by 20 or more points, marking the first time a Northwestern team posted three league wins by 20+ points since the 1943-44 season.

The Wildcats posted a 10-game winning streak—just the second double-figure winning streak all-time at NU—en route to a 13-1 start to the season, matching the school record for the top 14-game opening stretch in school history. The squad also notched a school-record 13-game home winning streak spanning the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons.

Northwestern ranked sixth in the nation with a 1.59 assist-to-turnover ratio paced by sophomore point guard Bryant McIntosh who recorded a school single-season record 213 assists. McIntosh earned honorable mention All-Big Ten distinction along with senior Tre Demps.

Collins' second season with the Wildcats saw the young team continue to improve throughout the season. Despite a stretch of heartbreaking losses, Northwestern showed the resilience to bounce back late in the year to post four straight Big Ten victories and five of six.

Three of the team's top six scorers were true freshmen, including McIntosh who set the school freshman record with 150 assists to go along with an average of 11.4 points per game en route to being named to the five-member Big Ten All-Freshman Team.

Demps and Alex Olah both earned honorable mention All-Big Ten recognition. Olah became the school's career leader in blocked shots in just three seasons and ranked third in the Big Ten with seven double-doubles.

In his first season at the helm, Collins led the Wildcats to an impressive string of road victories. Collins won his debut as a head coach, notching a 72-55 victory over Eastern Illinois Nov. 9. Northwestern's impressive string of road success began Jan. 18 at Indiana before the Wildcats earned a 65-56 win at 14th-ranked Wisconsin. The loss was just the fifth by an unranked Big Ten team in 73 games during Bo Ryan's tenure in Madison. The winning ways continued three days later when the 'Cats notched a one-point win at Minnesota, marking NU's first three-game road winning streak since 1960.

Even though second-leading scorer Cobb was lost to injury late in the season, the Wildcats finished the campaign strong, defeating Purdue on the road to wrap up the regular season before upsetting sixth-seeded Iowa in the opening round of the Big Ten tournament.

The Wildcats were greatly improved on the defensive end under Collins' guidance, holding four of their Big Ten opponents below 30 percent shooting in a game. NU allowed a mere 63.3 points per game in conference play to rank second in the league. Meanwhile, the team's .419 opponents field goal percentage ranked third in the Big Ten.

Collins came to Evanston after serving on the coaching staff at Duke since July 22, 2000. He was promoted to Associate Head Coach in the summer of 2008. During Collins' 13 seasons on the Blue Devils' staff, Duke posted an overall record of 385-77 while recording eight ACC tournament championships, four ACC regular season titles, eight in-season tournament titles and national championships in 2001 and 2010.

Collins worked primarily with backcourt players during his time at Duke and tutored All-Americans Jason Williams, Mike Dunleavy, Chris Duhon, J.J. Redick, Gerald Henderson, DeMarcus Nelson, Jon Scheyer, Nolan Smith and Austin Rivers, in addition to NBA draft picks Daniel Ewing, Kyrie Irving and Kyle Singler.

Before returning to his alma mater, Collins served as an assistant coach at Seton Hall for two years with Tommy Amaker. In 1999-2000, Collins was part of a staff that guided the Pirates to a 22-10 record and the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament. Prior to Seton Hall, Collins spent the 1997-98 season as an assistant with the WNBA's Detroit Shock.

As a player, Collins played professional basketball in Finland during the 1996-97 season, leading the league in scoring.

Collins also served as a court coach and scout for Mike Krzyzewski, assisting the USA Basketball Senior National Team staff with on-court duties as well as game preparation from 2006-12, including during the program's gold-medal performances at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, 2010 FIBA World Championships and 2012 London Olympics. During the summer of 2014, he served as the coach of the USA Select Team which consisted of a group of up-and-coming NBA players who practiced against the USA National Team in preparation for the National Team's participation in the FIBA World Cup.

Collins is the son of former NBA All-Star and coach, Doug Collins, who is currently an NBA television analyst for ESPN. A native of nearby Northbrook, Ill., Collins is a 1996 graduate of Duke with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Collins and his wife, Kim, have two children: Ryan and Kate.

## BIG TEN STANDINGS

	BIG TEN		OVERALL	
Purdue	14-4	.778	25-7	.781
Maryland	12-6	.667	24-8	.750
Wisconsin	12-6	.667	25-9	.735
Minnesota	11-7	.611	24-9	.727
Michigan	10-8	.556	24-11	.686
Northwestern	10-8	.556	23-11	.676
Michigan State	10-8	.556	19-14	.576
Iowa	10-8	.556	18-14	.563
Illinois	8-10	.444	18-14	.563
Indiana	7-11	.389	18-15	.545
Ohio State	7-11	.389	17-15	.531
Penn State	6-12	.333	15-18	.455
Nebraska	6-12	.333	12-19	.387
Rutgers	3-15	.167	15-18	.455

## NATIONAL RANKINGS (MARCH 13)

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

1.	Villanova (59)	31-3	1,619
2.	Gonzaga (6)	32-1	1,520
3.	Kansas	28-4	1,479
4.	Arizona	30-4	1,427
5.	Kentucky	29-5	1,276
6.	North Carolina	27-7	1,256
7.	Duke	27-8	1,251
8.	UCLA	29-4	1,208
9.	Oregon	29-5	1,196
10.	Louisville	24-8	983
11.	SMU	30-4	953
12.	Baylor	25-7	861
13.	West Virginia	26-8	844
14.	Notre Dame	25-9	684
15.	Purdue	25-7	654
16.	Florida State	25-8	570
17.	Iowa State	23-10	562
18.	Cincinnati	29-5	522
19.	Wichita State	30-4	438
20.	Florida	24-8	390
21.	Butler	23-8	361
22.	Saint Mary's	28-4	305
23.	Michigan	24-11	254
24.	Virginia	22-10	240
25.	Wisconsin	25-9	153

**Others Receiving Votes:** Middle Tennessee 37, Minnesota 20, Rhode Island 13, Creighton 11, Oklahoma State 8, Iowa 8, Nevada 5, Princeton 5, Vermont 4, Virginia Tech 3, Seton Hall 2, VCU 1, Arkansas 1, **Northwestern 1.**

### USA TODAY COACHES POLL

1.	Villanova (27)	31-3	747
2.	Gonzaga (1)	32-1	691
3.	Kansas (2)	28-4	687
4.	Arizona	30-4	655
5.	Kentucky	29-5	586
6.	UCLA	29-4	575
7.	Duke	27-8	567
8.	North Carolina	27-7	564
9.	Oregon	29-5	538
10.	Louisville	24-8	459
11.	Baylor	25-7	400
12.	West Virginia	26-8	390
13.	SMU	30-4	362
14.	Notre Dame	25-9	356
15.	Purdue	25-7	297
16.	Cincinnati	29-5	282
17.	Florida	24-8	245
18.	Florida State	25-8	219
19.	Wichita State	30-4	198
20.	Iowa State	23-10	185
21.	Saint Mary's	28-4	166
22.	Wisconsin	25-9	159
23.	Virginia	22-10	116
24.	Butler	23-8	104
25.	Middle Tennessee	30-4	59

**Others Receiving Votes:** Michigan 56, Minnesota 14, **Northwestern 13**, Vermont 12, Creighton 11, Oklahoma State 9, Xavier 9, UNC Wilmington 5, Maryland 4, California 4, USC 3, Dayton 1, South Carolina 1, Arkansas 1.

## COACH/PLAYER AVAILABILITY

Interviews with Northwestern players and coaches are available to the media upon request throughout the season. To arrange an interview, please contact the athletic communications office. Please place your request at least 24 hours in advance. Interview availability is 30 minutes prior to the start of practice. All pre-practice interviews with players should be concluded well before the start of practice. As a Northwestern policy, players are not permitted to participate in live radio or television call-in shows. Player home telephone numbers will not be made available to media members, and they have been instructed not to conduct interviews when contacted without prior approval from the athletic communications office.

## WILDCATS ONLINE

The official website of Northwestern Athletics is [NUsports.com](http://NUsports.com). Updated daily, the site includes NU's basketball releases and features many other basketball related information. Live in-game Twitter updates will be provided at @NU\_SportsLIVE. The official Twitter account of the Northwestern men's basketball team is @NUMensBball, while the official Northwestern Athletics account is @NU\_Sports. Head coach Chris Collins' Twitter handle is @coach\_collins. The official Facebook page of the Northwestern men's basketball team can be found at [facebook.com/northwesternmbb](http://facebook.com/northwesternmbb). Northwestern's Athletics' official page is [facebook.com/northwesternAthletics](http://facebook.com/northwesternAthletics). The official Instagram account of the men's basketball program is [numensbball](http://numensbball) while the official main Northwestern Athletics Instagram is [nu\\_sports](http://nu_sports). Northwestern Athletics is also on YouTube at [youtube.com/user/NUAthletics](http://youtube.com/user/NUAthletics).

## GAME CREDENTIALS

For any media wishing to obtain a credential for any home game, please apply at [www.sportssystem.com/northwestern/basketball](http://www.sportssystem.com/northwestern/basketball). Credentials may be picked up at the athletic communications office in Anderson Hall on game day. They can also be picked up at Will Call which is located at the east ticket office in the main lobby of Welsh-Ryan Arena. Doors open 90 minutes prior to game time.

## POSTGAME PROCEDURE

Following a cooling off period after the conclusion of the game, Coach Collins, Northwestern players and the visiting coach will be available for a postgame news conference. Requests for Wildcats player interviews should be made to Northwestern SID Nick Brilowski prior to the end of the game. Requests for visiting players should be made to the visiting SID.

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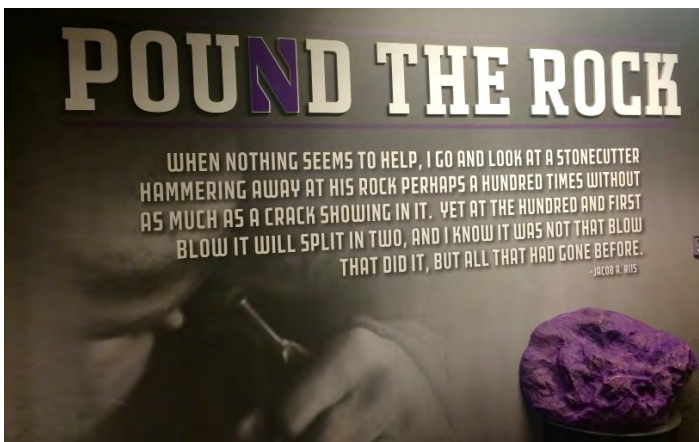
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## "POUND THE ROCK" IS WILDCATS' MANTRA

Since head coach Chris Collins arrived in April 2013, the Wildcats have adopted the mantra of "Pound The Rock." The Wildcats have a rock in their locker room, and above it is a quote from Jacob A. Riis. The quote reads:

*"When nothing seems to help, I go look at a stonemason hammering away at his rock perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and first blow it will split in two, and I know it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before."*

The mantra is one that also has been adopted by the NBA's San Antonio Spurs.



2016-17 NORTHWESTERN SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	RECORD/TV	NU High Scorer	NU High Rebounder	NU High Assists	Attend.
Nov. 4	Ill. Springfield (exhib.)	W, 89-52	—	18, Brown	6, McIntosh	5, McIntosh	—
Nov. 11	Mississippi Valley State	W, 94-63	1-0, 0-0	18, Law	8, Lumpkin	4, three players	6,056
Nov. 14	Eastern Washington X	W, 86-72	2-0, 0-0	26, Law	6, Lindsey	7, McIntosh	5,604
Nov. 16	at Butler ★	L, 70-68	2-1, 0-0	17, Law	7, Lindsey	5, McIntosh	7,858
Nov. 21	vs. #22/21 Texas X	W, 77-58	3-1, 0-0	20, McIntosh	11, Pardon	5, McIntosh	6,780
Nov. 22	vs. Notre Dame X	L, 70-66	3-2, 0-0	18, Lindsey	7, Law	4, McIntosh	5,711
Nov. 25	Bryant X	W, 86-66	4-2, 0-0	22, Law	10, Pardon	6, Lindsey/Skelly	6,322
Nov. 28	Wake Forest ❖	W, 65-58	5-2, 0-0	23, McIntosh	7, Lumpkin	4, Lindsey/Skelly	6,386
Dec. 3	DePaul	W, 80-64	6-2, 0-0	19, Lindsey	10, Lumpkin	7, Lindsey	6,751
Dec. 11	New Orleans	W, 83-49	7-2, 0-0	18, Taphorn	9, Skelly	7, McIntosh	6,635
Dec. 14	Chicago State	W, 68-64	8-2, 0-0	18, Law	11, Lumpkin	7, McIntosh	5,723
Dec. 17	vs. Dayton ✓	W, 67-64	9-2, 0-0	14, Lumpkin	14, Lumpkin	5, McIntosh	9,036
Dec. 20	IUPUI	W, 87-65	10-2, 0-0	19, Skelly	13, Lumpkin	9, McIntosh	6,452
Dec. 22	Houston Baptist	W, 72-63	11-2, 0-0	19, Lindsey	9, Lumpkin	6, McIntosh	6,372
Dec. 27	at Penn State *	W, 87-77	12-2, 1-0	31, Lindsey	12, Law	8, McIntosh	5,811
Dec. 30	at Michigan State *	L, 61-52	12-3, 1-1	16, Law	9, Law	5, McIntosh	14,797
Jan. 5	Minnesota *	L, 70-66	12-4, 1-2	21, McIntosh	8, Law/Pardon	5, McIntosh	7,215
Jan. 8	at Nebraska *	W, 74-66	13-4, 2-2	19, Lindsey	5, Law/Pardon	4, McIntosh	15,053
Jan. 12	at Rutgers *	W, 69-60	14-4, 3-2	23, Law	11, Pardon	4, McIntosh/Skelly	3,723
Jan. 15	Iowa *	W, 89-54	15-4, 4-2	22, Lindsey	9, Pardon	10, McIntosh	7,732
Jan. 22	at Ohio State *	W, 74-72	16-4, 5-2	21, Lindsey	11, Lumpkin	4, Pardon	13,369
Jan. 26	Nebraska *	W, 73-61	17-4, 6-2	20, Law	22 Pardon	9, McIntosh	7,108
Jan. 29	Indiana *	W, 68-55	18-4, 7-2	21, McIntosh	12, Law	8, McIntosh	8,117
Feb. 1	at #23/24 Purdue *	L, 80-59	18-5, 7-3	22, McIntosh	7, Lumpkin	4, McIntosh	14,804
Feb. 7	Illinois *	L, 68-61	18-6, 7-4	21, McIntosh	9, Law/Skelly	4, McIntosh	7,614
Feb. 12	at #7/5 Wisconsin *	W, 66-59	19-6, 8-4	25, McIntosh	8, Pardon	7, McIntosh	17,287
Feb. 15	#23/24 Maryland *	L, 74-64	19-7, 8-5	19, Brown	8, Law	6, McIntosh	7,707
Feb. 18	Rutgers *	W, 69-65	20-7, 9-5	18, McIntosh	8, Pardon	6, McIntosh	8,117
Feb. 21	at Illinois *	L, 66-50	20-8, 9-6	16, McIntosh	12, Pardon	3, McIntosh	11,206
Feb. 25	at Indiana *	L, 63-62	20-9, 9-7	22, McIntosh	10, Pardon	2, McIntosh	17,222
March 1	Michigan *	W, 67-65	21-9, 10-7	18, Law	8, Pardon	5, McIntosh	8,117
March 5	#16/16 Purdue *	L, 69-65	21-10, 10-8	25, McIntosh	7, Lumpkin	6, McIntosh	8,117
March 9	vs. Rutgers ▲	W, 83-61	22-10, 10-8	16, Law/Lindsey	8, Pardon	4, Law/Lindsey	12,408
March 10	vs. #25/-- Maryland ▲	W, 72-64	23-10, 10-8	17, Law/Lindsey	8, Pardon	6, McIntosh	15,624
March 11	vs. #24/23 Wisconsin ▲	L, 76-48	23-11, 10-8	16, Lindsey	7, Pardon	1, five players	13,984
March 16	vs. Vanderbilt ◆	3:30 p.m.	TBS				
March 18	vs. Gonzaga/S. Dakota St. ◆	TBA	TBA				

All times Central

Home games in **bold**

X Legends Classic (Nov. 21 & 22 games played at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.)

★ Gavitt Games

❖ Big Ten/ACC Challenge

✓ State Farm Chicago Legends (United Center)

▲ Big Ten tournament; Washington, D.C. (Verizon Center)

◆ NCAA tournament; Salt Lake City, Utah

\* Big Ten game

2016-17 NORTHWESTERN SEASON STATISTICS

**2016-17 Northwestern Basketball**  
**Northwestern Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 11, 2017)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	23-11	14-4	5-5	4-2
CONFERENCE	10-8	5-4	5-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	13-3	9-0	0-1	4-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds			pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg			
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot											
30	McIntosh, Bryant	34-34	1159	34.1	182-457	.398	38-128	.297	87-101	.861	9	83	92	2.7	70	1	178	88	4	22	489	14.4		
20	Lindsey, Scottie	30-30	916	30.5	153-357	.429	55-168	.327	65-77	.844	16	98	114	3.8	68	1	69	42	8	28	426	14.2		
4	Law, Vic	34-34	1084	31.9	140-344	.407	55-139	.396	88-119	.739	42	153	195	5.7	90	4	59	52	17	37	423	12.4		
5	Pardon, Dererk	26-26	797	30.7	95-156	.609	0-0	.000	31-60	.517	84	123	207	8.0	67	2	31	25	49	18	221	8.5		
12	Brown, Isiah	33-2	507	15.4	69-206	.335	19-65	.292	63-80	.788	9	32	41	1.2	57	1	41	37	7	19	220	6.7		
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	34-34	939	27.6	74-131	.565	15-48	.313	46-67	.687	51	141	192	5.6	107	4	47	24	14	18	209	6.1		
44	Skelly, Gavin	34-0	619	18.2	70-150	.467	18-59	.305	50-64	.781	48	77	125	3.7	93	4	46	46	43	12	208	6.1		
32	Taphorn, Nathan	33-2	406	12.3	49-106	.462	36-80	.450	13-16	.813	11	39	50	1.5	40	1	23	14	7	5	147	4.5		
25	Benson, Barret	30-8	242	8.1	23-41	.561	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	21	28	49	1.6	45	0	12	10	19	7	59	2.0		
23	Ash, Jordan	26-0	103	4.0	5-20	.250	5-15	.333	0-0	.000	1	11	12	0.5	9	0	10	5	1	5	15	0.6		
10	Hall, Charlie	6-0	8	1.3	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
35	Falzon, Aaron	3-0	20	6.7	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.7	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	0.0		
Team											73	75	148											
Total.....		34	6800	860-1973		.436	241-707	.341	456-607	.751	366	865	1231	36.2	647	18	519	358	170	171	2417	71.1		
Opponents.....		34	6800	770-1911		.403	220-657	.335	452-678	.667	383	819	1202	35.4	606	6	409	405	127	191	2212	65.1		

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>NU</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
SCORING	2417	2212	11/11/16	MISS. VALLEY STATE	w 94-63	6056
Points per game	71.1	65.1	11/14/16	EASTERN WASHINGTON	w 86-72	5604
Scoring margin	+6.0	-	11/16/16	at Butler	L 68-70	7858
FIELD GOALS-ATT	860-1973	770-1911	11/21/16	vs Texas	w 77-58	6780
Field goal pct	.436	.403	11/22/16	vs Notre Dame	L 66-70	5711
3 POINT FG-ATT	241-707	220-657	11/25/16	BRYANT	w 86-66	6322
3-point FG pct	.341	.335	11/28/16	WAKE FOREST	w 65-58	6386
3-pt FG made per game	7.1	6.5	12/03/16	DEPAUL	w 80-64	6751
FREE THROWS-ATT	456-607	452-678	12/11/16	NEW ORLEANS	w 83-49	6635
Free throw pct	.751	.667	12/14/16	CHICAGO STATE	w 68-64	5723
F-Throws made per game	13.4	13.3	12/17/16	vs Dayton	w 67-64	0
REBOUNDS	1231	1202	12/20/16	IUPUI	w 87-65	6452
Rebounds per game	36.2	35.4	12/22/16	HOUSTON BAPTIST	w 72-63	6372
Rebounding margin	+0.9	-	* 12/27/16	at Penn State	w 87-77	5811
ASSISTS	519	409	* 12/30/16	at Michigan State	L 52-61	14797
Assists per game	15.3	12.0	* 01/05/17	MINNESOTA	L 66-70	7215
TURNOVERS	358	405	* 01/08/17	at Nebraska	w 74-66	15053
Turnovers per game	10.5	11.9	* 01/12/17	at Rutgers	w 69-60	3723
Turnover margin	+1.4	-	* 01/15/17	IOWA	w 89-54	7732
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	1.0	* 01/22/17	at Ohio State	w 74-72	13369
STEALS	171	191	* 01/26/17	NEBRASKA	w 73-61	7108
Steals per game	5.0	5.6	* 01/29/17	INDIANA	w 68-55	8117
BLOCKS	170	127	* 02/01/17	at Purdue	L 59-80	14804
Blocks per game	5.0	3.7	* 02/07/17	ILLINOIS	L 61-68	7614
ATTENDANCE	126145	175637	* 02/12/17	at Wisconsin	w 66-59	17287
Home games-Avg/Game	18-7008	10-12113	* 02/15/17	MARYLAND	L 64-74	7707
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	6-9084	* 02/18/17	RUTGERS	w 69-65	8117
			* 02/21/17	at Illinois	L 50-66	11206
			* 02/25/17	at Indiana	L 62-63	17222
			* 03/01/17	MICHIGAN	w 67-65	8117
			* 03/05/17	PURDUE	L 65-69	8117
			03/09/17	vs Rutgers	w 83-61	12408
			03/10/17	vs Maryland	w 72-64	15624
			3/11/17	vs Wisconsin	L 48-76	13984

\* - Conference game

2016-17 NORTHWESTERN BIG TEN STATISTICS

**2016-17 Northwestern Basketball  
Northwestern Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 11, 2017)  
Conference games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	10-8	5-4	5-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	10-8	5-4	5-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg			
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg											
30	McIntosh, Bryant	18-18	627	34.8	109-265	.411	21-68	.309	55-64	.859	6	51	57	3.2	39	1	97	42	2	12	294	16.3			
20	Lindsey, Scottie	14-14	433	30.9	64-165	.388	23-82	.280	32-39	.821	5	46	51	3.6	38	1	23	18	3	15	183	13.1			
04	Law, Vic	18-18	616	34.2	67-188	.356	25-75	.333	49-60	.817	25	92	117	6.5	49	3	27	29	10	20	208	11.6			
5	Pardon, Dererk	16-16	512	32.0	66-107	.617	0-0	.000	17-39	.436	56	79	135	8.4	38	0	24	16	29	14	149	9.3			
12	Brown, Isiah	17-2	257	15.1	36-102	.353	7-29	.241	26-34	.765	5	17	22	1.3	30	0	14	17	3	8	105	6.2			
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	18-18	500	27.8	33-64	.516	7-25	.280	18-29	.621	21	63	84	4.7	63	3	20	11	4	9	91	5.1			
44	Skelly, Gavin	18-0	300	16.7	27-72	.375	11-36	.306	21-27	.778	21	34	55	3.1	45	1	16	25	14	6	86	4.8			
32	Taphorn, Nathan	17-2	214	12.6	21-53	.396	15-38	.395	5-5	1.000	4	15	19	1.1	20	0	12	6	4	2	62	3.6			
25	Benson, Barret	16-2	110	6.9	12-22	.545	0-0	.000	7-11	.636	11	10	21	1.3	24	0	7	3	4	5	31	1.9			
23	Ash, Jordan	13-0	29	2.2	2-6	.333	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	4	4	0.3	4	0	3	2	0	1	6	0.5			
10	Hall, Charlie	2-0	2	1.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0			
Team											33	33	66												9
Total.....		18	3600		437-1045	.418	111-359	.309	230-308	.747	187	445	632	35.1	350	9	243	178	73	92	1215	67.5			
Opponents.....		18	3600		414-1002	.413	110-333	.330	247-368	.671	203	459	662	36.8	295	2	229	202	65	96	1185	65.8			

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>NU</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
SCORING	1215	1185	* 12/27/16	at Penn State	w 87-77	5811
Points per game	67.5	65.8	* 12/30/16	at Michigan State	L 52-61	14797
Scoring margin	+1.7	-	* 01/05/17	MINNESOTA	L 66-70	7215
FIELD GOALS-ATT	437-1045	414-1002	* 01/08/17	at Nebraska	w 74-66	15053
Field goal pct	.418	.413	* 01/12/17	at Rutgers	w 69-60	3723
3 POINT FG-ATT	111-359	110-333	* 01/15/17	IOWA	w 89-54	7732
3-point FG pct	.309	.330	* 01/22/17	at Ohio State	w 74-72	13369
3-pt FG made per game	6.2	6.1	* 01/26/17	NEBRASKA	w 73-61	7108
FREE THROWS-ATT	230-308	247-368	* 01/29/17	INDIANA	w 68-55	8117
Free throw pct	.747	.671	* 02/01/17	at Purdue	L 59-80	14804
F-Throws made per game	12.8	13.7	* 02/07/17	ILLINOIS	L 61-68	7614
REBOUNDS	632	662	* 02/12/17	at Wisconsin	w 66-59	17287
Rebounds per game	35.1	36.8	* 02/15/17	MARYLAND	L 64-74	7707
Rebounding margin	-1.7	-	* 02/18/17	RUTGERS	w 69-65	8117
ASSISTS	243	229	* 02/21/17	at Illinois	L 50-66	11206
Assists per game	13.5	12.7	* 02/25/17	at Indiana	L 62-63	17222
TURNOVERS	178	202	* 03/01/17	MICHIGAN	w 67-65	8117
Turnovers per game	9.9	11.2	* 03/05/17	PURDUE	L 65-69	8117
Turnover margin	+1.3	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	1.1	* - Conference game			
STEALS	92	96				
Steals per game	5.1	5.3				
BLOCKS	73	65				
Blocks per game	4.1	3.6				
ATTENDANCE	69844	113272				
Home games-Avg/Game	9-7760	9-12586				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

<b>Score by Periods</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Northwestern	592	623	1215
Opponents	580	605	1185

# NATIONAL STATISTICAL RANKING SUMMARY

## NCAA Statistics

### Northwestern - 2016-17 Men's Basketball Ranking Summary thru games 03/12/2017

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3-pt Field Goal Attempts (347 ranked)	132	7	707	Savannah St.	1,182	Michigan	860
Assist Turnover Ratio (347 ranked)	14	2	1.45	UCLA	1.86	Michigan	1.46
Assists Per Game (347 ranked)	63	4	15.3	UCLA	21.5	Purdue	18.1
Blocked Shots Per Game (347 ranked)	25	3	5.0	Minnesota	6.8	Minnesota	6.8
Defensive Rebounds per Game (347 ranked)	156	7	25.44	BYU	31.12	Minnesota	28.58
Fewest Fouls (347 ranked)	271	12	647	Yale	454	Purdue	504
Fewest Turnovers (347 ranked)	33	2	358	Princeton	289	Michigan	330
Field-Goal Percentage (347 ranked)	223	10	43.6	UCLA	51.9	Michigan	48.3
Field-Goal Percentage Defense (347 ranked)	23	2	40.3	UCF	36.2	Minnesota	39.8
Free Throw Attempts (347 ranked)	245	11	607	Kentucky	899	Minnesota	785
Free Throws Made (347 ranked)	190	8	456	Ole Miss	660	Minnesota	555
Free-Throw Percentage (347 ranked)	36	3	75.1	Notre Dame	79.9	Michigan	77.5
Offensive Rebounds Per Game (347 ranked)	152	7	10.76	North Carolina	15.79	Rutgers	14.55
Personal Fouls Per Game (347 ranked)	185	12	19.0	Villanova	14.2	Michigan	15.1
Rebound Margin (347 ranked)	158	10	0.9	North Carolina	12.7	Indiana	7.4
Scoring Defense (347 ranked)	34	2	65.1	Virginia	55.6	Wisconsin	61.4
Scoring Margin (347 ranked)	75	7	6.0	Gonzaga	23.4	Purdue	13.0
Scoring Offense (347 ranked)	230	12	71.1	UCLA	90.4	Indiana	80.2
Steals Per Game (347 ranked)	295	13	5.0	West Virginia	10.4	Iowa	7.5
Three Pt FG Defense (347 ranked)	98	4	33.5	Morgan St.	28.5	Minnesota	30.5
Three-Point Field Goals Per Game (347 ranked)	202	9	7.1	Savannah St.	13.5	Michigan	9.4
Three-Point Field-Goal Percentage (347 ranked)	221	11	34.1	Marquette	43.0	Purdue	40.6
Total 3-point FGM (347 ranked)	154	8	241	Central Mich.	399	Michigan	328
Total Assists (347 ranked)	36	4	519	UCLA	709	Purdue	580
Total Blocks (347 ranked)	19	3	170	Oregon	226	Minnesota	224
Total Rebounds (347 ranked)	77	5	1,231	North Carolina	1,479	Rutgers	1,319
Total Rebounds Per Game (347 ranked)	153	10	36.21	North Carolina	43.50	Rutgers	39.97
Total Steals (347 ranked)	259	10	171	West Virginia	353	Iowa	241
Turnover Margin (344 ranked)	92	4	1.4	West Virginia	8.2	Michigan	3.5
Turnovers Forced (347 ranked)	272	12	11.91	West Virginia	20.44	Penn St.	14.76
Turnovers Per Game (347 ranked)	16	2	10.5	Michigan	9.4	Michigan	9.4
Won-Lost Percentage (347 ranked)	62	6	67.6	Gonzaga	97.0	Purdue	78.1

## 2016-17 GAME HIGHS AND LOWS

### NORTHWESTERN HIGHS

POINTS	94	Miss. Valley State (11/11/16)
FIELD GOALS MADE	37	Iowa (1/15/17)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	67	Houston Baptist (12/22/16)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.600 (30-50)	vs. Rutgers (3/9/17)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	11	five times
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	27	Chicago State (12/14/16)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.579 (11-19)	vs. Notre Dame (11/22/16)
FREE THROWS MADE	23	Eastern Washington (11/14/16)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	29	Miss. Valley State (11/11/16)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.929 (13-14)	at Nebraska (1/8/17)
REBOUNDS	50	Miss. Valley State (11/11/16)
ASSISTS	29	Iowa (1/15/17)
STEALS	10	Iowa (1/15/17)
BLOCKED SHOTS	15	at Rutgers (1/12/17)
TURNOVERS	16	vs. Maryland (3/10/17)
FOULS	28	at Butler (11/16/16)
		DePaul (12/3/16)

### OPPONENT HIGHS

POINTS	80	at Purdue (2/1/17)
FIELD GOALS MADE	27	four times
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	69	at Rutgers (1/12/17)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.500 (27-54)	Maryland (2/15/17)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	13	Chicago State (12/14/16)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	29	vs. Wisconsin (3/11/17)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.522 (12-23)	at Purdue (2/1/17)
FREE THROWS MADE	23	at Penn State (12/27/16)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	34	at Penn State (12/27/16)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	1.000 (5-5)	Bryant (11/25/16)
REBOUNDS	48	Wake Forest (11/28/16)
ASSISTS	18	Illinois (2/7/17)
	18	Bryant (11/25/16)
STEALS	11	vs. Dayton (12/17/16)
BLOCKED SHOTS	8	at Rutgers (1/12/17)
TURNOVERS	21	New Orleans (12/11/16)
FOULS	28	Houston Baptist (12/22/16)

### NORTHWESTERN LOWS

POINTS	48	vs. Wisconsin (3/11/17)
FIELD GOALS MADE	18	vs. Wisconsin (3/11/17)
		at Illinois (2/21/17)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	47	vs. Maryland (3/10/17)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.321 (18-56)	at Illinois (2/21/17)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	2	at Purdue (2/1/17)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	13	Michigan (3/1/17)
	13	Eastern Washington (11/14/16)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.143 (2-14)	at Purdue (2/1/17)
FREE THROWS MADE	4	Iowa (1/15/17)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	8	vs. Notre Dame (11/22/16)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.444 (4-9)	Iowa (1/15/17)
REBOUNDS	27	vs. Wisconsin (3/11/17)
		at Michigan State (12/30/16)
ASSISTS	5	vs. Wisconsin (3/11/17)
		at Illinois (2/21/17)
STEALS	2	four times
BLOCKED SHOTS	0	vs. Wisconsin (3/11/17)
		at Illinois (2/21/17)
TURNOVERS	5	Eastern Washington (11/14/16)
FOULS	11	Bryant (11/25/16)

### OPPONENT LOWS

POINTS	49	New Orleans (12/11/16)
FIELD GOALS MADE	17	Indiana (1/29/17)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	49	at Michigan State (12/30/16)
	49	New Orleans (12/11/16)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.311 (19-61)	Wake Forest (11/28/16)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	1	at Rutgers (1/12/17)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	12	at Rutgers (1/12/17)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.083 (1-12)	at Rutgers (1/12/17)
FREE THROWS MADE	5	Chicago State (12/14/16)
	5	Bryant (11/25/16)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	5	Bryant (11/25/16)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.481 (13-27)	vs. Texas (11/21/16)
REBOUNDS	19	vs. Rutgers (3/9/17)
ASSISTS	7	at Butler (11/16/16)
	7	vs. Texas (11/21/16)
STEALS	3	at Ohio State (1/22/17)
	3	Eastern Washington (11/14/16)
BLOCKED SHOTS	0	Iowa (1/15/17)
TURNOVERS	6	vs. Notre Dame (11/22/16)
FOULS	10	Minnesota (1/5/17)

### NORTHWESTERN INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

POINTS	31	S. Lindsey at Penn State (12/27/16)
FIELD GOALS MADE	10	B. McIntosh on three occasions
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	23	B. McIntosh at Wisconsin (2/12/17)
FIELD GOAL PCT (min. 5 made)	1.000 (5-5)	Sanjay Lumpkin vs Purdue (3/5/17)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	5	four times
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	10	S. Lindsey vs Houston Baptist (12/22/16)
3 PT FG PCT (min. 3 made)	1.000 (3-3)	S. Lindsey vs Notre Dame (11/22/16)
FREE THROWS MADE	9	Vic Law at Rutgers (1/12/17)
	9	Vic Law vs Eastern Wash. (11/14/16)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	10	Vic Law vs Eastern Wash. (11/14/16)
FT PERCENTAGE (min. 4 made)	1.000 (9-9)	Vic Law at Rutgers (1/12/17)
REBOUNDS	22	Dererk Pardon vs Nebraska (1/26/17)
ASSISTS	10	B. McIntosh vs Iowa (1/15/17)
STEALS	3	four times
BLOCKED SHOTS	8	Dererk Pardon at Rutgers (1/12/17)

### OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

POINTS	32	Melo Trimble vs Maryland (2/15/17)
FIELD GOALS MADE	12	Melo Trimble vs Maryland (2/15/17)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	23	Tai Webster vs Nebraska (1/26/17)
FIELD GOAL PCT (min. 5 made)	.833 (5-6)	Damonte Dodd vs Maryland (2/15/17)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	7	Fred Sims Jr. vs Chicago State (12/14/16)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	13	Fred Sims Jr. vs Chicago State (12/14/16)
3 PT FG PCT (min. 3 made)	.800 (4-5)	Melo Trimble vs Maryland (2/15/17)
FREE THROWS MADE	8	five times
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	11	Ethan Happ vs. Wisconsin (3/11/17)
	11	Thomas Bryant vs Indiana (1/29/17)
FT PERCENTAGE (min. 2 made)	1.000 (7-7)	Vincent Edwards vs Purdue (3/5/17)
REBOUNDS	16	Caleb Swanigan at Purdue (2/1/17)
	16	John Collins vs Wake Forest (11/28/16)
ASSISTS	7	three times
STEALS	6	Scoochie Smith vs Dayton (12/17/16)
BLOCKED SHOTS	3	five times

2016-17 NORTHWESTERN GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Team	NU Starters	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	Reb.	A	TO	B	S	PF	1st	2nd	OT	F
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	32-64	.500	11-26	.423	19-29	.655	50	21	13	7	5	25	46	48	-	94
Miss. Valley State	Lumpkin, Pardon	22-59	.373	5-14	.357	14-29	.483	32	11	12	4	9	22	28	35	-	63
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	29-60	.483	5-13	.385	23-26	.885	31	17	5	6	6	16	46	40	-	86
Eastern Washington	Lumpkin, Pardon	27-55	.491	7-18	.389	11-13	.846	31	13	14	3	3	23	38	34	-	72
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	24-50	.480	9-20	.450	11-14	.786	31	14	16	4	3	22	32	36	-	68
at Butler	Lumpkin, Pardon	23-60	.383	7-23	.304	17-22	.773	32	7	8	5	5	20	29	41	-	70
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	27-56	.482	10-24	.417	13-16	.813	40	14	11	4	5	24	34	43	-	77
vs. Texas	Lumpkin, Pardon	19-51	.373	7-21	.333	13-27	.481	31	7	14	5	4	18	26	32	-	58
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	24-54	.444	11-19	.579	7-8	.875	37	15	15	6	2	17	34	32	-	66
vs. Notre Dame	Lumpkin, Pardon	22-53	.415	8-18	.444	18-24	.750	27	13	6	1	6	11	40	30	-	70
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	31-65	.477	8-22	.364	16-20	.800	40	25	9	12	7	11	38	48	-	86
Bryant	Lumpkin, Pardon	26-66	.394	9-26	.346	5-5	1.000	35	18	16	4	5	21	23	43	-	62
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	27-66	.409	6-26	.231	5-9	.556	37	18	10	6	9	17	30	35	-	65
Wake Forest	Lumpkin, Pardon	19-61	.311	5-21	.238	15-17	.882	48	10	19	2	5	16	31	27	-	58
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	26-60	.433	10-22	.455	18-24	.750	41	23	13	7	5	28	54	26	-	80
DePaul	Lumpkin, Benson	20-61	.328	2-20	.100	22-31	.710	42	11	12	5	8	22	18	46	-	64
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	27-61	.443	9-25	.360	20-24	.833	34	19	8	7	7	21	43	40	-	83
New Orleans	Lumpkin, Benson	18-49	.367	3-12	.250	10-19	.526	35	8	21	4	5	20	22	27	-	49
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	26-61	.426	8-27	.296	8-11	.727	33	20	8	7	4	14	29	39	-	68
Chicago State	Lumpkin, Benson	23-57	.404	13-26	.500	5-8	.625	40	9	16	5	6	15	21	43	-	64
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	21-51	.412	8-24	.333	17-26	.654	44	14	14	6	4	21	40	27	-	67
vs. Dayton	Lumpkin, Benson	18-55	.327	9-25	.360	19-26	.731	30	11	9	4	11	24	17	47	-	64
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	31-64	.484	9-26	.346	16-18	.889	47	23	9	12	3	20	46	41	-	87
IUPUI	Lumpkin, Benson	24-67	.358	6-22	.273	11-21	.524	37	11	7	2	4	18	31	34	-	65
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	24-67	.358	7-25	.280	17-27	.630	42	14	10	6	5	17	25	47	-	72
Houston Baptist	Lumpkin, Benson	22-54	.407	2-14	.143	17-24	.708	41	14	15	6	5	28	35	28	-	63
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	28-63	.444	11-26	.423	20-26	.769	41	19	12	5	5	27	51	36	-	87
at Penn State	Lumpkin, Benson	25-60	.417	4-15	.267	23-34	.676	35	10	11	5	6	19	32	45	-	77
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	19-53	.358	7-19	.368	7-12	.583	27	13	11	1	5	23	29	23	-	52
at Michigan State	Lumpkin, Benson	21-49	.429	4-17	.235	15-22	.682	43	14	13	4	5	18	36	25	-	61
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	24-63	.381	6-26	.231	12-13	.923	35	13	9	5	5	16	39	27	-	66
Minnesota	Lumpkin, Pardon	25-57	.439	6-19	.316	14-22	.636	41	16	8	5	5	10	35	35	-	70
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	25-49	.510	11-24	.458	13-14	.929	30	15	11	1	6	16	33	41	-	74
at Nebraska	Lumpkin, Pardon	25-58	.431	6-16	.375	10-13	.769	30	12	9	3	6	13	37	29	-	66
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	24-63	.381	3-20	.150	18-20	.900	49	11	13	15	4	23	25	44	-	69
at Rutgers	Lumpkin, Pardon	22-69	.319	1-12	.083	15-23	.652	41	10	9	8	5	17	28	32	-	60
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	37-62	.597	11-24	.458	4-9	.444	39	29	12	4	10	18	44	45	-	89
Iowa	Lumpkin, Pardon	18-51	.353	4-17	.235	14-22	.636	24	12	14	0	6	13	32	22	-	54
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	24-64	.375	7-24	.292	19-24	.792	39	13	8	4	5	23	36	38	-	74
at Ohio State	Lumpkin, Pardon	26-57	.456	8-22	.364	12-23	.522	40	12	13	3	3	22	31	41	-	72
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	26-63	.413	6-15	.400	15-19	.789	43	15	13	6	3	19	32	41	-	73
Nebraska	Lumpkin, Pardon	23-63	.365	3-15	.200	12-19	.632	41	12	13	4	6	19	29	32	-	61
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	23-56	.411	5-18	.278	17-21	.810	41	12	7	5	5	21	35	33	-	68
Indiana	Lumpkin, Pardon	17-53	.321	8-21	.381	13-22	.591	37	10	13	4	5	16	23	32	-	55
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Brown,	21-60	.350	2-14	.143	15-22	.682	30	8	8	3	9	22	23	36	-	59
at Purdue	Lumpkin, Pardon	24-50	.480	12-23	.522	20-25	.800	41	17	12	3	4	20	45	35	-	80
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Brown,	19-56	.339	6-20	.300	17-20	.850	38	10	14	2	5	19	28	33	-	61
Illinois	Lumpkin, Pardon	24-53	.453	8-19	.421	12-18	.667	32	18	12	4	9	17	28	40	-	68
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Taphorn,	26-58	.448	7-17	.412	7-9	.778	32	11	6	3	7	16	31	35	-	66
at Wisconsin	Lumpkin, Pardon	19-50	.380	7-19	.368	14-19	.737	34	10	12	4	4	12	22	37	-	59
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Taphorn,	23-59	.390	5-22	.227	13-23	.565	31	12	8	8	6	17	22	42	-	64
Maryland	Lumpkin, Pardon	27-54	.500	8-18	.706	12-17	.706	40	15	14	4	6	19	32	42	-	74
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	23-50	.460	7-22	.318	16-21	.762	31	15	9	4	5	15	39	30	-	69
Rutgers	Lumpkin, Pardon	27-63	.429	5-17	.294	6-12	.500	39	10	8	2	6	18	36	29	-	65
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	18-56	.321	4-18	.222	10-14	.714	30	5	11	0	2	20	32	18	-	50
at Illinois	Lumpkin, Pardon	22-55	.400	6-18	.333	16-25	.640	42	10	8	4	6	19	33	33	-	66
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	23-59	.390	4-18	.222	12-18	.667	33	6	6	3	6	18	26	36	-	62
at Indiana	Lumpkin, Pardon	22-55	.400	8-24	.333	11-16	.688	42	12	16	1	4	15	36	27	-	63
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	27-51	.529	5-13	.385	8-13	.615	29	20	12	3	2	18	30	37	-	67
Michigan	Lumpkin, Pardon	23-51	.451	8-22	.364	11-17	.647	29	13	9	5	5	15	28	37	-	65
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	27-60	.450	4-19	.211	7-10	.700	34	16	8	1	2	19	37	28	-	65
Purdue	Lumpkin, Pardon	24-54	.444	4-19	.211	17-19	.895	31	16	8	2	5	13	37	32	-	69
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	30-50	.600	9-20	.450	14-16	.875	33	19	11	4	3	13	42	41	-	83
vs. Rutgers	Lumpkin, Pardon	22-53	.415	9-19	.474	8-12	.667	19	10	11	6	4	21	24	37	-	61
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	26-47	.553	7-15	.467	13-20	.650	32	15	16	3	7	17	34	38	-	72
vs. Maryland	Lumpkin, Pardon	24-51	.471	6-16	.375	10-17	.588	24	14	14	3	8	21	36	28	-	64
Northwestern	McIntosh, Law, Lindsey,	18-52	.346	3-14	.214	9-11	.818	27	5	12	0	4	14	21	27	-	48
vs. Wisconsin	Lumpkin, Pardon	27-57	.474	12-29	.414	10-15	.588	36	13	9	3	7	11	38	38	-	76

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

**ACTIVE TEAM LEADERS**

**POINTS**

Bryant McIntosh.....	1,296
Scottie Lindsey.....	759
Vic Law.....	647
Sanjay Lumpkin.....	600

**REBOUNDS**

Sanjay Lumpkin.....	633
Vic Law.....	348
Bryant McIntosh.....	287
Gavin Skelly.....	271

**ASSISTS**

Bryant McIntosh.....	541
Sanjay Lumpkin.....	156
Scottie Lindsey.....	130
Vic Law.....	100

**BLOCKED SHOTS**

Gavin Skelly.....	73
Dererk Pardon.....	61
Sanjay Lumpkin.....	44
Vic Law.....	32

**STEALS**

Sanjay Lumpkin.....	93
Bryant McIntosh.....	61
Vic Law.....	58
Scottie Lindsey.....	53

**3-POINT FIELD GOALS**

Bryant McIntosh.....	127
Scottie Lindsey.....	116
Nathan Taphorn.....	98
Vic Law.....	82

**GAMES PLAYED**

Sanjay Lumpkin.....	135
Nathan Taphorn.....	107
Bryant McIntosh.....	98
Scottie Lindsey.....	92

**GAMES STARTED**

Sanjay Lumpkin.....	124
Bryant McIntosh.....	96
Vic Law.....	53
Scottie Lindsey.....	43

**CURRENT PLAYERS ON NU CAREER LISTS**

**POINTS**

1. John Shurna, 2009-12.....	2,038
2. Drew Crawford, 2010-14.....	1,920
3. Billy McKinney, 1974-77.....	1,900
4. Evan Eschmeyer, 1995-99.....	1,805
5. Michael Thompson, 2008-11.....	1,689
14. Rod Roberson, 1978-81.....	1,347
15. Joe Ruklick, 1957-59.....	1,315
16. Dale Kelley, 1968-70.....	1,310
17. <b>Bryant McIntosh, 2015-present.....</b>	<b>1,296</b>

**ASSISTS**

1. <b>Bryant McIntosh, 2015-present.....</b>	<b>541</b>
2. Michael Thompson, 2008-11.....	528
3. Patrick Baldwin, 1991-94.....	452

**REBOUNDS**

1. Evan Eschmeyer, 1995-99.....	995
2. Kevin Rankin, 1991-94.....	885
3. Joe Ruklick, 1957-59.....	868
4. Jim Pitts, 1964-66.....	800
5. Don Adams, 1968-70.....	773
11. John Shurna, 2009-12.....	644
Jim Stack, 1979-83.....	644
13. Tavaras Hardy, 1999-2002.....	640
14. <b>Sanjay Lumpkin, 2013-present.....</b>	<b>633</b>
Brian Schwabe, 1986-90.....	633

**FREE THROW PERCENTAGE**

1. Jeff Grose, 1986-89.....	862
2. <b>Bryant McIntosh, 2015-present.....</b>	<b>846</b>
3. Dan Davis, 1967-69.....	843
4. Jerry Marifke, 1976-79.....	839

**GAMES PLAYED**

1. Drew Crawford, 2010-14.....	143
2. <b>Sanjay Lumpkin, 2013-present.....</b>	<b>135</b>
3. Tre Demps, 2012-16.....	132

**GAMES STARTED**

1. Drew Crawford, 2010-14.....	142
2. Michael Thompson, 2007-11.....	129
3. John Shurna, 2009-12.....	128
4. <b>Sanjay Lumpkin, 2013-present.....</b>	<b>124</b>

**FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (min. 100 made)**

1. <b>Dererk Pardon, 2016-present.....</b>	<b>628</b>
2. Evan Eschmeyer, 1995-99.....	595
3. Paul Schultz, 1981-84.....	541
4. Walker Lambiotte, 1989-90.....	513
5. <b>Gavin Skelly, 2015-present.....</b>	<b>509</b>

**3-POINT FIELD GOAL PCT. (min. 50 made)**

1. Todd Leslie, 1990-94.....	446
Rex Walters, 1989-90.....	446
3. Sean Wink, 1998-99.....	423
4. Michael Thompson, 2008-11.....	409
5. <b>Nathan Taphorn, 2014-present.....</b>	<b>404</b>
6. Jeff Grose, 1986-89.....	402

**BLOCKED SHOTS**

1. Alex Olah, 2013-16.....	181
2. John Shurna, 2009-12.....	136
3. Kevin Rankin, 1991-94.....	133
4. Evan Eschmeyer, 1995-99.....	132
5. Tavaras Hardy, 1999-2002.....	101
6. Drew Crawford, 2010-14.....	98
7. Aaron Jennings, 2000-03.....	90
8. <b>Gavin Skelly, 2015-present.....</b>	<b>73</b>

**LED TEAM IN SCORING**

	SEASON	CAREER
Bryant McIntosh	11	34
Vic Law	11	13
Scottie Lindsey	10	12
Aaron Falzon	0	3
Isiah Brown	1	1
Sanjay Lumpkin	1	1
Gavin Skelly	1	1
Nathan Taphorn	1	1
Dererk Pardon	0	1

**30+ POINT GAMES**

	SEASON	CAREER
Bryant McIntosh	0	2
Scottie Lindsey	1	1

**20+ POINT GAMES**

	SEASON	CAREER
Bryant McIntosh	10	17
Scottie Lindsey	4	5
Vic Law	4	4
Aaron Falzon	0	2
Dererk Pardon	0	1

**10+ POINT GAMES**

	SEASON	CAREER
Bryant McIntosh	24	68
Scottie Lindsey	25	38
Vic Law	23	32
Sanjay Lumpkin	9	18
Dererk Pardon	11	14
Nathan Taphorn	4	12
Isiah Brown	9	9
Gavin Skelly	7	8
Jordan Ash	0	1

**20+ REBOUND GAMES**

	SEASON	CAREER
Dererk Pardon	1	1

**10+ REBOUND GAMES**

	SEASON	CAREER
Sanjay Lumpkin	5	12
Dererk Pardon	5	7
Vic Law	2	3
Gavin Skelly	2	2

**10+ ASSIST GAMES**

	SEASON	CAREER
Bryant McIntosh	1	5

**DOUBLE-DOUBLES**

	SEASON	CAREER
Sanjay Lumpkin	3	6
Dererk Pardon	3	4
Vic Law	1	2
Gavin Skelly	1	1
Bryant McIntosh	0	1

### Game 1 NU 94, Mississippi Valley State 63 Nov. 11, 2016 • Evanston, Ill.

Vic Law scored a career-high 18 points with six rebounds and Scottie Lindsey added 17 points and five boards as Northwestern swept aside Mississippi Valley State 94-63 in the season-opener for both teams at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Sanjay Lumpkin stuffed the stat sheet, recording 11 points, eight rebounds, and a pair each of blocks and assists, and Bryant McIntosh added 11 points and four assists. Ten of the 11 Wildcats who played scored multiple baskets as Northwestern racked up 21 assists. A 12-2 run gave Northwestern a 17-8 lead after five and a half minutes. Law's hot start included draining back-to-back threes, giving him 10 points and an assist after just six minutes. An 11-4 Northwestern run midway through the half gave the Wildcats a commanding 37-19 lead. Dererik Pardon showed his mettle in the middle, scoring at the rim on consecutive possessions. Lindsey knocked down a three just before the half to bring his game-leading total to 13, as Northwestern went into the half leading 46-28. Law again opened the second half just as hot as he had the first, finishing off an alley-oop from Isiah Brown, before adding a free throw and a three minutes later to put the #BIGCats ahead 57-35 four minutes into the half. Northwestern's defense continued to keep MVSU at bay in the second, holding the Delta Devils to just 37 percent shooting for the night. Additionally, the Wildcats turned 12 turnovers into 17 points. Freshman Isiah Brown posted 11 points and four assists in his collegiate debut while Gavin Skelly enjoyed a solid all-around game with 7 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and a career-high 4 blocked shots. Northwestern shot 50 percent from the field in winning its ninth straight season-opener.

#	Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Reb	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min
22	Michael Matlock	0-4	0-0	4-7	1 3 4	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	21
21	Terence Taylor	0-2	0-0	0-0	2 1 3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
1	Marcus Romain	5-8	3-4	3-8	0 2 2	4	16	4	6	0	0	1	29
24	Isaac Williams	4-14	1-5	0-0	1 1 2	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	30
5	Rashawn Surles	0-3	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	18
0	Vacha Vaughn	1-1	0-0	0-0	0 3 3	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	10
12	Lorenzo Hunt	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	Hasaan Buggs	1-4	0-0	1-2	1 1 2	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	15
2	Ronald Strother	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
25	Jevon Smith	1-4	0-0	0-0	0 1 1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	8
3	Darrell Riley	3-8	1-2	4-7	0 3 3	1	11	2	1	0	1	0	26
32	Amos Given	5-7	0-0	1-2	0 3 3	3	11	1	0	0	2	17	
33	Jamal Watson	2-3	0-0	1-3	3 2 5	4	5	0	0	0	1	9	
	<b>Team</b>				<b>1 2 3</b>								
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-59</b>	<b>5-14</b>	<b>14-29</b>	<b>9 23 32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>200</b>	
	FG % 1st Half: 11-29 37.9%	2nd half: 11-30 36.7%	Game: 22-59 37.3%										Deadball Rebounds 7
	3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0%	2nd half: 2-8 25.0%	Game: 5-14 35.7%										
	FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0%	2nd half: 11-24 45.8%	Game: 14-29 48.3%										

#	Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Reb	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	7-4	0-1	5-6	3 5 8	2	11	2	2	2	0	0	24
4	Law, Vic	3-10	3-4	1-7	3 3 6	2	18	4	5	0	2	26	
5	Pardon, Dererik	2-6	0-0	0-1	3 4 7	2	4	0	0	0	0	21	
20	Lindsey, Scottie	6-13	3-6	2-2	0 5 5	2	17	2	1	1	0	29	
30	McIntosh, Bryant	4-10	1-6	2-2	0 2 2	4	11	4	2	0	1	29	
12	Brown, Isiah	3-8	0-1	5-6	1 2 3	3	11	4	3	0	1	18	
23	Ash, Jordan	2-3	2-2	0-0	0 0 0	0	6	0	0	0	0	4	
25	Benson, Barret	2-3	0-0	0-0	1 1 2	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	
30	McIntosh, Nathan	1-5	1-3	3-3	0 3 3	2	6	0	0	0	0	12	
35	Falzon, Aaron	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 1 1	0	0	2	1	0	0	10	
44	Skelly, Gavin	1-2	1-2	4-4	1 4 5	7	3	0	4	1	21	200	
	<b>Team</b>				<b>2 5 7</b>								
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>32-64</b>	<b>11-26</b>	<b>19-29</b>	<b>14 36 50</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>200</b>	
	FG % 1st Half: 14-30 46.7%	2nd half: 18-34 52.9%	Game: 32-64 50.0%										Deadball Rebounds 5
	3FG % 1st Half: 7-17 41.2%	2nd half: 4-9 44.4%	Game: 11-26 41.3%										
	FT % 1st Half: 11-16 68.8%	2nd half: 8-13 61.5%	Game: 19-29 65.5%										

Officials: Rob Riley, Kelly Pfeifer, Steve Honacki  
 Technical fouls: Miss. Valley State-None. Northwestern-None.  
 Attendance: 6056  
 Vic Law - New career high in scoring.

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Miss. Valley State	28	35	63
Northwestern	46	48	94

### Game 2 NU 86, Eastern Washington 72 Nov. 14, 2016 • Evanston, Ill.

Five Wildcats scored in double-figures as Northwestern won the first game of the Legends Classic 86-72 against Eastern Washington at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Vic Law led the way with a new career-high 26 points, topping his previous high of 18 set last Friday. Bryant McIntosh added 18 points and 7 assists. Dererik Pardon contributed 12 points, 5 rebounds, and a career-high 5 blocks while Scottie Lindsey posted 12 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists. The Wildcats were the first to attack, opening the game on a 24-9 run. Law went on a 7-0 run of his own, hitting a floater, three-pointer, and two free throws in the process. He led Northwestern with 14 points in the first half. The first half contained a big run by each team, however, as Eastern Washington responded strongly, going on a 15-8 run of their own. The Eagles were ignited by junior Bogdan Bliznyuk, who led all scorers with 20 first-half points. Lindsey put in a wide-open layup off a feed from McIntosh just before the buzzer putting Northwestern's halftime lead at 46-38. The Wildcats benefited from their ability to contain Bliznyuk in the second half, holding him to just five points, after he anchored the Eagle's offense early on. With the Eagles' best player stagnant, and the Wildcats working together as a team, Eastern Washington could never gain enough momentum to close the gap. Northwestern dished out 17 assists with only 5 turnovers in the contest while connecting on 23 of 26 attempts from the free throw line.

#	Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Reb	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min
24	WILEY, Jacob	8-11	0-0	3-3	1 4 5	5	19	1	5	0	1	0	29
34	HUNT, Jesse	0-4	0-3	0-0	0 0 0	1	0	0	1	1	0	13	
44	VON HOFF, Felix	1-5	1-3	3-3	0 3 3	2	6	0	0	0	0	31	
32	BLIZNYUK, Bogdan	10-19	3-5	2-2	2 3 5	3	25	4	5	1	1	37	
4	WASHINGTON, Sir	3-5	0-0	0-0	1 1 2	3	6	2	0	0	0	26	
0	HARRELL, Julian	1-5	1-4	0-0	0 2 2	3	3	0	0	0	0	20	
13	VULKIC, Luka	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 4 4	0	0	3	2	0	1	15	
14	PEATLING, Mason	3-4	1-2	2-5	2 2 4	2	10	0	0	1	0	13	
2	GIBSON, Ty	1-1	1-1	0-0	0 2 2	4	3	0	1	0	0	13	
20	BENZEL, Cody	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
	<b>Team</b>				<b>3 1 4</b>								
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-55</b>	<b>7-18</b>	<b>11-13</b>	<b>9 24 31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>200</b>	
	FG % 1st Half: 14-28 50.0%	2nd half: 13-27 48.1%	Game: 27-55 49.1%										Deadball Rebounds 1
	3FG % 1st Half: 4-9 44.4%	2nd half: 3-9 33.3%	Game: 7-18 38.9%										
	FT % 1st Half: 6-6 100.0%	2nd half: 5-7 71.4%	Game: 11-13 84.6%										

#	Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Reb	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	7-11	1-1	0-1	0 3 3	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	23
4	Law, Vic	7-13	3-4	9-10	2 2 4	0	26	0	2	0	0	0	37
5	Pardon, Dererik	4-5	0-0	4-5	3 2 5	3	12	0	1	5	1	31	
20	Lindsey, Scottie	4-11	0-2	4-4	1 5 6	2	12	6	1	0	2	33	
30	McIntosh, Bryant	8-17	0-1	2-2	0 1 1	1	18	7	1	0	0	37	
12	Brown, Isiah	3-10	1-4	4-4	0 2 2	0	11	1	1	0	0	19	
23	Taphorn, Nathan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
35	Falzon, Aaron	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	
44	Skelly, Gavin	2-2	0-0	0-0	0 2 2	4	4	0	1	0	1	15	
	<b>Team</b>				<b>5 6 11</b>								
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>29-60</b>	<b>5-13</b>	<b>23-26</b>	<b>11 20 31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>200</b>	
	FG % 1st Half: 15-33 45.5%	2nd half: 14-27 51.9%	Game: 29-60 48.3%										Deadball Rebounds 1
	3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0%	2nd half: 1-3 33.3%	Game: 5-13 38.5%										
	FT % 1st Half: 12-13 92.3%	2nd half: 11-13 84.6%	Game: 23-26 88.5%										

Officials: Larry Sciroto, Chris Beaver, Donnie Eppley  
 Technical fouls: Eastern Washington-None. Northwestern-None.  
 Attendance: 5604  
 LEGENDS CLASSIC - EVANSTON REGIONAL ROUND - GAME 1  
 Law-New career high in points. Prev 18 vs MVSU 11/11/16

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Eastern Washington	38	34	72
Northwestern	46	40	86

### Game 3 Butler 70, NU 68 Nov. 16, 2016 • Indianapolis, Ind.

Vic Law scored 17 points, but Northwestern was clipped at the buzzer by Butler, 70-68, at Hinkle Fieldhouse. Kamar Baldwin's stepback jumper with 0.4 seconds remaining broke a tie score and was the difference. The contest featured 17 ties and 16 lead changes. Bryant McIntosh (12), Scottie Lindsey (10) and Sanjay Lumpkin (10) joined Law in double figures for the 'Cats. The Wildcats' solid defensive start saw them hold Butler to just six field goals in their first 23 attempts. With the score tied at 29 with just over a minute to go, Law drilled his third triple of the stanza in as many attempts helping the Wildcats take a 32-29 lead into the intermission. Both offenses came out on fire to open the second half with Kelan Martin scoring eight points in the first four minutes for Butler and Lindsey tallying five for the 'Cats. Law drained his fourth 3-pointer in as many tries as NU went up 42-39. However, Martin stayed red-hot, hitting his third trey of the half, putting the Bulldogs up 46-42. Butler's lead spanned between three and five points for a five-minute span but a 3-pointer by Gavin Skelly with 7:07 to go put NU in front before Law's fifth triple made it 60-54 with just under six minutes left. However, a 13-5 run by the hosts but the Bulldogs up by two before a layup by Lumpkin knotted the score at 67 with 1:42 remaining. Skelly hit one free throw with 1:03 remaining before Andrew Chrabascz also split a pair to tie the game for the 17th time with 53.4 seconds left. Following an NU turnover on the other end, Butler called a timeout, setting up the Bulldogs' game-winner.

#	Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Reb	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min
04	Law, Vic	6-8	5-6	0-0	1 5 6	4	17	0	3	0	1	0	33
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	4-8	0-2	2-2	1 4 5	3	10	2	1	0	1	31	
05	Pardon, Dererik	2-3	0-0	4-4	1 3 4	5	8	1	1	0	0	26	
20	Lindsey, Scottie	4-12	1-4	1-1	0 7 7	1	10	3	3	0	0	32	
30	McIntosh, Bryant	4-9	1-2	3-4	0 0 0	2	12	5	0	1	0	36	
12	Brown, Isiah	3-7	1-4	0-0	0 1 1	2	7	1	2	0	0	12	
25	Benson, Barret	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
32	Taphorn, Nathan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1 1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	
35	Falzon, Aaron	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 1 0	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	
44	Skelly, Gavin	1-2	1-1	1-3	2 2 4	4	4	2	1	1	0	22	
	<b>Team</b>				<b>2 0 2</b>								
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>24-50</b>	<b>9-20</b>	<b>11-14</b>	<b>7 24 31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>200</b>	
	FG % 1st Half: 11-24 45.8%	2nd half: 13-26 50.0%	Game: 24-50 48.0%										Deadball Rebounds 2,3
	3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0%	2nd half: 5-10 50.0%	Game: 9-20 45.0%										
	FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0%	2nd half: 5-6 83.3%	Game: 11-14 78.6%										

#	Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Reb	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min
04	WIDEMAN, Tyler	3-5	0-0	3-5	2 3 5	4							

**Game 4**  
**NU 77, #22/21 Texas 58**  
**Nov. 21, 2016 • Brooklyn, N.Y.**

Northwestern knocked off No. 22/21 Texas, 77-58, in the Legends Classic to advance to the championship game at Barclays Center. Junior Bryant McIntosh scored a game-high 20 points to lead four Northwestern players who tallied double-figures. Scottie Lindsey scored 16 points and Isiah Brown chipped in 10, while Dererk Pardon recorded his first double-double of the season on 10 points and 11 rebounds. Northwestern put together a complete game, shooting 48.2 percent (27-of-56) from the field and holding Texas to just 37.3 percent (19-of-51) shooting. NU forced 14 turnovers and grabbed 40 rebounds, 10 of which came on the offensive end. Northwestern set the tone of the game early by jumping out to an 11-0 lead. The #B1GCats high level of play was not limited to the offensive end as the team forced five turnovers on Texas' first six possessions. With Northwestern leading 15-5 at the 12:01 mark of the first half, Texas' Andrew Jones drilled a 3-pointer that jump-started a 15-5 run for the Longhorns to pull the score even at 20-20. Following the Longhorns' surge, Northwestern settled down and retook control of the game. Lindsey and Taphorn combined for eight points over the final 3:48 of the first half and Northwestern kept Texas out of the score column during that period to take a 34-26 lead into the locker room. The Wildcats started the second half much like how they started the game. Sanjay Lumpkin scored five straight points to help Northwestern go on a 10-1 run to start the half. Northwestern did not take its foot off the gas for the remainder of the game.

Texas 58 • 3-1		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF			A TO Bk Stl			Min		
#	Player	FG	FTA	FG	FTA	Off	Def	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min	
31	ALLEN, Jarrett	f	2-6	0-0	1-3	2	3	5	2	5	1	5	0	0	23
32	CLEAR, Shaquille	f	1-6	0-0	0-0	2	3	5	2	2	0	1	1	1	17
05	YANCY, Kendal	g	2-4	1-2	0-1	1	1	2	2	5	0	2	0	0	24
10	DAVIS JR., Eric	g	3-9	1-5	2-4	0	4	4	1	9	0	2	0	0	33
22	ROACH JR., Kerwin	g	2-7	0-3	3-6	0	5	5	3	7	2	1	2	2	27
00	MACK, Tevin	g	5-9	3-6	5-10	3	1	4	2	18	0	1	1	1	29
01	JONES, Andrew	g	3-8	1-3	2-2	0	1	1	2	9	0	1	1	0	18
03	YOUNG, Jacob	g	1-2	1-2	0-1	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	8
04	BANKS, James	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	21
<b>Team</b>						2		3							
<b>Totals</b>		19-51	7-21	13-27	10	21	31	18	58	7	14	5	4	200	

Northwestern 77 • 3-1		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF			A TO Bk Stl			Min		
#	Player	FG	FTA	FG	FTA	Off	Def	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min	
04	LAW, Vic	f	2-4	1-2	4-4	0	3	3	5	9	0	2	0	2	19
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	2-3	1-1	0	1	4	5	3	5	2	1	0	0	26
05	PARDON, Dererk	c	4-7	0-0	2-5	6	5	11	3	10	1	0	2	0	36
20	Lindsey, Scottie	g	6-12	3-7	1-1	0	4	4	0	16	1	4	1	1	29
20	McIntosh, Bryant	g	7-18	2-7	4-4	0	1	1	2	20	5	0	1	2	37
12	Brown, Isiah	g	4-8	2-5	0	1	0	1	4	10	1	3	0	0	20
23	Ash, Jordan	g	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
25	Benson, Barret	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
22	Taphorn, Nathan	g	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	4	1	3	1	0	0	16
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	5	6	4	2	3	0	1	0	13
<b>Team</b>						1		3							
<b>Totals</b>		27-56	10-24	13-16	10	30	40	24	77	14	11	4	5	200	

FG % 1st Half:	9-26 34.6%	2nd half:	10-25 40.0%	Game:	19-51 37.3%	Deadball	
3FG % 1st Half:	5-13 38.5%	2nd half:	2-8 25.0%	Game:	7-21 33.3%	Rebounds	5
FT % 1st Half:	3-9 33.3%	2nd half:	10-18 55.6%	Game:	13-27 48.1%		

<b>Score by periods</b>	1st	2nd	Total
Texas	26	32	58
Northwestern	34	43	77

Last FG - UT 2nd-02:37, NU 2nd-00:35.  
Largest lead - UT by 1 1st-07:07, NU by 20 2nd-00:35.  
UT led for 03:23, NU led for 34:33. Game was tied for 02:04.

**Game 5**  
**Notre Dame 70, NU 66**  
**Nov. 22, 2016 • Brooklyn, N.Y.**

Northwestern overcame a 12-point deficit in the second half, but it was not enough as Notre Dame hung on to win the Legends Classic title, 70-66, at Barclays Center. Scottie Lindsey led the Wildcats with 18 points, while Vic Law chipped in 14 and Nathan Taphorn had a season-high 12. Dererk Pardon blocked a career-best 6 shots. After Notre Dame built a 9-6 lead to start the game, Lindsey scored eight consecutive points to put the #B1GCats in front, 14-12, at the 14:15 mark of the first half. Notre Dame countered with an 8-0 run to take the lead and the Fighting Irish held that lead until 6:43 of the second half. Law chipped in nine points in the first half to pair with Lindsey's 11 to keep the Wildcats within two-possession at the break, 40-34. The game of runs continued in the second half as the Fighting Irish started the period with an 8-2 run and eventually built a 50-40 lead. With 13:22 to play in the second half and the Wildcats trailing, 53-48, Law hit one of his two 3-pointers to jumpstart a 9-2 run and bring Northwestern within a point, 55-54. Freshman Isiah Brown hit a pair of free throws to tie the game, 58-58, with just over seven minutes to play in the contest. Taphorn and Bryant McIntosh then connected on back-to-back 3-pointers to give Northwestern it's largest lead of the game, 64-58, at the 6:17 mark. Seven straight points by Notre Dame gave the Fighting Irish a one-point lead, but a basket by McIntosh put the Wildcats back up by one. However, a three-point play by Matt Farrell and then two free throws by Farrell following a Northwestern miss on the other end sealed the win for the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame 70 • 5-0		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF			A TO Bk Stl			Min		
#	Player	FG	FTA	FG	FTA	Off	Def	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min	
03	V.J. Beachem	f	3-11	1-4	4-7	1	2	2	1	11	0	1	1	1	35
23	Martinas Geben	f	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	11
35	Bonzie Colson	f	4-13	1-3	4-6	4	7	11	1	13	2	0	0	1	38
00	Matt Farrell	g	5-11	2-4	6-6	1	2	3	2	18	6	1	0	1	34
22	Steve Vasturia	g	6-11	3-5	3-3	1	7	8	2	18	3	2	0	3	35
00	Rex Pflueger	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	19
01	Austin Torres	g	2-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	8
02	T.J. Gibbs	g	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
04	Matt Ryan	g	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
<b>Team</b>						1		1							
<b>Totals</b>		22-53	8-18	18-24	9	18	27	17	66	13	6	1	6	2	200

Northwestern 66 • 3-2		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF			A TO Bk Stl			Min		
#	Player	FG	FTA	FG	FTA	Off	Def	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min	
04	LAW, Vic	f	6-12	2-4	0-0	1	6	7	2	14	2	2	0	0	33
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	17
05	PARDON, Dererk	c	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	2	6	3	0	6	2	35
20	Lindsey, Scottie	g	6-8	3-3	3-4	2	2	4	4	18	3	0	0	0	28
20	McIntosh, Bryant	g	1-3	1-3	0-0	1	0	1	0	7	4	4	0	0	35
12	Brown, Isiah	g	0-0	0-0	4-4	0	2	2	3	4	0	1	0	0	12
23	Ash, Jordan	g	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	9
22	Taphorn, Nathan	g	4-6	4-5	0-0	2	3	5	1	12	1	2	0	0	21
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	0-2	0-2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	10
<b>Team</b>						3		2							
<b>Totals</b>		24-54	11-19	7-8	12	25	37	17	66	15	15	6	2	200	

FG % 1st Half:	13-26 50.0%	2nd half:	11-28 39.3%	Game:	24-54 44.4%	Deadball	
3FG % 1st Half:	5-9 55.6%	2nd half:	6-10 60.0%	Game:	11-19 57.9%	Rebounds	4
FT % 1st Half:	10-13 76.9%	2nd half:	8-11 72.7%	Game:	18-24 75.0%		

<b>Score by periods</b>	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	40	30	70
Northwestern	34	32	66

Last FG - ND 2nd-00:14, NU 2nd-00:39.  
Largest lead - ND by 12 2nd-18:01, NU by 6 2nd-06:16.  
ND led for 30:28, NU led for 05:25. Game was tied for 04:05.

**Game 6**  
**NU 86, Bryant 66**  
**Nov. 25, 2016 • Evanston, Ill.**

Northwestern opened a five-game homestand by topping Bryant, 86-66, in the final game of the 2016 Legends Classic at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Vic Law was Northwestern's leading scorer for the fourth time this season by scoring a team-high 22 points, while Scottie Lindsey chipped in a season-high 20 points and Gavin Skelly tallied a career-high 15. Northwestern matched a school record with 12 blocked shots in the contest, as Law turned away a career-high four shot attempts and Skelly recorded three blocks. Bryant was led by Nisre Zouzoua, who shot 9-of-19 from the field to score a game-high 24 points, while Adam Grant chipped in 19 points. As a team, Northwestern shot 47.7-percent from the field on 31-of-65 shooting. The 31 field goals made were one shy of its season-high mark and the 65 shot attempts were the most it has taken in a game this season. Northwestern held control of Friday's game from the opening tip. Lindsey scored the Wildcats' first five points of the game and helped NU build a 17-5 lead just seven minutes into the contest. Lindsey hit one of his three 3-pointers with 6:22 left in the first half to put the 'Cats up, 32-11, and give NU its largest lead of the first half. The Wildcats were good with the basketball in their hands in the opening 20 minutes, recording 13 assists to only four turnovers. Northwestern would go on to tally a season-high 25 assists in the game. Northwestern held a 38-23 lead at the break. Bryant showed energy by starting the second half with five-straight points and eventually closing the deficit to three points when Zouzoua hit a triple to make it, 42-39, with 15:29 to play. That was as close as Bryant would come to catching Northwestern, as the Wildcats answered with a 16-2 run to bust the game wide open and eventually go on to win, 86-66.

Bryant 66 • 2-4		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF			A TO Bk Stl			Min		
#	Player	FG	FTA	FG	FTA	Off	Def	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min	
22	GARVIN, Dan	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	3	2	0	3	0	0	22
12	PETTWAY, Marcel	c	2-7	0-0	0-0	2	6	8	2	4	1	3	2	1	28
0	NDUGBA, Ikenna	g	2-6	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	4	7	3	0	1	24	
15	GRANT, Adam	g	6-10	3-6	4-4	0	3	3	2	19	4	2	1	0	35
7	ZOUZOUA, Nisre	g	9-19	5-11	1-1	0	0	1	0	24	0	0	1	1	35
1	WARE, Hunter	g	1-7	0-2	0-0	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	0	1	20
10	McHUGH, Taylor	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
20	RILEY, Gus	g	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	1	3	0	0	6
21	JOHNSON, Tanner	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	KOSTUR, Bosko	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
5	TOE, Terrill	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
54	TOWNES, Sebastian	g	4-12	1-4	0-0	1	0	1	2	9	2	0	0	0	17
<b>Team</b>						4		2							
<b>Totals</b>		26-66	9-26	5-5	13	22	35	21	66	18	16	4	5	200	

FG % 1st Half:	10-28 35.7%	2nd half:	16-38 42.1%	Game:	26-66 39.4%	Deadball	
3FG % 1st Half:	1-8 12.5%	2nd half:	8-18 44.4%	Game:	9-26 36.4%	Rebounds	5
FT % 1st Half:	2-2 100.0	2nd half:	3-3 100.0	Game:	5-5 100.0		

Northwestern 86 • 4-2		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF			A TO Bk Stl			Min		
#	Player	FG	FTA	FG	FTA	Off	Def	PF	TP	A	To	Bk	Stl	Min	
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	1-2	0-0	1-2	2	4	6	2	3	1	4	3	1	22
4	Law, Vic														

## Game 7 NU 65, Wake Forest 58 Nov. 28, 2016 • Evanston, Ill.

Bryant McIntosh poured in 19 second-half points to lead a surging Northwestern past Wake Forest, 65-58, in the ACC/Big Challenge. He finished with a game-high 23 points. The 'Cats relied on a staunch defensive effort led by Lumpkin, who had seven rebounds, three steals and one block. NU held the Demon Deacons to just 31.1 percent shooting for the game. The Wildcats got off to a slow start and the Demon Deacons took advantage, opening the game on a 12-5 run. Northwestern responded with an 11-2 run ignited by a Vic Law three, taking a 16-14 lead at the 12-minute mark. It was Wake Forest's turn to strike again and it responded with a 10-0 run, retaking the lead 24-16. A Skelly three-pointer capped off a Northwestern 10-0 run to answer, putting NU back on top 26-24. The teams traded baskets in the final five minutes, and the Demon Deacons entered the half with a 31-30 lead. The teams went back and forth in the second half, but McIntosh started to take charge. At the 12-minute mark he went on a 6-0 run of his own, putting in three consecutive layups that put the 'Cats up 44-42 with 11 minutes to go. The game was tied at 53 with 3:25 left when McIntosh took over. He added eight more points in that final stretch, including a corner three as the shot clock expired to give the Wildcats a 61-55 lead with just one minute left. Lumpkin tacked on two breakaway layups in the final 20 seconds, capping off the victory. Northwestern made 50 percent of its shots in the second half, while holding Wake Forest to 27.3 percent. The 'Cats committed only 10 turnovers, compared to 19 from the Demon Deacons.

### Wake Forest 58 • 5-2

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	T	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							
20	John Collins	f	6-13	0-0	0-2	8	8	16	3	12	0	1	2	0	27		
44	Austin Arians	f	1-4	0-2	3-3	2	1	3	1	5	1	0	0	1	23		
44	Dinos Mitoglou	f	4-10	1-5	2-2	4	7	11	2	11	1	3	0	1	32		
10	Mitchell Wilbekin	g	1-5	1-4	2-2	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	24		
13	Bryant Crawford	g	3-12	0-4	2-2	1	4	5	3	8	4	9	0	0	28		
0	Brandon Childress		2-8	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	5	0	1	0	2	15		
1	Keyshawn Woods	2-7	2-4	6-6	1	0	6	2	12	4	2	0	1	32			
11	Greg McClinton	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	14			
4	Doral Moore	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5			
	Team				3	3	3										
	Totals		19-61	5-21	15-17	19	29	48	16	58	10	19	2	5	200		
	FG % 1st Half:	10-28	35.7%	2nd half:	9-33	27.3%	Game:	19-61	31.1%	Deadball							
	3FG % 1st Half:	2-9	22.2%	2nd half:	3-12	25.0%	Game:	5-21	23.8%	Rebounds							
	FT % 1st Half:	9-9	100.0	2nd half:	6-8	75.0%	Game:	15-17	88.2%								

### Northwestern 65 • 5-2

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	T	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	4-7	0-2	2-2	5	2	7	1	10	3	1	0	3	33		
4	Law, Vic	f	3-11	1-6	0-2	0	2	2	3	7	2	0	0	2	33		
5	Pardon, Derrek	c	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	4	2	1	1	2	16			
20	Lindsey, Scottie	g	1-4	2-8	0-0	0	1	1	3	12	4	0	0	31			
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	10-16	2-3	1-2	1	3	4	3	23	2	2	0	0	34		
12	Brown, Isaiah	g	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7			
23	Ash, Jordan	g	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	11			
4	Garrison, Barret	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1			
32	Taphorn, Nathan	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	5			
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	4-8	1-4	2-3	2	4	6	3	11	4	3	2	29			
	Team				2	2	3										
	Totals		27-66	6-26	5-9	13	24	37	17	65	18	10	6	9	200		
	FG % 1st Half:	12-36	33.3%	2nd half:	15-30	50.0%	Game:	27-66	40.9%	Deadball							
	3FG % 1st Half:	4-14	28.6%	2nd half:	2-12	16.7%	Game:	6-26	23.1%	Rebounds							
	FT % 1st Half:	2-5	40.0%	2nd half:	3-4	75.0%	Game:	5-9	55.6%								

Officials: Lamont Simpson, DJ Carstensen, Kelly Pfiefer  
Technical fouls: Wake Forest-None. Northwestern-None.  
Attendance: 6386

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wake Forest	21	27	58
Northwestern	30	35	65

Last FG - WF 2nd-00:32, NU 2nd-00:12.  
Largest lead - WF by 8:18-07:56, NU by 7:2nd-00:12.  
WF led for 19:20. NU led for 12:47. Game was tied for 07:53.

Points In Off 2nd Fast  
T/O Paint T/O Chance Break  
WF 20 14 25 2 17  
NU 34 15 9 9 11

Score tied - 9 times.  
Lead changed - 13 times.

## Game 8 NU 80, DePaul 64 Dec. 3, 2016 • Evanston, Ill.

Scottie Lindsey posted 19 points, 6 rebounds and a career-high-tying 7 assists and Northwestern used a huge first-half run in rolling to a dominating 80-64 win over DePaul at Welsh-Ryan Arena. NU led by as many as 39 points in the contest. The Wildcats got immediate offensive contributions from a pair of unlikely sources. Inserted into the starting lineup for the first time in his career, freshman center Barret Benson knocked down a pair of shots in the opening six minutes of the contest while Sanjay Lumpkin drilled two 3-pointers. With NU holding a 7-6 advantage early on, the second bucket of the game for each helped NU pull away. Where Benson and Lumpkin both kick-started the offense, Lindsey became a one-man wrecking crew. The junior wing knocked down four 3-pointers and scored 14 points during a 32-5 run over an eight-minute span that stretched Northwestern's advantage to 39-11 with eight minutes to go in the opening stanza. Lindsey would finish the opening stanza with 16 points while Lumpkin (11) and Gavin Skelly (10) joined him in double figures by the intermission as the 'Cats took a convincing 54-18 lead at the break. Northwestern limited DePaul to 24.1 percent shooting (7-29) over the opening 20 minutes of play while the Wildcats connected on 54.3 percent (19-35) of their attempts. The 'Cats hit on 7 of their 13 attempts from 3-point range while the Blue Demons failed to hit on any of their 11 shots from behind the arch. DePaul never threatened in the second half as four Northwestern players finished in double figures in the scoring column. Vic Law tallied 16 points while Skelly posted 15 and Lumpkin chipped in with 11.

### DePaul 64 • 4-2

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	T	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							
10	McCallum, Tre'Darius	f	0-4	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	5	0	1	1	0	2	16		
33	Hanel, Joe	f	3-5	0-0	5-6	3	4	7	3	11	1	1	2	0	33		
04	CYRUS, Brandon	g	1-6	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	12			
05	GARRETT, Billy	g	1-9	1-3	8-9	1	5	6	0	11	3	3	0	2	31		
11	Cain, Eli	g	3-9	0-3	3-4	1	5	6	3	9	0	1	0	0	24		
00	CURINGTON, R.J.	g	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	2	14		
01	WOOD, Darrick	g	1-2	0-1	3-7	5	3	8	4	15	2	2	1	0	24		
03	Geek, Devin	g	1-3	0-2	2-2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	4			
25	Fischerberger, Al	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	7		
44	Cook, Levi	g	2-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	3	4	1	3	1	0	7		
51	Harrison-Docks, Chris	g	3-8	1-6	0-1	1	2	2	7	2	0	0	0	28			
	Team				3	4	7										
	Totals		20-61	2-20	22-31	15	27	42	22	64	11	12	5	8	200		
	FG % 1st Half:	7-29	24.1%	2nd half:	13-32	40.6%	Game:	20-61	32.8%	Deadball							
	3FG % 1st Half:	4-11	0.0%	2nd half:	2-12	16.7%	Game:	6-26	23.1%	Rebounds							
	FT % 1st Half:	4-7	57.1%	2nd half:	18-24	75.0%	Game:	22-31	71.0%								

### Northwestern 80 • 6-2

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	T	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	4-7	2-2	1-1	3	7	10	4	11	2	1	3	0	29		
4	Law, Vic	f	6-12	2-4	2-2	2	4	6	2	16	5	1	1	2	32		
5	Benson, Barret	c	2-3	0-2	1-4	1	2	3	4	5	0	2	1	1	20		
20	Lindsey, Scottie	g	7-16	5-8	0-0	1	5	6	1	19	7	2	0	2	34		
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	1-4	0-2	2-2	0	6	6	4	4	5	4	0	0	24		
12	Brown, Isaiah	g	0-7	0-1	4-5	0	0	0	5	4	1	1	1	1	15		
23	Ash, Jordan	g	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	13		
32	Taphorn, Nathan	g	1-2	1-2	3-4	0	0	0	5	6	1	1	0	0	7		
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	5-7	0-1	5-6	1	2	3	1	15	1	1	0	0	26		
	Team				1	5	6										
	Totals		26-60	10-22	18-24	10	31	41	28	80	23	13	7	5	200		
	FG % 1st Half:	19-35	54.3%	2nd half:	7-25	28.0%	Game:	26-60	43.3%	Deadball							
	3FG % 1st Half:	7-13	53.8%	2nd half:	3-9	33.3%	Game:	10-22	45.5%	Rebounds							
	FT % 1st Half:	9-9	100.0	2nd half:	18-24	75.0%	Game:	18-24	75.0%								

Officials: Paul Szek, Steve McClunkins, Mike Eades  
Technical fouls: DePaul-None. Northwestern-None.  
Attendance: 6751

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
DePaul	13	46	59
Northwestern	54	26	80

Last FG - DPU 2nd-00:39, NU 2nd-01:37.  
Largest lead - DPU None, NU by 39:03. Game was tied for 00:57.  
DPU led for 00:00. NU led for 39:03.

Points In Off 2nd Fast  
T/O Paint T/O Chance Break  
DPU 17 22 15 14 2 31  
NU 22 20 15 14 2 31

Score tied - 0 times.  
Lead changed - 0 times.

## Game 9 NU 83, New Orleans 49 Dec. 11, 2016 • Evanston, Ill.

Northwestern forced a season-high 21 turnovers and remained perfect at Welsh-Ryan Arena during the 2016-17 season by rolling to an 83-49 victory over New Orleans. Nathan Taphorn established a career high with 18 points off the bench while Scottie Lindsey scored 13 of his 16 points in the first half. The Wildcats got off to a solid start, jumping out to a 7-2 lead as Bryant McIntosh buried a 3-pointer before dishing out a pair of assists. Northwestern was stout defensively to begin the contest, limiting the Privateers to only two field goals while forcing seven turnovers over the opening 10 minutes of the stanza. Lindsey scored five points during an 11-2 run over a four-minute span that saw the 'Cats extend their advantage to 18-7. The lead was 24-15 when Northwestern gave itself some breathing room with yet another 11-2 run. Skelly sparked the run by knocking down a pair of free throws prior to grabbing an offensive rebound and kicking it out to a wide-open Taphorn for a triple. Following a New Orleans basket, Lindsey connected on three straight field goals, forcing the Privateers to burn a timeout as NU's lead grew to 37-18. Northwestern eventually took a 43-22 advantage into the intermission behind 13 points from Lindsey, while McIntosh (5 assists) and Taphorn contributed 7 points apiece. The 'Cats limited UNO to 31.8 percent shooting over the opening 20 minutes of play while forcing 11 turnovers by the Privateers. NU put the game away early on in the second half, out-scoring New Orleans 12-2 over the first four minutes of the stanza as the hosts stretched their lead to 31, 55-24. The run to open the half eventually grew to 22-2 over the opening 7:30 of the period with the advantage ballooning to 41, 65-24, with just under 13 minutes remaining and NU cruised the rest of the way.

### New Orleans 49 • 4-4

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	T	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							
14	Thomas, Erik	f	7-13	1-1	2-3	4	6	10	1	17	2	5	0	1	36		
22	Puou, Makur	f	1-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	4	3	0	0	1	0	25		
25	Thibodeaux, Travin	f	4-8	0-0	2-4	2	2	4	5	10	0	4	0	2	21		
1	Broyles, Tevin	g	0-2	0-1	2-4	0	2	2	3	2	2	6	0	1	33		
5	Gill, Christavious	g	3-7	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	4	3	2					



Game 13

NU 72, Houston Baptist 63  
Dec. 22, 2016 • Evanston, Ill.

Northwestern used a solid defensive effort in the second half to overcome a slow start to earn a 72-63 victory over Houston Baptist at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Scottie Lindsey paced four Wildcats in double figures with 19 points. The Huskies got off to a good start offensively and led the Wildcats 16-11 eight minutes into the contest. A 3-pointer by Lindsey trimmed the NU deficit to two, but Houston Baptist responded by pushing its lead to seven, 23-16, as the clock went under 8 minutes left in the opening half. Houston Baptist eventually took a 35-25 halftime lead as Northwestern managed just 26.7 percent shooting (8-30) over the opening 20 minutes of play. The Huskies, meanwhile, connected on 53.8 percent (14-26) of their first-half field goal attempts. NU pecked away at the deficit at the start of the second period as 3-pointers by Sanjay Lumpkin and Bryant McIntosh got the Wildcats within four just over two minutes into the half. Northwestern twice got within one before a putback basket by Lumpkin gave the 'Cats a 45-44 lead as the clock went under 13 minutes remaining. Trailing by a point, Lindsey nailed a corner triple before Brown made a pair from the charity stripe and then scored in the lane, giving NU a 52-46 advantage with 9 minutes left. The Wildcats' lead was still at six when Vic Law grabbed an offensive rebound and scored to make it 58-50 with 5 minutes to go. Law's three-point play a minute later extended the advantage to 11 and Houston Baptist was unable to get closer than six the rest of the way.

Houston Baptist 63 • 4-6

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG-FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
15	Chukwujekwu, Reveal	f	4-10	0-3	2-2	3-4	2	4	10	1	3	0	0	3	1	31	
5	Lasher, Colter	f	6-10	0-2	1-2	0	4	4	3	13	4	4	0	1	27		
44	Ibarra, Josh	c	1-6	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	4	3	0	2	1	0	21		
3	Cantwell, Asa	g	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	5	3	1	0	0	0	20		
20	Bonds, Braxton	g	2-8	0-2	0-0	2	4	6	2	4	2	1	0	2	34		
11	Russell, Atif	g	5-8	0-2	3-5	0	6	6	2	13	2	3	1	1	22		
2	Weber, Jalen	g	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	3	2	1	1	0	0	12		
23	Fountain, Alex	g	2-5	1-3	6-9	1	3	4	2	11	2	0	3	0	22		
4	Stetter, Cody	g	1-4	0-0	2-2	1	2	4	1	2	4	1	0	1	11		
Team					2-4		2		4						1		
Totals			22-54	2-14	17-24	10	31	41	28	63	14	15	6	5	200		

FG % 1st Half:	14-26	53.8%	2nd half:	8-28	28.6%	Game:	24-54	40.7%	Deadball	
3FG % 1st Half:	2-5	40.0%	2nd half:	0-9	0.0%	Game:	2-14	14.3%	Rebounds	4
FT % 1st Half:	5-6	83.3%	2nd half:	12-18	66.7%	Game:	17-24	70.8%		

Northwestern 72 • 11-2

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG-FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	3-4	1-2	4-5	3	6	9	2	11	1	1	0	0	0	36	
4	Law, Vic	f	4-12	1-5	2-5	2	6	8	3	11	2	1	1	1	32		
25	Benson, Barret	c	1-2	0-0	1-2	4	2	6	1	3	3	0	2	0	19		
30	Lindsey, Scottie	g	7-22	2-10	3-3	1	4	5	1	19	1	1	0	1	35		
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	3-15	1-4	2-4	1	2	3	2	9	6	5	0	1	35		
12	Brown, Isiah	g	3-7	1-2	5-8	1	1	2	2	12	1	1	0	2	19		
32	Taphorn, Nathan	g	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	9		
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	3-3	1-1	0-0	2	2	4	5	7	0	0	2	0	15		
Team					3		6		3						1		
Totals			24-67	7-25	17-27	17	25	42	17	72	14	10	6	5	200		

FG % 1st Half:	8-30	26.7%	2nd half:	16-37	43.2%	Game:	24-54	35.8%	Deadball	
3FG % 1st Half:	4-13	30.8%	2nd half:	3-12	25.0%	Game:	7-25	28.0%	Rebounds	5
FT % 1st Half:	5-6	83.3%	2nd half:	12-21	57.1%	Game:	17-27	63.0%		

Officials: Larry Scotto, Lewis Garrison, Courtney Green  
 Technical fouls: Northwestern-None. Northwestern-None.  
 Attendance: 6372

Score by periods		1st	2nd	Total
Houston Baptist		25	28	63
Northwestern		25	47	72

Score by periods		1st	2nd	Total
Houston Baptist		25	28	63
Northwestern		25	47	72

Last FG - HBU 2nd-00:12, NU 2nd-00:18.  
 Largest lead - HBU by 12 1st-04:45, NU by 11 2nd-04:01.  
 HBU led for 23:12, NU led for 14:27, Game was tied for 02:21.

Game 14

NU 87, Penn State 77  
Dec. 27, 2016 • University Park, Pa.

Scottie Lindsey scored a career-high 31 points in leading Northwestern to an 87-77 win at Penn State in the Big Ten opener for both teams. The Wildcats were red-hot from the field to open the game, connecting on each of their first six attempts and eight of their first nine, forcing Penn State to burn an early timeout just over four minutes into the contest. Lindsey had the hot hand with his 3-pointer at the 13:34 mark giving him 9 points as Northwestern pushed its advantage to 22-9. Barret Benson's three-point play made it an 18-2 run for the 'Cats and extended the lead to 16 by the under-12 media timeout. Lindsey's second triple of the half gave the Wildcats a 19-point edge, 35-16, but six straight points by the hosts trimmed the lead to 13. Gavin Skelly helped stem the tide by knocking down a triple that made it 38-22. Back-to-back triples late by Isiah Brown and Nathan Taphorn gave Northwestern its largest lead of the half, 51-30, with the 'Cats eventually taking a 51-32 advantage into halftime. A slow start to the second half saw Penn State close to within 13 as the Wildcats went without a field goal for a six-minute span, but a huge triple by Lindsey made it 58-42 with just over 13 minutes remaining. The Nittany Lions were still within striking distance trailing by 14 as the clock went under 12 minutes, but two free throws by Law and 3-pointers by McIntosh and Skelly during an 8-1 run pushed the lead back up to 21, 66-45. Penn State never got closer than 17 until the final outcome had already been determined as NU started its Big Ten season with a road win for the third straight year.

Northwestern 87 • 12-2, 1-0

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG-FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
04	Law, Vic	f	4-9	1-4	3-4	5	7	12	5	12	1	1	1	0	0	27	
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	1-1	0-0	1-2	1	6	7	4	3	1	1	1	1	24		
25	Benson, Barret	c	2-4	0-0	2-5	3	1	4	6	2	0	0	2	0	15		
30	Lindsey, Scottie	g	9-14	5-8	8-9	0	5	5	4	31	2	2	1	1	35		
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	5-13	1-4	0-0	2	3	5	3	11	8	2	0	0	36		
12	Brown, Isiah	g	2-9	1-4	4-4	0	0	0	2	9	0	1	0	1	16		
23	Ash, Jordan	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
32	Taphorn, Nathan	g	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	13		
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	4-9	2-2	2-2	2	3	5	3	12	0	2	2	1	29		
Team					1		3		1						1		
Totals			28-63	11-26	20-26	14	27	41	27	87	19	12	5	5	200		

FG % 1st Half:	19-34	55.9%	2nd half:	9-29	31.0%	Game:	28-63	44.4%	Deadball	
3FG % 1st Half:	6-12	50.0%	2nd half:	5-14	35.7%	Game:	11-26	42.3%	Rebounds	4
FT % 1st Half:	7-10	70.0%	2nd half:	13-16	81.3%	Game:	20-26	76.9%		

Penn State 77 • 8-6, 0-1

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG-FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
11	Shelton, Lamar	f	5-10	0-0	2-2	1	3	4	1	12	1	2	0	0	27		
24	Watkins, Mike	f	3-4	0-0	2-6	2	6	8	4	8	1	3	1	1	24		
10	Carr, Tony	g	5-13	1-4	4-5	0	7	7	4	15	3	0	0	0	35		
23	Reaves, Josh	g	7-16	3-6	5-7	2	2	4	3	22	4	2	2	3	37		
33	Garner, Shep	g	2-9	0-3	4-8	1	3	4	0	8	1	1	0	1	35		
20	Lindsey, Scottie	g	1-3	1-1	4-4	0	0	2	4	6	0	1	0	0	21		
05	Samuel, Terrence	g	1-4	0-1	2-2	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	11		
21	Washington, Isiah	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
44	Moore, Julian	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	9		
Team					1		3		1						1		
Totals			25-60	4-15	23-34	12	23	35	19	77	10	11	5	6	200		

FG % 1st Half:	10-33	30.3%	2nd half:	15-27	55.6%	Game:	25-60	41.7%	Deadball	
3FG % 1st Half:	2-10	20.0%	2nd half:	2-5	40.0%	Game:	4-15	26.7%	Rebounds	7
FT % 1st Half:	10-15	66.7%	2nd half:	13-19	68.4%	Game:	23-34	67.6%		

Officials: Lamont Simpson, Donnie Eppley, Steve Mclunkins  
 Technical fouls: Northwestern-None. Penn State-None.  
 Attendance: 5811

Score by periods		1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern		51	36	87
Penn State		32	45	77

Score by periods		1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern		51	36	87
Penn State		32	45	77

Last FG - NU 2nd-00:23, PSU 2nd-00:18.  
 Largest lead - NU by 24 2nd-05:29, PSU None.  
 NU led for 38:38, PSU led for 00:00, Game was tied for 01:22.

Game 15

Michigan State 61, NU 52  
Dec. 30, 2016 • East Lansing, Mich.

Northwestern battled back from a big first-half deficit but couldn't quite make it all the way back and the Wildcats had their nine-game winning streak snapped in a 61-52 loss to Michigan State Breslin Center. Vic Law paced NU with 16 points and 9 rebounds. The Spartans got out of the gates quickly, scoring on each of their first four possessions in jumping out to a 9-2 lead and forcing NU to burn a timeout. The deficit grew to 11-3 before Nathan Taphorn connected on a 3-pointer to get the Wildcats back within five. Uncharacteristic turnovers and cold shooting plagued Northwestern as Michigan State used a 12-0 run to push its lead to 15, 23-6, with under nine minutes remaining in the half. Northwestern finally got things going on the offensive end as Scottie Lindsey hit a pair of triples and Vic Law hit another, sparking an 11-3 run that cut a 19-point deficit to 28-17. Taphorn's second try of the stanza and a bucket by Law got NU back to within single digits at 33-24 with just over two minutes left in the half. Bryant McIntosh's basket just before the first-half buzzer got Northwestern within 36-29 at the break as the Wildcats trimmed 12 points off Michigan State's largest lead. Northwestern picked up in the second half where it left in the first as Sanjay Lumpkin drilled a 3-pointer to get the Wildcats within four. Michigan State twice pushed its advantage back up to nine, but NU continued to battle back. With in striking distance and Northwestern trailing 48-44, both teams went into a prolonged offensive drought. The Spartans eventually scored five straight points to go up by nine once again, but two free throws by Lindsey finally got NU back on the scoreboard. However, the Wildcats weren't quite able to make it all the way back.

Northwestern 52 • 12-3, 1-1 B1G

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG-FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
04	Law, Vic	f	6-11	1-1	3-6	0	9	9	2	16	3	2	0	1	36		
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	3-6	1-3	0-0	3	3	6	5	7	2	0	0	0	34		
25	Benson, Barret	c	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	12		
30	Lindsey, Scottie	g	3-11	3-6	2-2	0	3	3	1	11	0	0	0	2	36		
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	3-14	0-3	1-1	0	0	0	5	7	2	0	1	37			
12	Brown, Isiah	g	1-4	0-1	1-3	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	12		
23	Ash, Jordan	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		
32	Taphorn, Nathan	g	3-5	2-4	0-0	0	2	2	2	8	2	1	1	1	21		
44																	

Game 16

Minnesota 70, NU 66

Jan. 5, 2017 • Evanston, Ill.

Bryant McIntosh scored a game-high 21 points but Northwestern dropped its Big Ten home opener to Minnesota 70-66 contest at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Both teams opened the game hot, with the Gophers sinking their first five shots to counter Northwestern's three straight makes. Vic Law's 3-point play gave the 'Cats their first lead of the night, 17-16. Northwestern followed Law's outburst by forcing five straight empty Minnesota possessions. But the 'Cats went cold too, and the Gophers overcame a six-point deficit to jump in front 24-22. The first half then turned into a back-and-forth affair: Neither team could pull ahead by more than three points until McIntosh drove in for a buzzer-beating layup to give Northwestern a 39-35 edge at the break. The Wildcats played sharp defense coming out of the break, holding Minnesota without a field goal for almost five minutes. A steal and a dunk by Scottie Lindsey pushed the Wildcats' lead to 47-40. Northwestern continued to play lockdown defense, limiting the Gophers to a 1-of-12 start to the half. But the shots didn't fall for NU either, and a 10-0 Minnesota run behind threes from Akeem Springs and Amir Coffey put the visitors back ahead, 50-47. Law ended the NU scoring drought with a hard-fought layup off his own offensive rebound. The 'Cats trailed 54-51 at the second media timeout. The teams went back and forth from there, and a dunk from Pardon brought Northwestern back within three, 60-57, at the 3:11 mark. But cold outside shooting kept NU scoreless until a McIntosh layup with 19 seconds left, which again closed the gap to three. The junior followed with a 3-pointer on the next possession, but Minnesota hit its free throws late and held on to win.

Minnesota 70 • 14-2, 2-1 B1G

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
3	Murphy, Jordan	3	7	0	1	1	4	0	7	3	1	3	1	3	1	31	
22	Lynch, Reggie	4	10	0	0	4	4	6	2	8	3	12	0	2	1	25	
1	McBrayer, Dupree	3	10	0	3	1	2	1	2	3	1	7	4	1	0	29	
2	Mason, Nate	2	8	0	2	8	9	0	5	5	0	12	7	1	0	36	
5	Coffey, Amir	7	12	3	6	0	3	2	2	4	0	17	3	0	1	31	
10	Springs, Akeem	3	6	2	5	0	0	2	2	0	0	8	1	1	0	17	
21	Konate, Bakary	2	2	0	0	1	2	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	
24	Curry, Eric	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	
42	Hurt, Michael	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	7	
<b>Team</b>		<b>25-57</b>		<b>6-19</b>		<b>14-22</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>29</b>		<b>41</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>70</b>	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>24-63</b>		<b>6-26</b>		<b>12-13</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>35</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>66</b>	

FG % 1st Half: 16-29 55.2% 2nd half: 9-28 32.1% Game: 25-57 43.9% Deadball Rebounds: 4  
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 6-19 31.6%  
 FT % 1st Half: 0-4 0.0% 2nd half: 14-18 77.8% Game: 14-22 63.6%

**Northwestern 66 • 12-4, 1-2 B1G**

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
3	Murphy, Jordan	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
4	Law, Vic	4	12	2	5	4	4	3	5	8	2	14	1	0	3	0	36
5	Pardon, Derek	4	6	0	0	1	2	1	7	8	0	9	2	0	1	1	32
20	Lindsey, Scottie	6	12	0	5	2	2	0	2	2	3	10	4	0	0	2	30
30	McIntosh, Bryant	7	15	2	5	5	5	2	2	2	21	5	3	0	1	31	
12	Brown, Isiah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
23	Ash, Jordan	1	3	1	3	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
25	Benson, Barret	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	2
32	Taphorn, Nathan	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	1	0	0	15
44	Skelly, Gavin	2	9	0	6	0	0	2	4	1	5	1	1	1	0	23	
<b>Team</b>		<b>23-57</b>		<b>4-11</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>25</b>	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>24-63</b>		<b>6-26</b>		<b>12-13</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>35</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>66</b>	

FG % 1st Half: 13-25 52.0% 2nd half: 11-38 28.9% Game: 24-63 38.1% Deadball Rebounds: 0  
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 1-15 6.7% Game: 6-26 23.1%  
 FT % 1st Half: 8-9 88.9% 2nd half: 4-4 100.0% Game: 12-13 92.3%

Officials: Gene Stenotore, Paul Szlez, Chris Beaver  
 Technical fouls: Minnesota-None, Northwestern-None.  
 Attendance: 7215

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Minnesota	35	35	70
Northwestern	39	27	66

Last FG - MINN 2nd-01:27, NU 2nd-00:04.  
 Largest lead - MINN by 6 1st-16:32, NU by 7 2nd-16:51.  
 NWN led for 17:56, NU led for 17:17. Game was tied for 04:47.

Score tied - 11 times.  
 Lead changed - 8 times.

Game 17

NU 74, Nebraska 66

Jan. 8, 2017 • Lincoln, Neb.

Northwestern handed Nebraska its first conference defeat as the Wildcats posted a 74-66 victory at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Scottie Lindsey scored 15 of his game-high 19 points in the second half to pace NU. The Wildcats struggled from the field to open the game, connecting on only one of their first six attempts prior to the first media timeout as Nebraska jumped out to an 8-2 lead. The deficit grew to eight before the Wildcats answered with a 10-2 run of their own that leveled the game at 12. The Wildcats eventually took their first lead of the game at the midway point of the stanza when Skelly converted a three-point play to put NU up 17-14. Back-to-back treys by Vic Law extended Northwestern's advantage to 23-18 by the penultimate media timeout of the period. Nebraska closed to within four, but Bryant McIntosh hit NU's sixth triple of the half to make it 33-23. Northwestern turnovers opened the door for the Cornhuskers who scored the final 14 points of the period to take a 37-33 lead at the intermission. Nebraska extended its lead to seven early in the second half but 3-point shooting got the 'Cats back in the game. When Lindsey nailed his first trey of the game, it allowed Northwestern to reclaim a 48-47 lead. Tied at 50, triples Lindsey and Law (fifth in as many attempts) put NU in front by six just past the midway point of the half. The Wildcats were up five when Sanjay Lumpkin scored on a layup and Pardon hit one free throw to push NU's lead to 68-60 with 2:33 remaining. A triple by Tai Webster got Nebraska within five with 1:25 left, but McIntosh hit a tough lead-in with 59.2 seconds remaining and Isiah Brown and Lindsey both hit a pair of free throws to seal the victory.

Northwestern 74 • 13-4, 2-2

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
4	Law, Vic	5	9	5	6	0	1	4	5	10	0	12	4	0	0	0	31
05	Pardon, Derek	6	8	0	0	1	2	3	5	2	13	1	1	1	1	1	32
20	Lindsey, Scottie	6	12	2	7	5	5	1	2	3	2	19	1	2	0	2	33
30	McIntosh, Bryant	3	10	1	4	4	4	1	3	4	3	11	4	1	0	1	35
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	1	4	0	2	0	0	4	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	25
12	Brown, Isiah	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
23	Ash, Jordan	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	
32	Taphorn, Nathan	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	11	
44	Skelly, Gavin	4	4	2	3	1	1	0	4	4	9	1	3	0	2	23	
<b>Team</b>		<b>25-49</b>		<b>11-24</b>		<b>13-14</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>23</b>		<b>30</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>74</b>	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>25-49</b>		<b>11-24</b>		<b>13-14</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>23</b>		<b>30</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>74</b>	

FG % 1st Half: 13-25 52.0% 2nd half: 11-38 28.9% Game: 24-63 38.1% Deadball Rebounds: 0  
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-14 42.9% 2nd half: 5-10 50.0% Game: 11-24 45.8%  
 FT % 1st Half: 1-1 100.0 2nd half: 12-13 92.3% Game: 13-14 92.9%

Officials: Mike Eades, Glenn Mayborg, Edwin Young  
 Technical fouls: Northwestern-None, Nebraska-None.  
 Attendance: 15053

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern	35	39	74
Nebraska	37	29	66

Last FG - NU 2nd-00:58, NEB 2nd-00:50.  
 Largest lead - NU by 14 1st-02:37, NEB by 8 1st-15:11.  
 NU led for 20:56, NEB led for 15:50. Game was tied for 03:05.

Score tied - 3 times.  
 Lead changed - 5 times.

Game 18

NU 69, Rutgers 60

Jan. 12, 2017 • Piscataway, N.J.

Derek Pardon finished just shy of a triple-double (8 points, 11 rebounds, 8 blocked shots) and Vic Law scored 19 of his game-high 23 points in the second half as Northwestern fought off a slow start to defeat Rutgers, 69-60, at Rutgers Athletic Center. NU blocked a school-record 15 shots in the contest, paced by Pardon. The Wildcats came out of the gates slowly as the Scarlet Knights surged in front by scoring the first seven points of the game. NU managed just one field goal in its first 10 attempts as Rutgers' lead grew to 11-3 before Gavin Skelly connected on a 3-pointer from the top of the key. Isiah Brown provided Northwestern with an offensive spark off the bench, tallying 11 points in the first half, including a triple that closed the 'Cats to within 15-13. However, Rutgers eventually pushed its lead back up to seven by the final media timeout of the period. The Scarlet Knights' advantage grew to nine, but Northwestern scored the final six points of the half to close the deficit to 28-25 at the intermission. The Wildcats swatted nine Scarlet Knights' shot in the opening stanza, including four by Pardon. Northwestern got its offense going to open the second half, connecting on four of their first five attempts capped by a runner in the lane by Bryant McIntosh that gave the Wildcats their first lead of the game, 33-32, with 17:19 remaining. The lead was three coming out of the under-12 media timeout when McIntosh scored four straight points to push the advantage to 44-37. Rutgers was within three, 46-43, but three free throws by Law and then a transition layup by the redshirt sophomore extended the lead to eight. The lead grew to as many as 13 points and Rutgers was unable to get closer than seven the rest of the way.

Northwestern 69 • 14-4, 3-2

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
11	Omoriyu, Eugene	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	7	0	2	0	0	0	21
33	Freenan, Deshawn	3	8	1	1	5	10	15	1	2	2	12	2	0	0	2	34
4	Law, Vic	4	7	1	4	0	0	2	6	3	4	0	1	1	1	1	34
34	Gettys, C.J.	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	3	4	0	1	1	1	14
10	Johnson, Nigel	2	14	0	5	4	1	1	2	3	8	1	1	1	0	31	
5	Sanders, Corey	7	17	3	8	4	8	1	3	3	18	4	2	1	1	33	
12	Brown, Isiah	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	1	1	0	0	32	
4	Laurent, Jonathan	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	8	
05	Williams, Mike	2	8	0	3	1	1	3	4	3	5	0	0	1	0	21	
21	Sa, Candido	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	10	
32	Diallo, Ibrahim	1	4	0	0	0	2	4	2	4	2	1	1	2	0	20	
5	Thiam, Issa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
<b>Team</b>		<b>22-49</b>		<b>1-12</b>		<b>15-23</b>		<b>21</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>41</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>60</b>	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>22-49</b>		<b>1-12</b>		<b>15-23</b>		<b>21</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>41</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>60</b>	

FG % 1st Half: 9-34 26.5% 2nd half: 15-29 51.7% Game: 24-63 38.1% Deadball Rebounds: 5  
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-13 15.4% 2nd half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 3-20 15.0%  
 FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 13-14 92.9% Game: 18-20 90.0%

Officials: Terry Wymer, D.J. Carstensen, Ted Valentine  
 Technical fouls: Northwestern-None, Rutgers-None.  
 Attendance: 3723

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern	25	44	69
Rutgers	28	32	60

Last FG - NU 2nd-01:16, RUTGERS 2nd-00:15.  
 Largest lead - NU by 14 1st-02:46, RUTGERS by 9 1st-02:04.  
 NU led for 16:58, RUTGERS led for 22:17. Game was tied for 00:45.

Score tied - 1 time.  
 Lead changed - 1 time.

Rutgers 60 • 11-7, 0-5

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
11	Omoriyu, Eugene	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	7	0	2	0	0	0	21
33	Freenan, Deshawn	3	8	1	1	5	10	15	1	2	2	12	2	0	0	2	34
4	Law, Vic	4	7	1	4	0	0	2	6	3	4	0	1	1	1	1	34
34	Gettys, C.J.	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	3	4	0	1	1	1	14
10	Johnson, Nigel	2	14	0	5	4	1	1	2	3	8	1	1	1	0	31	
5	Sanders, Corey	7	17	3	8	4	8	1	3	3	18	4	2				

## Game 19 NU 89, Iowa 54 Jan. 15, 2017 • Evanston, Ill.

Northwestern never trailed in rolling to its largest margin of victory ever over Iowa, notching a 89-54 victory at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Scottie Lindsey posted 22 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals while Bryant McIntosh totaled 20 points and 10 assists. Dererk Pardon (14) and Vic Law (12) also scored in double figures for the Wildcats who won their third consecutive game. NU jumped on the Hawkeyes early, scoring the first eight points of the game. The Hawkeyes closed to with 25-22 with eight minutes left in the first half, but the Wildcats utilized a 14-1 run over a four-minute span to extend their advantage to 16. Northwestern eventually took a 44-32 halftime lead behind 13 points from McIntosh and a 22-8 advantage in points in the paint. The 'Cats pushed their advantage to 18 early in the second period, but Iowa rallied back behind its bench, closing to within 56-47 with 13 minutes remaining. However, it was all Northwestern the rest of the way. The Wildcats limited Iowa to only two field goals the remainder of the contest as the hosts closed out the game on a 33-7 run. Lindsey tallied 14 of his points following the intermission and Northwestern shot 66.7 percent (18-27) from the field over the final 20 minutes of play. The Wildcats shot a season-best 59.7 percent overall in the contest while dishing out 29 assists, their second most ever in a Big Ten game. NU finished the game with a 42-18 edge in points in the paint while matching a season high with 11 3-pointers. The 35-point margin of victory topped the previous best of 25 points set during the 1930-31 season. Peter Jok of Iowa, who entered the game as the Big Ten's leading scorer at 22.9 points per contest, was held to a season-low 4.

### Iowa 54 • 11-8, 3-3 B1G

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
35	Pensl, Cordell	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	13	
5	Cook, Tyler	3-8	0-0	8-9	0	5	5	2	14	1	2	0	1	2	0	29	
14	Jok, Peter	2-9	0-4	0-0	1	2	3	2	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	21	
3	Bohannon, Jordan	2-7	2-6	0-0	0	3	3	0	6	2	3	0	0	0	0	31	
1	Moss, Isaiah	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	16	
0	Wagner, Ahmad	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	13	
10	Williams, Christian	2-5	0-0	1-3	2	1	3	1	5	1	0	0	2	1	0	18	
15	Kriener, Ryan	6-7	1-2	1-2	2	0	2	1	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	22	
24	Ellingson, Brady	0-4	0-3	2-2	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	19	
51	Baer, Nicholas	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	18	
	Team				1	3	4										
Totals		18-51	4-17	14-22	8	16	24	13	54	12	14	0	6	20			

FG % 1st Half:	10-24	41.7%	2nd half:	8-27	29.6%	Game:	18-51	35.3%	Deadball Rebounds	4
3FG % 1st Half:	2-8	25.0%	2nd half:	2-9	22.2%	Game:	4-17	23.5%		
FT % 1st Half:	10-14	71.4%	2nd half:	4-8	50.0%	Game:	14-22	63.6%		

### Northwestern 89 • 15-4, 4-2 B1G

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	2-2	1-1	0-2	1	6	7	1	5	5	1	0	1	0	1	28	
4	Law, Vic	5-9	2-4	0-0	1	1	2	2	12	3	3	0	1	1	1	26	
5	Pardon, Dererk	7-12	0-0	2	5	4	9	3	14	2	1	2	2	2	2	32	
30	Lindsey, Scottie	9-11	3-3	3-3	2	3	8	2	22	5	1	0	0	3	3	33	
0	McIntosh, Bryant	9-11	2-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	20	10	1	0	1	0	1	32	
10	Hall, Charlie	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
12	Brown, Isiah	3-5	1-2	0-0	0	2	3	7	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	16	
23	Ash, Jordan	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
25	Benson, Barret	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
32	Taphorn, Nathan	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	
44	Skelly, Gavin	2-3	1-2	1-2	2	0	2	3	6	2	1	2	1	1	0	16	
	Team				1	4	5										
Totals		37-62	11-24	4-9	11	28	39	18	89	29	12	4	0	10	20		

FG % 1st Half:	19-35	54.3%	2nd half:	18-27	66.7%	Game:	37-62	59.7%	Deadball Rebounds	4
3FG % 1st Half:	5-9	41.7%	2nd half:	6-12	50.0%	Game:	11-24	45.8%		
FT % 1st Half:	1-3	33.3%	2nd half:	3-6	50.0%	Game:	4-9	44.4%		

Officials: Brian Dorsey, Donnie Eppley, Steve McMunkins  
Technical fouls: Iowa-None, Northwestern-None  
Attendance: 7732

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Iowa	32	22	54
Northwestern	44	45	89

In Points	18	6	5	9	26
Off T/O	42	16	9	18	16
2nd Chance	5	5	9	26	
Fast Break	16	9	18	16	
Bench					

Last FG - IOWA 2nd-01:39, NU 2nd-01:39  
Largest lead - IOWA None, NU by 36 2nd-01:39  
IOWA led for 00:00, NU led for 39:27, Game was tied for 00:33.  
Score tied - 0 times.  
Lead changed - 0 times.

## Game 20 NU 74, Ohio State 72 Jan. 22, 2017 • Columbus, Ohio

Scottie Lindsey scored a game-high 21 points to help Northwestern outlast Ohio State at Value City Arena, 74-72. Bryant McIntosh got the 'Cats out of the gates with a 3-pointer, but the Wildcats were cold from the field early on. Despite the shooting struggles, NU tied the game 11-11 on Vic Law's basket with 12:51 remaining in the opening half. The Buckeyes responded by scoring six straight points but McIntosh kept the Wildcats close as he scored 9 of the team's first 15 points. Northwestern's aggressiveness got Ohio State into foul trouble as the Wildcats were in the bonus by the midway point of the stanza, helping offset the Buckeyes' 11-of-16 start from the field. Lindsey's driving layup with 6:46 remaining knotted the game at 23 before Isiah Brown gave NU the lead with a free throw as the run eventually grew to 10-0, putting the guests in front 27-23. Ohio State regained the lead with a brief five-point surge, but the Wildcats finished the half strong, stringing together nine straight points before eventually taking a 36-31 lead into the intermission. An eight-point run spanning both halves allowed the hosts to tie the game early in the second period. The game was knotted a 43 when a jumper by Law and a transition triple by Lindsey put Northwestern up by five. Ohio State came back to take a 55-52 lead on a C.J. Jackson 3-pointer with 8:42 remaining. Baskets by Lindsey and Sanjay Lumpkin put the Wildcats back up by one with 5:22 left. The advantage was one with under four minutes remaining when Isiah Brown made a tough basket in the lane and then came up with a steal and a layup to make it 63-58 with three minutes to go and NU made 11 of 12 free throw attempts down the stretch to seal the win.

### Northwestern 74 • 16-4, 5-2 B1G

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
04	Law, Vic	4-13	0-3	2-2	2	3	5	4	10	1	2	0	1	0	0	31	
06	Pardon, Dererk	1-7	0-0	3-2	4	4	8	4	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	32	
20	Lindsey, Scottie	7-14	3-9	4-6	0	2	3	21	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	35	
30	McIntosh, Bryant	4-12	2-7	7-8	1	2	3	3	17	1	2	0	1	0	1	30	
4	Lumpkin, Sanjay	2-4	1-3	3-4	3	8	11	4	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	29	
12	Brown, Isiah	3-7	0-1	1-2	1	1	2	1	7	3	0	1	1	1	1	16	
25	Benson, Barret	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
32	Taphorn, Nathan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
44	Skelly, Gavin	2-6	1-1	2-2	2	2	4	2	7	2	1	1	0	1	0	17	
	Team				2	3	4										
Totals		24-64	7-24	19-24	15	24	39	23	74	13	8	4	5	20			

FG % 1st Half:	14-33	42.4%	2nd half:	10-31	32.3%	Game:	24-64	37.5%	Deadball Rebounds	2
3FG % 1st Half:	3-13	23.1%	2nd half:	4-11	36.4%	Game:	7-24	29.2%		
FT % 1st Half:	5-8	62.5%	2nd half:	14-16	87.5%	Game:	19-24	79.2%		

### Ohio State 72 • 12-8, 2-5 B1G

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
01	Tate, Jae'Sean	6-12	1-3	1-6	1	5	6	4	14	2	1	0	2	0	0	30	
02	Loving, Marc	1-2	0-0	3-2	2	5	2	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	35	
23	Thompson, Trevor	4-6	0-0	3-6	7	8	15	2	11	0	0	2	0	0	0	33	
13	Lyle, JaQuan	3-7	2-3	5-7	0	2	2	4	13	4	0	1	0	1	1	33	
15	Williams, Kam	4-12	2-6	0-0	0	1	3	5	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	34	
00	Petzer, Micah	4-6	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
03	Jackson, C.J.	2-4	1-2	2-2	0	6	6	1	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	22	
24	Wesson, Andre	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
	Team				1	2	3										
Totals		26-57	8-22	12-23	12	28	40	22	72	12	13	3	3	20			

FG % 1st Half:	14-27	51.9%	2nd half:	12-30	40.0%	Game:	26-57	45.6%	Deadball Rebounds	6
3FG % 1st Half:	3-13	23.1%	2nd half:	5-13	38.5%	Game:	8-22	36.4%		
FT % 1st Half:	0-1	0.0%	2nd half:	12-22	54.5%	Game:	12-23	52.2%		

Officials: Terry Wymer, Terry Oglebsky, Mike Eades  
Technical fouls: Northwestern-None, Ohio State-None  
Attendance: 13369

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern	30	44	74
Ohio State	31	41	72

In Points	20	17	11	9	16
Off T/O	35	16	16	4	19
2nd Chance	6	6	16	4	19
Fast Break	16	9	18	16	
Bench					

Last FG - NU 2nd-03:07, OSU 2nd-00:01.  
Largest lead - NU by 8 1st-09:32, OSU by 6 1st-11:35.  
NU led for 19:14, OSU led for 16:04, Game was tied for 04:42.  
Score tied - 10 times.  
Lead changed - 8 times.

## Game 21 NU 73, Nebraska 61 Jan. 26, 2017 • Evanston, Ill.

Dererk Pardon led the way with 19 points and 22 rebounds, and Vic Law added 20 points as Northwestern recorded its fifth-straight Big Ten win, defeating Nebraska 73-61 at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Law propelled Northwestern to a 12-4 start with two early three-point plays. His first came on a corner 3-pointer, the second on an and-one off an inbounds pass. But Nebraska held the 'Cats in check, forcing eight-straight missed field goals during a 12-2 run to reclaim the lead. Neither side able to gain more than a two-point edge until Northwestern pulled ahead 27-23 with 2:33 left on a Pardon putback dunk. Isiah Brown followed shortly after with a triple, opening the lead up to six. The freshman guard finished the half with nine points, tied with Pardon for the team lead, and the 'Cats rolled into the break with a 32-29 edge. After a sloppy start to the second half by both sides, Bryant McIntosh hit a three on a fast break four minutes in, upping the 'Cats lead to six. The 'Cats started to heat up just before the midway point in the half, when Law took advantage of some open space on a fast break to sink his second three of the game to put the 'Cats up by eight. Back-to-back scores brought Nebraska within four, and the advantage was still four, 57-53, as the clock went under five minutes remaining. Law hit two free throws and then followed by slamming home an alley-oop lob from McIntosh to push the lead to eight. Nebraska was still within nine with three and a half minutes remaining, but Pardon scored on a putback, Law hit two free throws and Sanjay Lumpkin hit a 3-pointer during a 16-1 run that clinched the victory.

### Nebraska 61 • 9-11, 3-5 B1G

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
12	Jacobson, Michael	2-9	0-0	1-3	6	3	9	2	5	2	0	0	1	1	1	31	
15	Roby, Isaiah	0-1															

# Game 22 NU 68, Indiana 55 Jan. 29, 2017 • Evanston, Ill.

Bryant McIntosh posted 21 points and 8 assists and Northwestern held visiting Indiana to 32 percent shooting to earn its sixth-straight Big Ten win, 68-55. The Hoosiers jumped out to a 10-1 lead while NU struggled to find open looks. The 'Cats closed the gap to 10-7 heading into the first media timeout. After the break, NU used a stellar defensive stretch of its own to pull ahead. During a 20-2 run spanning almost eight minutes, NU held Indiana without a basket and got scoring contributions from six different players. A steal and breakaway dunk by Lumpkin brought the sold-out crowd to its feet before Nathan Taphorn's corner three-pointer on the next possession extended NU's lead to seven. The Hoosiers' offense reemerged after they called a 30-second timeout just before the eight-minute mark, but triples from Law and McIntosh put NU ahead 29-18. By halftime, McIntosh had 11 points on 4-of-7 shooting, with five assists, and Northwestern led 35-23. The 'Cats quickly opened up a 16-point lead, their largest of the game, thanks to another well-balanced scoring run. Lumpkin found space on the wing for a wide-open three, and McIntosh scored four early points to put NU in front 44-28 less than five minutes into the second half. Northwestern's defense, which came in limiting opponents to 38.6 percent shooting, continued to force Indiana to take outside shots. The Hoosiers began the half 3-of-13 from the floor and registered just two points in the paint until Davis' layup made it 49-36 with 10:39 left. But McIntosh nailed his second three of the game, and Northwestern's lead was back up to 16 with 7:28 to go. The 'Cats never let Indiana within more than 12 points, and finished with a decisive 68-55 win.

Indiana 55 • 14-8, 4-5

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	To	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total								
13	Morgan, Juwan	f	1-5	0-3	1-2	1	4	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	28	
31	Bryant, Thomas	c	7-13	2-4	7-11	3	9	12	3	23	2	3	2	1	36		
11	Green, Devonte	g	1-7	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	2	28		
2	Newkirk, Josh	g	1-8	0-3	3-3	0	2	2	3	5	7	1	0	1	34		
4	Johnson, Robert	g	4-13	4-6	0-1	0	3	4	4	12	1	3	0	0	34		
0	Jones, Curtis	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
15	McRoberts, Zach	g	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	1	17		
20	Davis, De'Ron	g	2-5	0-0	2-4	1	1	2	1	6	0	1	2	1	17		
21	McSwain Jr., Freddie	g	0-0	0-0	0-1	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		
24	Gelony, Grant	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+		
	Team					5	2	7									
Totals			17-53	8-21	13-22	13	24	37	16	55	10	13	4	5	200		

FG % 1st Half:	8-25	32.0%	2nd half:	9-28	32.1%	Game:	17-53	32.1%	Death	2
3FG % 1st Half:	4-11	36.4%	2nd half:	4-10	40.0%	Game:	8-21	38.1%	Rebounds	9
FT % 1st Half:	9-9	100.0%	2nd half:	10-16	62.5%	Game:	13-22	59.1%		

Northwestern 68 • 18-4, 7-2

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	To	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total								
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	4-6	1-2	6-7	1	2	3	3	15	0	0	0	0	2	38	
4	Law, Vic	f	2-12	1-5	4-6	0	12	12	3	9	1	1	0	1	39		
5	Pardon, Derek	c	0-0	0-0	0	2	5	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	37		
12	Brown, Isaiah	g	6-14	0-4	0-0	1	3	4	4	12	1	1	0	0	28		
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	7-13	2-4	5-6	0	4	4	3	21	4	0	0	0	24		
12	Brown, Isaiah	g	0-3	0-1	2-2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	9		
25	Benson, Barret	g	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	4	2	0	0	1	13		
32	Taphorn, Nathan	g	2-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	7		
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	5		
	Team					6	2	8									
Totals			23-56	5-18	17-21	11	30	41	21	68	12	7	5	5	200		

FG % 1st Half:	13-30	43.3%	2nd half:	10-26	38.5%	Game:	23-56	41.1%	Death	9
3FG % 1st Half:	3-12	25.0%	2nd half:	2-6	33.3%	Game:	5-18	27.8%	Rebounds	2
FT % 1st Half:	6-8	75.0%	2nd half:	11-13	84.6%	Game:	17-21	81.0%		

Officials: Terry Oglesby, Lamont Simpson, Paul Sault  
Technical fouls: Indiana-None, Northwestern-None.  
Attendance: 8117

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Indiana	23	32	55
Northwestern	35	33	68

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
T/O	Point	Y/O	Chance	Break	
IND	18	6	8	2	10
NU	28	17	11	10	11

Last FG - IND 2nd-00:01, NU 2nd-00:08.  
Largest lead - IND by 9 1st-5:32, NU by 18 2nd-07:28.  
IND led for 09:25, NU led for 29:37. Game was tied for 00:58.

# Game 23 #23/24 Purdue 80, #25/-- NU 59 Feb. 1, 2017 • West Lafayette, Ind.

Short-handed Northwestern had no answer for Purdue's red-hot shooting from 3-point range as the 23rd-ranked Boilermakers defeated the 25th-ranked Wildcats 80-59 at Mackey Arena. Bryant McIntosh scored a team-high 22 points for the Wildcats who dressed only eight scholarship players for the contest and were without the services of leading-scorer Scottie Lindsey. Northwestern's defense set the tone early, forcing turnovers by Purdue's Caleb Swanigan on each of the Boilermakers' first three possessions. The Wildcats held a 10-9 lead six minutes into the contest when Purdue caught fire from behind the arch as Dakota Mathias hit a triple and Vincent Edwards hit two in a row, giving the hosts an eight-point advantage. Two more treys extended Purdue's lead to 12 as the Boilers connected on six of their first eight 3-point attempts. Northwestern hung in the game by continuing to force turnovers with two free throws by Gavin Skelly and a basket by McIntosh trimming the deficit to eight, 24-16. However, the Wildcats didn't have an answer for the Boilermakers' red-hot shooting, particularly Edwards who hit four 3-pointers in five attempts in the first half. Purdue shot a blistering 9-of-14 from behind the arch as a team over the opening 20 minutes of play while Northwestern was held without a make from 3-point range in the first half. The Boilermakers took a 45-23 lead into halftime as they shot 60.9 percent (14-23) from the field while limiting NU to 32 percent (8-25) shooting. Northwestern dug in a managed to hold Purdue in check in the second half. McIntosh led the charge for the Wildcats, scoring 14 points after the intermission.

Northwestern 59 • 18-5, 7-3

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	To	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total								
4	Law, Vic	f	0-7	0-1	1-3	2	2	4	4	1	1	1	0	3	35		
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	3-6	1-3	2-5	1	6	7	4	9	0	0	0	2	30		
05	Pardon, Derek	c	3-7	0-0	4-4	1	2	3	4	6	1	0	1	3	29		
12	Brown, Isaiah	g	4-14	0-3	3-4	0	4	4	3	11	1	2	0	1	34		
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	9-19	1-4	3-3	0	4	4	1	22	4	1	0	0	37		
10	Hall, Charlie	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
23	Ash, Jordan	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		
25	Benson, Barret	g	2-4	0-0	4-4	2	1	3	3	8	0	0	0	0	11		
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	0-3	0-3	2-2	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	0	16		
	Team					3	1	4									
Totals			21-60	2-14	15-22	10	20	30	22	59	8	8	3	9	200		

FG % 1st Half:	8-25	32.0%	2nd half:	10-26	38.5%	Game:	23-56	41.1%	Death	9
3FG % 1st Half:	0-4	0.0%	2nd half:	2-10	20.0%	Game:	2-14	14.3%	Rebounds	3
FT % 1st Half:	7-8	87.5%	2nd half:	8-14	57.1%	Game:	15-22	68.2%		

Purdue 80 • 18-5, 7-3

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	To	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total								
12	Edwards, Vincent	f	6-10	5-7	0-0	0	4	4	3	17	2	1	0	1	22		
50	Swanigan, Caleb	f	7-11	2-4	8-9	3	13	16	5	24	1	4	0	0	33		
03	Edwards, Carsen	g	2-9	1-4	4-4	0	4	4	2	9	0	2	0	0	31		
11	Thompson, P.J.	g	1-2	1-1	0-0	2	1	3	4	3	0	0	0	2	23		
31	Mathias, Dakota	g	4-5	2-3	3-4	0	4	4	1	13	2	1	0	0	24		
02	McKeeman, Jon	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
14	Cline, Ryan	g	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	1	3	6	0	0	0	24		
15	Lucas, Tommy	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
24	Eifert, Grady	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
44	Haas, Isaac	g	3-9	0-0	5-8	2	2	4	3	11	1	3	2	0	24		
55	Albrecht, Spike	g	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	16		
	Team					1	1	2									
Totals			24-50	12-23	20-25	8	33	41	20	80	17	12	3	4	200		

FG % 1st Half:	14-23	60.9%	2nd half:	10-27	37.0%	Game:	24-50	48.0%	Death	9
3FG % 1st Half:	9-14	64.3%	2nd half:	3-9	33.3%	Game:	12-23	52.2%	Rebounds	3
FT % 1st Half:	8-10	80.0%	2nd half:	12-15	80.0%	Game:	20-25	80.0%		

Officials: Terry Oglesby, Bill Ek, Eric Curry  
Technical fouls: Northwestern-TEAM, Purdue-None.  
Attendance: 14804

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern	23	36	59
Purdue	45	35	80

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
T/O	Point	Y/O	Chance	Break	
NU	20	9	13	4	10
PURDUE	20	8	10	2	14

Last FG - NU 2nd-00:24, PURDUE 2nd-01:20.  
Largest lead - NU by 4 1st-18:53, PURDUE by 26 2nd-17:58.  
NU led for 05:39, PURDUE led for 34:05. Game was tied for 00:16.

# Game 24 Illinois 68, NU 61 Feb. 7, 2017 • Evanston, Ill.

Bryant McIntosh scored a game-high 21 points and Vic Law added 16 behind four 3-pointers, but Northwestern fell in a closely contested 68-61 loss to Illinois at Welsh-Ryan Arena. After going up 10-4, NU quickly found itself trailing when the Illini rattled off a 15-0 run. Isaiah Brown ended Northwestern's scoring drought by converting on a tough floater near the nine-minute mark, setting off a 9-2 'Cats run. Law rattled home a 3-pointer and Gavin Skelly poured in four quick points, and Northwestern was back within two points. Law, a force on the boards with seven first-half rebounds, again drained a deep 3-pointer from the wing to cut the deficit to one, 27-26. McIntosh followed by swishing mid-range jumper to put the 'Cats back ahead at the one-minute mark. The teams headed to halftime tied at 28. The 'Cats went up by four early in the second half, but the Illini went on a 7-2 run to tie up 44-39. After missing his first eight shots of the game, McIntosh had begun to heat up. After finishing the first half with three straight makes, he hit a fair of jumpers in quick succession just before the midway point of the second half. His second score brought Northwestern within three, 46-43, with 11:18 left. With Illinois up 51-48, McIntosh rattled off seven straight points for the 'Cats, capped off by a 3-pointer that gave Northwestern its first lead in nearly 10 minutes, 55-53. Illinois tied the game at 56, but Law continued his 3-point barrage, hitting an open shot from the corner off a feed from McIntosh. The Illini's Michael Finke leveled the score with a three of his own, and from there Illinois kept the 'Cats from scoring a field goal for the rest of the game.

Illinois 68 • 14-11, 4-8

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	To	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total								
12	Black, Leron	f	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	2	0	2	0	2	15		
22	Morgan, Maverick	c	5-12	0-0	1-2	2	2	4	4	11	1	2	2	0	36		
21	Hill, Malcolm	g	3-7	1-3	7-10	1	8	9	3	14	3	1	3	3	36		
23	Jordan, Aaron	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		
3	Lucas, Te'Jon	g	4-9</														

Game 25

NU 66, #7/5 Wisconsin 59  
Feb. 12, 2017 • Madison, Wis.

Bryant McIntosh posted 25 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists and Northwestern got a signature win at Kohl Center, taking down No. 7/5 Wisconsin 66-59. The teams were tied 4-4 early on before the Badgers rattled off seven straight points to open up an 11-4 lead. NU was just 5 of 18 from the floor before the Wildcats got things going on the offensive end. Trailing 19-12, a 3-pointer by Vic Law, a jumper by McIntosh and a basket in the paint by Dererk Pardon knotted the game. After missing their first five shots from beyond the arch, Northwestern got red hot to open up a lead. A triple by Law gave NU its first lead before Nathan Taphorn nailed back-to-back treys, giving the Wildcats a 28-19 advantage, punctuating a 16-0 run. A 3-pointer by Zak Showalter gave Wisconsin its first points in nearly five minutes, but McIntosh answered with one of his own to help Northwestern take a 31-22 lead into the intermission. Wisconsin opened the second half by hitting the 'Cats with a 10-point run to go back in front 32-31. As quickly as the Badgers hit the Wildcats, NU punched right back. After a Pardon free throw, Law hit a 3-pointer, Sanjay Lumpkin scored on a layup and Pardon hammered a putback dunk to put Northwestern up 39-32. After a steal by Isiah Brown, he found McIntosh for a transition jumper which pushed the Wildcats' lead to 47-38 with 9:31 remaining. Wisconsin trimmed the lead to four following a three-point play by Nigel Hayes, but a 3-pointer out of corner by Lumpkin pushed the lead right back to seven, 54-47, with 4:33 left. Wisconsin closed back to within five, but McIntosh made four free throws down the stretch before Lumpkin punctuated the victory with a slam dunk.

Northwestern 66 • 19-6, 8-4

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							Def
04	Law, Vic	r	3-12	3-6	2-2	0	6	6	5	11	1	1	1	2	40-
32	Taphorn, Nathan	r	2-5	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	15
24	Lumpkin, Sanjay	r	4-6	1-3	0-0	2	3	5	3	9	0	1	0	2	32
05	Pardon, Dererk	c	5-7	0-0	1-2	4	4	8	4	11	1	1	1	2	35
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	10-23	1-2	4-4	0	7	7	1	25	7	2	0	0	40
12	Brown, Isiah	g	2-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	1	25
25	Benson, Barret	g	0-3	0-5	0-0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	10
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		26-58	7-17	7-9	8	24	32	16	66	11	6	3	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd half: 14-29 48.3% Game: 26-58 44.8% Deadball Rebounds  
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 7-17 41.2%  
 FT % 1st Half: 5-7 100.0 2nd half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 9-9 77.8%

Wisconsin 59 • 21-4, 10-2

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							Def
10	Hayes, Nigel	r	5-11	0-1	3-5	4	3	7	2	13	2	1	0	0	36
22	Happ, Ethan	r	3-8	0-0	3-6	2	5	7	4	9	5	4	2	1	26
30	Brown, Vitto	r	3-7	3-6	2-2	0	1	0	1	11	0	1	0	1	24
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-5	2-4	2-2	1	4	5	2	10	1	3	1	1	34
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	1-8	0-5	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	30
00	Trice, D'Mitrik	g	3-8	1-2	4-4	0	6	6	0	11	1	1	0	1	23
01	Prizl, Brevin	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
15	Thomas IV, Charles	g	1-3	0-5	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
21	Iverson, Khalil	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	16
	Team					2	3	5							
	Totals		19-50	7-19	14-19	10	24	34	12	59	10	12	4	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-23 39.1% 2nd half: 10-27 37.0% Game: 19-50 38.0% Deadball Rebounds  
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 7-19 36.8%  
 FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 13-17 76.5% Game: 14-19 73.7%

Officials: D.J. Carstensen, Lamont Simpson, John Gaffney  
 Technical fouls: Northwestern-None. Wisconsin-None.  
 Attendance: 1287

Score by periods			
	1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern	31	35	66
Wisconsin	22	37	59

Last FG - NU 2nd-00:04, WIS 2nd-00:00.  
 Largest lead: NU by 10:26-01:17, WIS by 8:18-13:14.  
 NU led for 24:45, WIS led for 10:55. Game was tied for 04:20.  
 Points In Off 2nd Fast  
 NU 26 16 8 5 4  
 WIS 12 8 8 5 4  
 Score tied - 4 times.  
 Lead changed - 4 times.

Game 26

#23/24 Maryland 74, NU 64  
Feb. 15, 2017 • Evanston, Ill.

Isiah Brown scored a career-high 19 points, but Northwestern couldn't overcome a slow start as the 'Cats fell 74-64 to No. 23/24 Maryland at Welsh-Ryan Arena. NU opened the scoring on its first possession when Lumpkin passed to a cutting Pardon for a wide-open layup. The 'Cats then went cold while Maryland rattled off a 9-0 run behind a couple early 3-pointers from Justin Jackson and Melo Trimble. Brown, subbed in early after Bryant McIntosh picked up two early fouls, ignited a stagnant Northwestern offense by scoring four quick points. Northwestern's defense kept the game from getting out of hand during their offensive struggles. Vic Law recorded three early blocks, including an emphatic stuff on a dunk attempt by Ivan Bender. Brown, who led NU with eight first half points, brought the 'Cats within seven with a layup at the 1:32 mark. But a three-point play with three seconds to go by Trimble put Maryland ahead 32-22 at the break. Northwestern and Maryland traded baskets on five straight possessions near the start of the second half. Lumpkin and Pardon scored for the 'Cats, and Taphorn sank his second 3-pointer of the night to make it 41-31. Northwestern continued its solid offensive output through the under-10 media timeout, going 7-of-15 to start the half. But Maryland's deadly shooting proved too much to overcome. After Maryland opened up a 62-42 lead with 7:28 to go, the 'Cats began chipping away. Brown scored nine points during a 15-4 run that included baskets from four NU players. Trailing 66-57 with 3:16 left, Northwestern traded baskets with Maryland. Pardon cut the deficit to eight with a free throw at the 1:15 mark, but the 'Cats were unable to get any closer.

Maryland 74 • 22-4, 10-3

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							Def
21	JACKSON, Justin	r	3-8	2-3	0-1	1	3	4	2	8	2	1	0	30	
35	DODD, Damonte	c	5-6	0-0	2-4	3	3	6	2	12	0	2	0	29	
0	COWAN, Anthony	g	3-8	1-3	6-7	1	5	6	2	13	6	3	0	21	
2	TRIMBLE, Melo	g	12-17	4-5	4-5	0	4	4	1	32	3	2	1	32	
4	HUERTER, Kevin	g	1-7	0-4	0-0	0	8	8	4	2	3	4	1	0	31
1	BRANTLEY, Jaylen	g	3-2	1-1	0-0	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	15	
10	GILL, L.G.	g	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	10	
11	NICKENS, Jared	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	
13	BENDER, Ivan	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	11	
15	CEKOVSKY, Michal	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	0	2	
	Team					3	4	7							
	Totals		27-54	8-18	12-17	8	32	40	14	74	15	4	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 2nd half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 19-50 38.0% Deadball Rebounds  
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 8-18 44.4%  
 FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 10-15 66.7% Game: 12-17 70.6%

Northwestern 64 • 19-7, 8-5

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							Def
32	Taphorn, Nathan	r	2-5	2-5	0-0	2	2	4	0	6	1	1	0	0	23
4	Law, Vic	r	4-12	1-6	3-4	2	6	8	3	12	1	1	3	1	36
5	Pardon, Dererk	c	5-6	0-0	1-6	2	4	6	3	11	0	2	2	2	33
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	5-7	0-1	3-4	1	2	3	1	2	2	1	0	0	29
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	g	3-6	0-0	1-0	2	4	4	4	6	2	0	1	0	29
12	Brown, Isiah	g	6-15	2-6	5-6	0	4	4	3	19	1	2	1	0	26
23	Ash, Jordan	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25	Benson, Barret	g	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	15
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		23-59	5-22	13-23	9	22	31	17	64	12	8	8	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-28 32.1% 2nd half: 14-31 45.2% Game: 23-59 39.0% Deadball Rebounds  
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 5-22 22.7%  
 FT % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 11-19 57.9% Game: 13-23 56.5%

Officials: Gene Stenatore, Mike Eades, Larry Scrotto  
 Technical fouls: Maryland-None. Northwestern-None.  
 Attendance: 7707

Score by periods			
	1st	2nd	Total
Maryland	32	42	74
Northwestern	22	42	64

Last FG - UMD 2nd-01:57, NU 2nd-01:16.  
 Largest lead - UMD by 20:2nd-07:28, NU by 2:1st-19:29.  
 UMD led for 39:09, NU led for 00:20. Game was tied for 00:31.  
 Points In Off 2nd Fast  
 NU 32 15 9 7 20  
 WIS 11 11 9 5 36  
 Score tied - 0 times.  
 Lead changed - 1 time.

Game 27

NU 69, Rutgers 65  
Feb. 18, 2017 • Evanston, Ill.

Bryant McIntosh scored 18 points and Northwestern came up with a series of big shots at the end of the game to pull out a 69-65 victory over Rutgers at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Fourteen of McIntosh's points came in the second half, while the 'Cats held Rutgers to 11-of-31 shooting after the break. Pardon's strong play — eight points and seven rebounds in the first six minutes — made up for the slow shooting start and kept the score close. After five lead changes in the first eight minutes, Rutgers went ahead 17-14. The 'Cats responded by rattling off a 9-0 run to take their biggest lead of the game. Northwestern's lead expanded to 36-29, and the 'Cats eventually went into halftime with a 39-36 edge. The 'Cats held the Scarlet Knights to a 6-of-17 start, but Rutgers dominated on the glass and forced three early NU turnovers to take a 47-43 lead with 13:16 to go. The 'Cats trailed 52-47 at the under-eight media timeout, but Gavin Skelly ignited the offense with a 3-pointer, Northwestern's first of the half. Pardon cut the deficit to one point, 56-55, with two huge free throws. Nigel Johnson swished a deep 3-pointer, extending the lead back to four, but the 'Cats clawed back. Another Skelly 3-pointer cut NU's deficit to a point, 63-62, with two minutes left. After a missed Rutgers 3-pointer, Isiah Brown scooped up an offensive rebound off a missed shot by Law, and McIntosh put the 'Cats ahead with a clutch 3-pointer just past the one-minute mark. NU continued to play lockdown defense in the final minute, with Law coming up with a huge steal with under 10 seconds remaining to prevent Rutgers from getting off a potential tying shot. Law made one free throw before Brown sealed the game with two from the charity stripe.

Rutgers 65 • 13-15, 2-13

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							Def
33	Freeman, Deshawn	r	1-4	0-1	1-2	1	4	5	2	3	1	2	0	2	18
35	Thiam, Issa	r	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	21
34	Gettys, C.J.	c	4-8	0-0	2-3	6	3	9	1	10	2	1	0	0	23
3	Sanders, Corey	g	8-19	1-6	0-0	1	1	2	1	12	1	4	0	1	33
5	Williams, Mike	g	3-9	1-3	0-1	3	5	8	3	7	1	0	0	1	33
0	Johnson, Nigel	g	5-13	3-6	3-4	0	1	1	3	16	3	1	0	0	29
11	Omoruyi, Eugene	g	5-7	0-0	0-0	2	3	5	3	10	0	0	1	0	20
2	Doornon, Shiquille	g	1-1	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	17
0	Sa, Candido	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
4	Laurent, Jonathan	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		27-63	5-17	6-12	18	21	39	18	65	10	8	2	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-32 50.0% 2nd half: 11-31 35.5% Game: 27-63 42.9% Deadball Rebounds  
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 5-22 22.7%  
 FT % 1st Half: 0-3 0.0% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 6-12 50.0%

Northwestern 69 • 20-7, 9-5

#	Player	Total	
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## Game 28 Illinois 66, NU 50 Feb. 21, 2017 • Champaign, Ill.

Northwestern couldn't overcome an ice-cold shooting performance in the second half in falling 66-50 to Illinois at State Farm Center. Bryant McIntosh led the Wildcats with 16 points while Gavin Skelly added 11. Dererk Pardon collected a game-high 12 rebounds. NU connected on only two of their first 10 field goal attempts as Illinois jumped out to a 13-5 lead six minutes into the game. A 3-pointer by Skelly got Northwestern's offense going, igniting a seven-point run that closed the 'Cats to within a point. The Wildcats held Illinois without a field goal for a six-minute span to help them get back in the contest. With Vic Law saddled with foul trouble throughout the majority of the stanza, McIntosh picked up the slack. The junior scored 12 first-half points to help the guests hang around. A free throw by Skelly eventually leveled the game at 26 with 2:07 remaining in the opening stanza before the Fighting Illini eventually took a 33-32 halftime lead. The 'Cats recovered from a slow start to shoot 44.8 percent (13-29) from the field over the opening 20 minutes of play while Illinois shot 42.9 percent (12-28). Both teams were cold to begin the second half as Illinois scored the only two points over the opening four minutes of action. Despite the rough start, Northwestern trailed only 45-42 following a basket by McIntosh with 10:27 remaining. However, that's when the Wildcats' offense went dry and the hosts pulled away. The Wildcats shot a season-low 32.1 percent from the field in the contest. Malcolm Hill paced Illinois with 18 points while Leron Black scored 9 of his 11 points in the first half.

### Northwestern 50 • 20-8, 9-6

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA							
04	Law, Vic	0-4	0-2	3-4	1	2	3	5	3	0	1	0	1	22
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	22
05	Pardon, Dererk	3-3	0-0	0-0	0	4	12	2	6	1	2	0	0	32
20	Lindsey, Scottie	1-11	0-4	0-0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	26
00	McIntosh, Bryant	6-17	0-4	4-5	0	5	3	16	3	3	0	0	0	31
12	Brown, Isaiah	4-14	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	4	9	0	0	0	0	24
25	Benson, Barret	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
32	Taphorn, Nathan	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	14
44	Skelly, Gavin	3-4	2-2	3-5	0	3	1	11	1	1	1	0	0	24
Team						2		3		1		0		20
Totals		18-56	4-18	10-14	7	23	30	20	50	5	11	0	0	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 2nd half: 5-27 18.5% Game: 18-56 32.1%  
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd half: 1-8 12.5% Game: 4-18 22.2%  
 FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 10-14 71.4%

### Illinois 66 • 16-12, 6-9

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA							
12	Black, Leron	5-14	1-4	0-0	2	6	8	4	11	0	1	0	0	23
22	Morgan, Maverick	3-9	0-0	3-7	4	6	10	0	9	0	1	2	0	35
03	Lucas, Te'Jon	2-5	1-2	4-6	1	2	4	9	3	1	0	2	2	25
13	Abrams, Tracy	3-8	2-6	0-0	1	4	5	0	8	1	0	0	1	30
21	Hill, Malcolm	5-11	1-4	7-8	1	4	5	3	18	5	1	0	0	37
02	Nichols, Kipper	2-4	0-0	2-2	0	3	3	6	0	1	3	0	0	16
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
23	Jordan, Aaron	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
25	Oladimeji, Samson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
41	Jones, Clayton	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
45	Furze, Michael	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	6	0	1	3	0	0	16
44	Austin, Alex	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team						0		0		0		0		20
Totals		22-55	6-18	16-25	11	31	42	19	66	10	8	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd half: 10-27 37.0% Game: 22-55 40.0%  
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 6-18 33.3%  
 FT % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 11-17 64.7% Game: 16-25 64.0%

Officials: Terry Olesby, Lamont Simpson, Brian Dorsey  
 Technical fouls: Northwestern-None. Illinois-None.  
 Attendance: 11206

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern	32	18	50
Illinois	33	33	66

Last FG - NU 2nd-01:11, ILL 2nd-00:39.  
 Largest lead - NU by 11 1st-18:13, ILL by 17 2nd-01:19.  
 NU led for 00:12, ILL led for 38:10, Game was tied for 01:38.

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast
NU	18	5	8	0
ILL	20	14	7	4

## Game 29 Indiana 63, NU 62 Feb. 25, 2017 • Bloomington, Ind.

Bryant McIntosh's half-court heave at the final buzzer bounced off the back of the rim and gave Indiana a 63-62 win over Northwestern at Assembly Hall. Indiana scored the go-ahead points on a three-point play by Thomas Bryant with 2.6 seconds remaining. McIntosh finished with a game-high 22 points. Neither team had a lead larger than two points through the first seven minutes of action until a layup by Josh Newkirk gave the Hoosiers an 11-8 lead. However, a 3-pointer by McIntosh and an slam by Gavin Skelly off a lob from Vic Law gave NU a 13-11 advantage with 12 minutes left in the opening stanza. NU made seven straight field goals, including four by Lindsey, during a 18-3 run that put the 'Cats in front 26-14. NU's defense held Indiana scoreless for a span of over five minutes to help the guests build a double-digit lead. However, Indiana answered right back as it controlled the remainder of the half. After being held to 14 points over the opening 15 minutes of the period, the Hoosiers scored 22 over the final five to turn the tables and take a 36-26 lead at the intermission. NU bounced back and a three-point play by Sanjay Lumpkin followed by two free throws by Law made it a 15-4 run by the Wildcats over the first 6:15 of the half, giving NU the lead back at 41-40. Northwestern continued to build upon its lead, pushing the advantage to 49-42 at the midway point of the half. Indiana got back to within four, but a basket by Lindsey and a free throw by Pardon made it a seven-point game once again. As the clock ticked under four minutes remaining, McIntosh hit a runner in the lane that gave NU a 58-50 lead. However, the Hoosiers used an 8-0 run over the final 1:17 to close out the game.

### Northwestern 62 • 20-9, 9-7

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA							
04	Law, Vic	1-7	0-3	2-2	1	4	5	0	4	1	2	0	0	28
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	21
05	Pardon, Dererk	4-10	0-0	4-7	7	3	10	3	12	0	1	2	1	30
20	Lindsey, Scottie	6-15	1-6	0-0	0	3	3	1	13	0	1	0	2	34
00	McIntosh, Bryant	8-18	3-5	3-4	0	5	5	1	22	2	1	0	1	37
12	Brown, Isaiah	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	5	0	2	0	0	6
25	Benson, Barret	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
32	Taphorn, Nathan	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	6
44	Skelly, Gavin	2-4	0-2	1-2	0	1	1	4	5	1	1	0	0	20
Team						2		2		0		0		200
Totals		23-50	4-18	12-18	10	23	33	18	62	6	6	3	0	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-30 40.0% 2nd half: 11-29 37.9% Game: 23-50 39.0%  
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-11 18.2% 2nd half: 3-7 28.6% Game: 4-18 22.2%  
 FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 12-18 66.7% Game: 12-18 66.7%

### Indiana 63 • 16-13, 6-10

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA							
20	Davis, DeRon	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	0	4	1	0	0	0	21
31	Bryant, Thomas	4-10	0-3	3-4	1	5	6	2	11	3	2	0	0	24
01	Blackmon Jr., James	4-11	3-6	2-2	2	2	3	2	13	1	3	0	0	27
02	Newkirk, Josh	3-7	2-5	1-2	0	4	4	1	9	1	2	0	0	34
04	Johnson, Robert	2-6	1-3	0-0	1	4	5	2	2	2	0	0	0	29
00	Jones, Curtis	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
11	Green, Devonte	2-5	2-4	2-2	1	4	5	1	8	2	3	1	2	23
13	Morgan, Juwan	4-5	0-1	1-2	3	3	6	4	9	1	3	0	0	25
10	McRoberts, Zach	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
21	McSwain Jr., Freddie	1-0	0-0	2-4	1	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	9
35	Priller, Tim	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team						1		2		0		0		200
Totals		22-55	8-24	11-16	13	29	42	15	63	12	16	1	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-26 46.2% 2nd half: 10-29 34.5% Game: 22-55 40.0%  
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-12 50.0% 2nd half: 2-12 16.7% Game: 8-23 33.3%  
 FT % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd half: 5-9 55.6% Game: 11-16 68.8%

Officials: Bo Boroski, Rob Riley, Donnie Epley  
 Technical fouls: Northwestern-None. Indiana-None.  
 Attendance: 17222

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern	62	27	89
Indiana	36	27	63

Last FG - NU 2nd-03:11, IND 2nd-00:02.  
 Largest lead - NU by 12 1st-05:36, IND by 10 1st-00:01.  
 NU led for 24:43, IND led for 10:49, Game was tied for 04:28.

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast
NU	32	18	10	8
IND	28	11	2	7

## Game 30 NU 67, Michigan 65 March 1, 2017 • Evanston, Ill.

Nathan Taphorn's length-of-the-court pass with 1.7 seconds remaining found Dererk Pardon who beat the buzzer giving Northwestern a dramatic 67-65 victory over Michigan at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Vic Law scored a game-high 18 points for the Wildcats who set a school record with their 21st victory of the season. Leading 20-16, NU used a seven-point run capped by a three-point play by Taphorn to go up by 11, 27-16, with just under four minutes remaining in the opening half. However, Michigan got things going offensively, closing the period on a 12-3 run to close within 30-28 at halftime. The second half was a nip-and-tuck affair throughout. The Wildcats pushed their lead back to six on a 3-pointer by Scottie Lindsey, but neither team led by more than two points throughout the final 9:25 of regulation. Michigan took its largest lead of the game of two, 60-58, following a basket by Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman as the clock ticked under six minutes remaining. The matchup was tied at 63 when Pardon made one free throw with 2:32 left. A layup by Sanjay Lumpkin gave Northwestern the lead with 1:47 to go before Zak Irvin tied the game again with a basket on the next possession. Both teams had two chances to take the lead, including a 3-point attempt by Irvin that went out of bounds with 1.7 seconds to go. Following a pair of timeouts, Taphorn launched a throw that went the length of the court that Pardon hauled in and then scored over Derrick Walton Jr., giving Northwestern the thrilling win.

### Michigan 65 • 19-11, 9-8

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA							
13	Wagner, Moritz	2-7	0-1	4-6	2	8	10	3	8	0	2	0	0	30
21	Irvin, Zak	6-10	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	2	12	1	1	0	1	36
5	Wilson, DJ	2-4	0-2	0-1	0	2	2	1	4	0	2	0	0	21
10	Walton Jr., Derrick	5-13	4-8	3-2	0	2	2	15	6	3	0	0	0	37
12	Abdur-Rahkman, M-A	4-9	2-4	3-4	1	3	4	3	13	3	1	0	1	32
22	Robinson, Duncan	3-4	2-3	0-0	1	2	3	2	8	1	0	1	0	24
3	Simpson, Xavier	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	11
34	Donnal, Mark	0-1	0-0	3-4	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	9
Team						4		1		3		0		200
Totals		23-51	8-22	11-17	9	20	29	15	65	13	9	5	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-23 39.1% 2nd half: 14-28 50.0% Game: 23-51 45.1%  
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 4-12 33.3% Game: 8-22 36.4%  
 FT % 1st Half: 6-9 66.7% 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 11-17 64.7%

### Northwestern 67 • 21-9,

## Game 31 #16/16 Purdue 69, NU 65 March 5, 2017 • Evanston, Ill.

Bryant McIntosh scored 25 points but Northwestern couldn't overcome No. 16 Purdue's nearly perfect game at the free throw line as the 'Cats narrowly fell, 69-65, at Welsh-Ryan Arena. McIntosh set Northwestern's all-time assist record midway through the second half. Purdue had the hot hand early in jumping out to a 9-5 lead, but a 17-3 run over a five-minute span gave Northwestern its largest lead of the game, 21-12, with 12 and a half minutes to go in the opening half. However, the 'Cats followed by going on a nearly five-minute scoring drought and Purdue capitalized, jumping ahead 23-21 off a 3-pointer by Caleb Swanigan with 8:02 left. In the closing moments of the half, Purdue's Vincent Edwards converted on an and-one to level the score. The game was tied 37-37 at the half. Purdue began the second half with four quick points, but the Wildcat defense buckled down and a five-point run gave NU the lead back. The Boilermakers responded with a 6-0 run to go up by five. Northwestern was within one, 47-46, but Purdue used a 12-4 surge to take its largest lead of the game, 59-50, with seven minutes remaining. The Wildcats wouldn't go away, though. With a little more than three minutes left, Sanjay Lumpkin pulled in a huge offensive rebound and converted on his fifth basket of the game, bringing the 'Cats within a point, 60-59. The visitors pushed their lead back up to five and NU made it a one-possession game on three occasions down the stretch, but the Boilermakers went 6-of-7 from the charity stripe down the stretch to seal the win.

### Purdue 69 • 25-6, 14-4

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	T	Blk	Stl	Min			
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA								Off	Def	Tot
12	Edwards, Vincent	9	14	0	3	7	7	0	4	4	3	25	5	2	1	0	35
50	Swanigan, Caleb	8	15	1	3	3	4	4	10	14	3	20	3	0	0	1	31
11	Thompson, P.J.	1	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	1	28
14	Cline, Ryan	1	4	0	3	0	0	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	22
31	Mathias, Dakota	4	8	2	5	3	4	1	3	4	13	1	1	0	2	35	
3	Edwards, Carsen	0	5	0	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	15	
44	Haas, Isaac	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	14	
55	Albrecht, Spike	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	0	4	0	0	1	20	
Team																	
Totals		24	54	4	19	17	19	6	25	31	13	69	16	8	2	5	200

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	T	Blk	Stl	Min			
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA								Off	Def	Tot
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	5	5	0	0	3	4	5	2	7	3	13	0	0	0	0	32
4	Law, Vic	2	13	0	5	0	0	6	6	2	4	2	0	0	0	1	35
5	Pardon, Dererk	5	6	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	3	11	4	0	0	0	34
20	Lindsey, Scottie	3	11	2	6	0	0	1	3	4	3	8	1	2	1	1	26
23	McIntosh, Bryant	9	17	2	4	3	4	0	2	2	0	25	6	2	0	0	37
12	Brown, Isaiah	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
23	Ash, Jordan	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	
25	Benson, Barret	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	6	
23	Taphorn, Nathan	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	7	
44	Skelly, Gavin	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	
Team																	
Totals		27	60	4	19	7	10	9	25	34	19	65	16	8	1	2	200

FG % 1st Half:		16-31	51.6%	2nd half:		11-29	37.9%	Game:		27-60	45.0%	3FG % 1st Half:		4-9	44.4%	2nd half:		0-10	0.0%	Game:		4-19	21.1%
FT % 1st Half:		1-2	50.0%	2nd half:		6-8	75.0%	Game:		7-10	70.0%	3FG % 1st Half:		4-9	44.4%	2nd half:		0-10	0.0%	Game:		4-19	21.1%

Score by periods		1st	2nd	Total
Purdue		37	32	69
Northwestern		37	28	65

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
PURDUE	36	13	4	10	7
NU	32	8	14	7	4

Officials: Terry Wymer, Lamont Simpson, Mike Eades  
 Technical fouls: Purdue-None. Northwestern-None.  
 Attendance: 8117

## Game 32

### NU 83, Rutgers 61 March 9, 2017 • Washington, D.C.

Northwestern used a massive 31-0 run over a majority of the first half to build an insurmountable lead over Rutgers, handing the Wildcats an 83-61 victory to advance NU into the quarterfinal round of the Big Ten Tournament. The Wildcats broke out a 37-9 lead with 6:11 left in the first frame and never looked back. It was a balanced and efficient offensive night for NU, with four starters in double figures. Vic Law and Scottie Lindsey both scored 16 points with the former shooting 5-6 from the field. Sophomore Dererk Pardon added 13 points and eight rebounds while junior Bryant McIntosh recorded 13 points on 6-9 shooting. Northwestern caught fire early in the first half, embarking on a historic run spanning over 10 minutes. Down 9-6 just with 17:09 to play in the first, Law hit a jumper before McIntosh got things going with his patented floater. Up 10-9, the 'Cats drained four triples in a row to blow the game open, including two from Law in the left corner. Pardon added four straight points followed by a Skelly layup to make it 28-9. On the next play, the run reached its peak when Scottie Lindsey got loose in transition and found a streaking Law on the right wing for a thunderous alley-oop. Sanjay Lumpkin tacked on a wide-open three from the left corner and Pardon finished the monstrous 31-0 stretch with an easy layup. Northwestern finished the first half leading 42-24 and shooting 53.3 percent from the field, while holding the Scarlet Knights to just a .321 field goal percentage. The Wildcats kept their foot on the gas pedal and saw out the second half comfortably. With 14 minutes to go in the game, they went on another run where they made 10 straight field goals, including a key triple from freshman Isaiah Brown. McIntosh led the way in the second with 11 of his 13 points coming in the period.

### Rutgers 61 • (15-18)

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	T	Blk	Stl	Min			
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA								Off	Def	Tot
33	Freeman, Deshawn	2	8	0	0	2	2	3	5	3	6	2	1	1	26		
35	Thiam, Issa	3	6	3	6	0	0	1	1	2	3	9	0	0	0	22	
34	Gettys, C.J.	2	7	0	0	0	1	4	5	4	4	1	1	1	28		
03	Sanders, Corey	6	13	0	3	2	5	0	2	1	14	3	2	0	28		
05	Williams, Mike	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	20		
00	Johnson, Nigel	7	14	5	7	2	3	0	1	1	3	21	0	1	0	29	
02	Doornon, Shaquille	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	9		
04	Laurent, Jonathan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	14		
11	Omuruy, Eugene	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	10		
15	Dadika, Jake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
21	Sa, Candido	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	5		
23	Batie, Khalil	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
32	Diallo, Ibrahim	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Team																	
Totals		22	53	9	19	8	12	8	11	19	21	61	10	11	6	4	200

FG % 1st Half:		9-28	32.1%	2nd half:		13-25	52.0%	Game:		22-53	41.5%	3FG % 1st Half:		5-8	62.5%	2nd half:		4-11	36.4%	Game:		9-19	47.4%
FT % 1st Half:		1-2	50.0%	2nd half:		7-10	70.0%	Game:		9-12	75.0%	3FG % 1st Half:		5-8	62.5%	2nd half:		4-11	36.4%	Game:		9-12	75.0%

Score by periods		1st	2nd	Total
Purdue		37	32	69
Northwestern		42	41	83

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
PURDUE	36	13	4	10	7
NU	32	8	14	7	4

Officials: Lamont Simpson, Rob Riley, Donnie Eppley  
 Technical fouls: Rutgers-None. Northwestern-None.  
 Attendance: 12408  
 2017 Big Ten Conference Men's Basketball Tournament - 2nd Round

## Game 33

### NU 72, #25/-- Maryland 64 March 10, 2017 • Washington, D.C.

Northwestern used a big run to pull away from its Big Ten Tournament opponent, this time building an insurmountable lead over Maryland in the second half of a 72-64 victory that sends the Wildcats into the tournament semifinal for the first time in program history. Vic Law (17), Scottie Lindsey (16) and Bryant McIntosh (16) led a balanced scoring attack for NU. After Maryland built a 7-2 lead, McIntosh, Nathan Taphorn, and Law drained consecutive threes. Lindsey hit back-to-back jumpers, before using the glass and depositing a three of his own to go ahead 23-18. Northwestern would have a 20-4 run, holding a 28-18 lead with nine minutes left in the half. In a game of runs, Maryland fought back to take 36-34 lead into half, maintaining momentum into the second half and holding a 44-34 lead with 16 minutes to play. But as with the first half, the offense was ignited by a long-distance McIntosh effort. On a broken play, McIntosh picked up a loose ball and buried an off-balance triple, starting a 7-0 run. Brown stepped in for two and tied the game at 46 with 12 minutes remaining and Law finished in the lane to reclaim a lead that the Wildcats would never give back. The Wildcat defense clamped down in the final stages, allowing just eight points in seven minutes, while holding Maryland to just 42 percent shooting in the second half. While stifling the Terrapins, Northwestern shot 58 percent in the second half to keep adding on. The dominance on both ends let the Wildcats build their largest lead of the night of 13 with a minute and a half to play, before closing out the Terrapins for the victory.

### Northwestern 72 • (23-10)

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	T	Blk	Stl	Min			
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA								Off	Def	Tot
04	Law, Vic	5	7	2	2	5	8	1	4	5	4	17	1	2	0	25	
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	1	4	0	2	2	3	4	7	2	4	4	1	0	0	28	
05	Pardon, Dererk	2	3	0	0	1	2	6	8	5	4	0	4	1	0	32	
20	Lindsey, Scottie	7	12	2	5	0	2	2	2	2	17	2	1	1	1	31	
30	McIntosh, Bryant	5	10	2	2	4	5	0	0	1	16	6	3	0	2	36	
12	Brown, Isaiah	3	6	0	1	1	1	0	3	3	1	7	2	0	0	14	
23	Ash, Jordan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
25	Benson, Barret	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	6		
23	Taphorn, Nathan	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	13	
44	Skelly, Gavin	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	1	2	1	0	14	
Team																	
Totals		26	47	7	15	13	20	12	22	32	17	72	15	16	3	7	200

FG % 1st Half:		12-23	52.2%	2nd half:		14-24	58.3%	Game:		26-47	55.3%	3FG % 1st Half:		3-10	30.0%	2nd half:		2-5	40.0%	Game:		7-15	46.7%
FT % 1st Half:		5-9	55.6%	2nd half:		8-11	72.7%	Game:		13-20	65.0%	3FG % 1st Half:		3-10	30.0%	2nd half:		2-5	40.0%	Game:		7-15	46.7%

Score by periods		1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern		34	38	72
Maryland		36	28	64

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
NU	24	25	11	4	14
MARYLAND	36	12	6	10	6

Officials: Terry Wymer, Terry Oglesby, Kelly Pfeiffer  
 Technical fouls: Northwestern-None. Maryland-None.  
 Attendance: 15624  
 2017 Big Ten Conference Men's Basketball Tournament - Quarterfinals  
 Fouled Out: Pardon (NU) - 2nd, 2/23

Score by periods		1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern		34	38	72
Maryland		36	28	64

## Game 34

### #24/23 Wisconsin 76, NU 48

#### March 11, 2017 • Washington, D.C.

Northwestern's run in the 2017 Big Ten Conference Tournament semifinal round, falling to second-seeded Wisconsin, 76-48. Scottie Lindsey led the Wildcats with 16 points. Returning to the Verizon Center court just 16 hours after they had left following their 72-64 victory over Maryland, Northwestern's offense started slowly. The Badger offense was the first to start finding baskets, building an early 15-3 lead. Nathan Taphorn then started a 9-1 stretch with a three, and Northwestern held Wisconsin without a basket for four minutes to pull within 16-12. Lindsey led the Wildcats with nine first half points, but Wisconsin closed out the first half with a 38-21 lead. The Badger defense was dominant, holding Northwestern to just 26 percent shooting. The rebounding battle was close, with Wisconsin leading 21-18, but the Wildcats lacked the ball movement they'd shown the last two nights, recording just one first half assist. The experienced Badger line up controlled the game and protect the ball, not once turning the ball over and holding Northwestern to no fast break points in the half. Wisconsin came out in the second half and continued to show why they were a top five ranked team nationally in February. They shot a scorching 54 percent from the field, and an identical mark from three in the second half. Lindsey continued to pace Northwestern's scoring with seven in the second half. Pardon also had seven points, as seven Wildcats scored in the period. Northwestern recorded four steals, and finally able to showcase some of their transition abilities scored four points off turnovers. Wisconsin was able to keep the game out of reach, prevailing 76-48. Northwestern 48 points were a season low as were its five assists and 18 field goals.

**Northwestern 48 • (23-11)**

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							
04	Law, Vic	f	2-8	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	1	27
04	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	0-1	0-1	1-2	1	1	2	4	1	0	2	0	1	23
05	Pardon, Derek	c	3-7	0-0	1-1	3	4	7	2	7	0	1	0	0	32
20	Lindsey, Scottie	g	5-10	1-4	5-6	0	1	1	1	16	0	2	0	0	29
20	McIntosh, Bryant	g	4-12	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	8	1	1	0	0	31
12	Brown, Isaiah	f	1-4	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	8
23	Ash, Jordan	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	7
25	Benson, Barret	g	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	8
32	Taphorn, Nathan	g	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	17
44	Skelly, Gavin	g	1-5	1-4	0-0	2	2	4	2	3	0	2	0	1	18
	Team					1	4	5							
<b>Totals</b>			<b>18-52</b>	<b>3-14</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200</b>

FG % 1st Half: 7-27 25.9% 2nd half: 11-25 44.0% Game: 18-52 34.6% Deadball Rebounds  
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-6 16.7% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 3-14 21.4%  
 FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd half: 3-3 100.0 Game: 9-11 81.8%

**Wisconsin 76 • (25-8)**

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off								Def
10	Haves, Nicol	f	7-11	2-2	2-4	1	9	10	2	18	2	0	0	1	33	
22	Happ, Ethan	f	4-6	0-0	0-0	8-11	4	4	8	2	16	1	2	0	1	28
30	Brown, Vitto	f	3-7	2-5	0-0	4	4	8	1	8	1	2	1	0	27	
03	Showalter, Zak	g	4-7	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	0	10	2	1	0	2	30	
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	3-12	2-9	0-0	0	1	1	1	8	2	0	2	1	26	
00	Trice, D'Mitrik	g	2-6	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	3	6	3	3	0	2	19	
01	Pritzi, Brevin	g	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	9	
05	Moesch, Aaron	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
11	Hill, Jordan	g	2-5	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	11	
15	Thomas IV, Charles	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
20	Schlundt, T.J.	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
25	Illikainen, Alex	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	7	
33	Van Vliet, Andy	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
	Team					1	1	2								
<b>Totals</b>			<b>27-57</b>	<b>12-29</b>	<b>10-15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>200</b>	

FG % 1st Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd half: 14-26 53.8% Game: 27-57 47.4% Deadball Rebounds  
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-16 31.3% 2nd half: 7-13 53.8% Game: 12-29 41.4%  
 FT % 1st Half: 7-11 63.6% 2nd half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 10-15 66.7%

Officials: Terry Wymer, Terry Oglesby, Larry Scrotto  
 Technical fouls: Northwestern-None, Wisconsin-None.  
 Attendance: 13984  
 2017 Big Ten Conference Men's Basketball Tournament - Semifinals

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Northwestern	21	27	48
Wisconsin	38	38	76

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
Points	Point	T/O	Chance	Break	
NU	16	4	7	2	12
WIS	22	11	15	0	16

Last FG - NU 2nd-00:39, WIS 2nd-00:55.  
 Largest lead - NU None, WIS by 3, 2nd-03:31.  
 NU led for 00:00, WIS led for 37:56, Game was tied for 02:04.  
 Score tied - 0 times.  
 Lead changed - 0 times.



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VIC LAW

6-7 • 205 • R-So. • Forward  
South Holland, Ill.  
St. Rita

2016-17 SEASON NOTES

- Big Ten All-Defensive Team selection, the first Wildcat to earn the honor since Jeremy Nash in 2010
- Ranks 25th in the Big Ten with an average of 12.4 points per game and 19th with 5.7 rebounds per contest
- Connected on eight straight 3-point attempts spanning three games from Nov. 11-16 and is shooting 39.9 percent (55-138) from beyond the arch
- Coming off missing entire 2015-16 season due to injury
- Participated in Under Armour All-America Camp in Charlotte last summer
- Returned to the court following a redshirt year in a season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State (11/11), scoring a then career-high 18 points with 6 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals
- Posted a career-high point total for the second straight game, tallying 26 in a win over Eastern Washington (11/14), including going 3-for-4 from 3-point range and 9-for-10 from the free throw line
- Connected on each of his first five 3-point attempts in scoring a team-high 17 points at Butler (11/16)
- Legends Classic all-tournament team selection
- Knocked down a career-high 9 shots in scoring 22 points with 5 rebounds and a career-best 4 blocked shots in a win over Bryant (11/25)
- Tallied 16 points while setting a career high with 5 assists in a win over DePaul (12/3)
- Connected on all eight of his free throw attempts in a victory over New Orleans (12/11)
- Scored a team-high 18 points in a victory over Chicago State (12/14)
- Pulled in a season-high 9 rebounds in a win over Dayton (12/17)
- Notched a double-double, posting 12 points and a career-best 12 rebounds to go along with 5 assists, in a win over Penn State in the Big Ten opener (12/27)
- Finished one rebound shy of a double at Michigan State (12/30), recording 16 points and 9 boards
- Knocked down each of his first five 3-point field goal attempts in scoring 15 points in a win at Nebraska (1/8)
- Scored 19 of his game-high 23 points in the second half of a win at Rutgers (1/12)
- Posted 14 of his team-high 20 points in the second half in a victory over Nebraska (1/26)
- Finished one rebound shy of a double-double against Illinois (2/7), recording 16 points and 9 rebounds with a pair of steals
- Tallied a game-high 18 points on 7-of-10 shooting as the Wildcats set a school record with their 21st win of the season vs. Michigan (3/1)
- Scored a team-high 17 points in helping lead the 'Cats past No. 25 Maryland in the quarterfinal round of the Big Ten tournament (3/10)

LAW'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

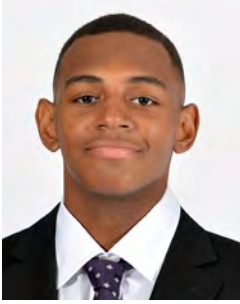
Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State	*	7-10	3-4	1-7	6	18	4	5	0	2	26
Eastern Washington	*	7-13	3-4	9-10	4	26	0	0	0	0	37
at Butler	*	6-8	5-6	0-0	6	17	0	3	0	1	32
vs. Texas	*	2-4	1-2	4-4	3	9	0	2	0	2	19
vs. Notre Dame	*	6-12	2-4	0-0	7	14	2	2	0	0	33
Bryant	*	9-16	3-7	1-2	5	22	3	1	4	1	35
Wake Forest	*	3-11	1-6	0-2	2	7	2	0	0	2	33
DePaul	*	6-12	2-4	2-2	6	16	5	1	1	2	32
New Orleans	*	1-10	1-5	8-8	3	11	2	1	0	1	24
Chicago State	*	7-14	3-6	1-1	4	18	4	3	0	1	36
vs. Dayton	*	2-8	0-3	2-6	9	6	1	1	0	0	34
IUPUI	*	1-5	1-2	0-0	4	3	1	1	0	0	17
Houston Baptist	*	4-12	1-5	2-5	8	11	2	1	1	1	32
at Penn State	*	4-9	1-4	3-4	12	12	5	3	0	0	30
at Michigan State	*	6-11	1-1	3-6	9	16	3	2	0	1	36
Minnesota	*	4-12	2-5	4-4	8	14	1	0	3	0	36
at Nebraska	*	5-9	5-6	0-0	5	15	2	4	0	0	31
at Rutgers	*	7-14	0-4	9-9	8	23	0	0	2	1	36
Iowa	*	5-9	2-4	0-0	2	12	3	3	0	1	26
at Ohio State	*	4-13	0-3	2-2	5	10	1	2	0	1	31
Nebraska	*	6-13	2-3	6-6	5	20	2	2	1	0	37
Indiana	*	2-12	1-5	4-6	12	9	1	1	0	1	39
at Purdue	*	0-7	0-1	1-3	4	1	1	1	0	3	35
Illinois	*	5-14	4-9	2-2	9	16	0	1	0	2	38
at Wisconsin	*	3-12	3-6	2-2	6	11	1	1	1	2	40-
Maryland	*	4-12	1-6	3-4	8	12	1	1	3	1	36
Rutgers	*	2-7	1-4	3-4	5	8	0	2	0	2	34
at Illinois	*	0-4	0-2	3-4	3	3	0	1	0	1	22
at Indiana	*	1-7	0-3	2-2	5	4	1	2	0	2	38
Michigan	*	7-10	2-4	2-2	5	18	3	3	0	1	36
Purdue	*	2-13	0-5	0-0	6	4	2	0	0	1	35
vs. Rutgers	*	5-6	2-3	4-4	5	16	4	0	1	1	26
vs. Maryland	*	5-7	2-2	5-8	5	17	1	2	0	2	25
vs. Wisconsin	*	2-8	0-1	0-0	1	4	1	0	0	1	27

LAW'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	.....	26 vs. Eastern Washington (11/14/16)
Rebounds	.....	12 (2x) last vs. Indiana (1/29/17)
FG	.....	9 vs. Bryant (11/25/16)
3-pt FG	.....	5 (2x) last at Nebraska (1/8/17)
FT	.....	9 (2x) last at Rutgers (1/12/17)
Assists	.....	5 (2x) last at Penn State (12/27/16)
Steals	.....	3 (2x) last at Purdue (2/1/17)
Minutes	.....	40- at Wisconsin (2/12/17)

LAW'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	gp-gs		Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring												
	gp	gs	min	avg	fg	fga	pct	fg	fga	pct	ft	fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2014-15	32	19	780	24.4	74	191	.387	27	76	.355	49	64	.766	31	122	153	4.8	76	0	41	48	15	21	224	7.0
2016-17	34	34	1084	31.9	140	344	.407	55	139	.396	88	119	.739	42	153	195	5.7	90	4	59	52	17	37	423	12.4
TOTAL	66	53	1864	28.2	214	535	.400	82	215	.381	137	183	.749	73	275	348	5.3	166	4	100	100	32	58	647	9.8



# 5 DERERK PARDON

6-8 • 235 • So. • Center  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Villa Angela-St. Joseph

### 2016-17 SEASON NOTES

- Team leader with averages of 8.0 rebounds and 1.9 blocked shots per game
- Led the Big Ten with a .617 field goal percentage in league play
- Averages of 1.8 blocked shots and of 8.4 rebounds per game in conference play ranked fourth and fifth in the league, respectively
- Shooting .683 from the field over the last nine games (38-53)
- Recorded all 7 of his rebounds in the first half in a season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State (11/11)
- Scored 12 points with 5 rebounds and a career-best 5 blocked shots in a victory over Eastern Washington (11/14)
- Notched a double-double in a win over No. 22/21 Texas, posting 10 points and 11 rebounds with a pair of blocked shots (11/21)
- Blocked 6 shots to go along with 6 points and 6 rebounds against Notre Dame (11/22)
- Grabbed 10 boards and scored 6 points with a pair of blocks in a win over Bryant (11/25)
- Missed eight games after suffering a hand injury vs. Wake Forest (11/28)
- Returned from injury to post 9 points and 8 rebounds against Minnesota (1/5)
- Tallied 13 points on 6-of-8 shooting in a victory at Nebraska (1/8)
- Approached a triple-double, swatted a career-best 8 shots to go along with 8 points and 11 rebounds in a victory at Rutgers (1/12)
- Finished one rebound shy of a double-double, posting 14 points and 9 rebounds in a blowout win over Iowa (1/15)
- Recorded 22 rebounds—the most by a Northwestern player in 51 years and the sixth most ever by a Wildcat in a game—and 19 points on 8-of-11 shooting to key a victory over Nebraska (1/26)
- Posted 11 points and 8 rebounds in a road victory over No. 7/5 Wisconsin (2/12)
- Tallied 12 points with 8 rebounds in a win over Rutgers (2/18)
- Grabbed 12 rebounds while making all three field goal attempts at Illinois (2/21)
- Shooting 78.2 percent from the field (18-23) over the last four games
- Recorded a double-double, posting 12 points and 10 rebounds (7 offensive) at Indiana (2/25)
- Received a length-of-the-court inbounds pass from Nathan Taphorn with 1.7 seconds remaining and scored at the buzzer to defeat Michigan (3/1)
- Connected on five of six field goal attempts in scoring 11 points while matching a season high with 4 assists vs. No. 16 Purdue (3/5)
- Pulled down a game-high 8 rebounds in helping the Wildcats beat No. 25 Maryland in the quarterfinal round of the Big Ten tournament (3/10)

### PARDON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State	*	2-6	0-0	0-1	7	4	0	0	0	0	21
Eastern Washington	*	4-5	0-0	4-5	5	12	0	1	5	1	31
at Butler	*	2-3	0-0	4-4	4	8	1	1	1	0	26
vs. Texas	*	4-7	0-0	2-5	11	10	1	0	2	0	36
vs. Notre Dame	*	3-4	0-0	0-0	6	6	3	0	6	2	35
Bryant	*	3-6	0-0	0-0	10	6	1	0	2	0	27
Wake Forest	*	1-2	0-0	0-0	6	2	1	1	2	0	16
DePaul											DNP
New Orleans											DNP
Chicago State											DNP
vs. Dayton											DNP
IUPUI											DNP
Houston Baptist											DNP
at Penn State											DNP
at Michigan State											DNP
Minnesota	*	4-6	0-0	1-2	8	9	2	0	1	1	32
at Nebraska	*	6-8	0-0	1-2	5	13	1	1	1	1	32
at Rutgers	*	4-7	0-0	0-0	11	8	1	1	8	0	32
Iowa	*	7-12	0-0	0-2	9	14	2	1	2	2	32
at Ohio State	*	1-7	0-0	0-0	8	2	4	2	2	0	32
Nebraska	*	8-11	0-0	3-6	22	19	0	1	3	1	34
Indiana	*	0-0	0-0	0-0	7	0	0	0	3	0	24
at Purdue	*	3-7	0-0	0-1	3	6	1	0	1	3	29
Illinois	*	2-5	0-0	2-2	6	6	2	2	0	0	35
at Wisconsin	*	5-7	0-0	1-2	8	11	1	1	1	2	35
Maryland	*	5-6	0-0	1-6	6	11	0	2	2	2	33
Rutgers	*	5-7	0-0	2-3	8	12	2	1	1	1	36
at Illinois	*	3-3	0-0	0-0	12	6	1	2	0	0	32
at Indiana	*	4-10	0-0	4-7	10	12	0	1	2	1	35
Michigan	*	4-5	0-0	1-4	8	9	3	1	2	0	25
Purdue	*	5-6	0-0	1-2	4	11	4	0	0	0	34
vs. Rutgers	*	5-6	0-0	3-4	8	13	0	1	1	1	29
vs. Maryland	*	2-3	0-0	0-1	8	4	0	4	1	0	32
vs. Wisconsin	*	3-7	0-0	1-1	1	7	1	0	0	0	32

### PARDON'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	28 at Nebraska (12/30/15)
Rebounds	22 vs. Nebraska (1/26/17)
FG	11 at Nebraska (12/30/15)
3-pt FG	none
FT	6 at Nebraska (12/30/15)
Assists	4 (2x) last vs. Purdue (3/5/17)
Steals	3 at Purdue (2/1/17)
Minutes	36 vs. Texas (11/21/16)

### PARDON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	gp-gs		Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring													
	gp	gs	fg	fga	pct	fg	fga	pct	ft	fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg			
2015-16	20	2	332	16.6		53	82	.646	0	0	.000	27	51	.529	35	49	84	4.2	48	2	5	14	12	4	133	6.7
2016-17	26	26	797	30.7		95	156	.609	0	0	.000	31	60	.517	84	123	207	8.0	67	2	31	25	49	18	221	8.5
TOTAL	46	28	1129	24.5		148	238	.622	0	0	.000	58	111	.523	119	172	291	6.3	115	4	36	39	61	22	354	7.7



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ISIAH BROWN

6-2 • 175 • Fr. • Guard  
Seattle, Wash.  
Lakeside

2016-17 SEASON NOTES

- Scored in double figures in three of his first four collegiate games
- Made collegiate debut in a season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State (11/11), recording 11 points, 4 assists and 3 rebounds
- Posted 11 points in a victory over Eastern Washington (11/14)
- Tallied 10 points in a win over No. 22/21 Texas (11/21)
- Recorded 8 points, 3 assists and 2 steals in a victory over Bryant (11/25)
- Contributed 9 points and 3 assists in a win over New Orleans (12/11)
- Scored 8 points with 2 assists, 2 blocked shots and a steal in a win over Dayton (12/17)
- Posted 15 points and 4 assists in a victory over IUPUI (12/20)
- Tallied 12 points in a win against Houston Baptist (12/22)
- Provided a spark off the bench with 11 first-half points in a victory at Rutgers (1/12)
- Connected on a pair of clutch late baskets in a road win at Ohio State (1/22), finishing with 7 points and 3 assists
- Scored a team-high 9 points in the first half and finished with 10 in a victory over Nebraska (1/26)
- Posted 11 points with season-high 4 rebounds in first career start at No. 23 Purdue (2/1)
- Tallied a season-high 19 points off the bench against No. 23/24 Maryland (2/15)
- Provided a boost off the bench, scoring 7 points with 3 rebounds and a pair of assists in a victory over No. 25 Maryland in the quarterfinal round of the Big Ten tournament (3/10)

BROWN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State	3-8	0-1	5-6	3	11	4	3	0	1	18	
Eastern Washington	3-10	1-4	4-4	2	11	1	1	0	2	19	
at Butler	3-7	1-4	0-0	1	7	1	2	0	0	12	
vs. Texas	4-8	2-5	0-0	1	10	1	3	0	0	20	
vs. Notre Dame	0-1	0-0	4-4	2	4	0	1	0	0	12	
Bryant	2-6	1-1	3-4	2	8	3	2	0	2	18	
Wake Forest	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7	
DePaul	0-7	0-1	4-5	0	4	1	1	1	0	15	
New Orleans	3-11	1-3	2-4	0	9	3	2	1	0	22	
Chicago State	0-5	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	9	
vs. Dayton	2-8	1-4	3-4	1	8	2	0	2	1	20	
IUPUI	5-10	3-7	2-2	0	15	4	2	0	1	29	
Houston Baptist	3-7	1-2	5-8	2	12	1	1	0	2	19	
at Penn State	2-9	1-4	4-4	0	9	0	0	1	0	16	
at Michigan State	1-4	0-1	1-3	0	3	1	1	0	0	12	
Minnesota	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
at Nebraska	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	1	0	0	0	6	
at Rutgers	4-9	1-2	2-2	2	11	0	2	0	1	14	
Iowa	3-5	1-2	0-0	2	7	1	2	0	1	16	
at Ohio State	3-7	0-1	1-2	2	7	3	0	1	1	16	
Nebraska	4-10	1-4	1-2	0	10	1	1	0	0	17	
Indiana	0-3	0-1	2-2	1	2	0	0	0	1	9	
at Purdue	* 4-14	0-3	3-4	4	11	1	2	0	1	34	
Illinois	* 2-5	0-0	1-2	2	5	2	3	0	0	18	
at Wisconsin	2-2	0-0	0-1	1	4	1	0	0	1	25	
Maryland	6-15	2-6	5-6	4	19	1	2	1	2	26	
Rutgers	0-2	0-1	4-4	2	4	2	0	0	0	13	
at Illinois	4-14	1-3	0-0	0	9	0	2	0	0	25	
at Indiana	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	
Michigan					DNP						
Purdue	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
vs. Rutgers	1-2	1-1	2-2	0	5	1	0	0	0	8	
vs. Maryland	3-6	0-1	1-1	3	7	2	0	0	1	14	
vs. Wisconsin	1-4	0-0	2-2	1	4	1	1	0	0	4	

BROWN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	19 vs. Maryland (2/15/17)
Rebounds	4 (2x) last vs. Maryland (2/15/17)
FG	6 vs. Maryland (2/15/17)
3-pt FG	3 vs. IUPUI (12/20/16)
FT	5 (3x) last vs. Maryland (2/15/17)
Assists	4 (2x) last vs. IUPUI (12/20/16)
Steals	2 (4x) last vs. Maryland (2/15/17)
Minutes	34 at Purdue (2/1/17)

BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
			fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2016-17	33-2	507/15.4	69-206	.335	19-65	.292	63-80	.788	9	32	41	1.2	57	1	41	37	7	19	220	6.7
TOTAL	33-2	507/15.4	69-206	.335	19-65	.292	63-80	.788	9	32	41	1.2	57	1	41	37	7	19	220	6.7



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SCOTTIE LINDSEY

6-5 • 210 • Jr. • Guard/Forward  
Hillside, Ill.  
Fenwick

2016-17 SEASON NOTES

- Third-team All-Big Ten selection of the league’s coaches and an honorable mention choice of the media
- Ranks 12th in the Big Ten with an average of 14.1 points per game and sixth with a .844 free throw percentage (65-77)
- Scored in double figures in each of the team’s first 20 games, the longest streak by a Wildcat since John Shurna scored 10 or more points in 22 straight games in 2011-12
- Scored 13 of his 17 points in the first half in a season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State (11/11)
- Enjoyed a solid all-around game in a victory over Eastern Washington (11/14), posting 12 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists
- Tallied 10 points while matching a career high with 7 rebounds at Butler (11/16)
- Posted 13 of his 16 points in the first half in a victory over No. 22/21 Texas (11/21)
- Recorded a team-high 18 points against Notre Dame (11/22), connecting on all three 3-point attempts
- Legends Classic all-tournament team selection
- Scored 20 points with 6 assists, 4 rebounds, 2 blocks and 2 steals in a win over Bryant (11/25)
- Posted 19 points, a career-high 7 assists to go along with 6 rebounds and a pair of steals in a win over DePaul (12/3)
- Recorded 16 points in a victory over New Orleans (12/11)
- Tallied 13 points with 6 rebounds and 4 assists in a win over Chicago State (12/14)
- Scored a game-high 19 points in a victory over Houston Baptist (12/22)
- Posted a career-best 31 points, shooting 9 of 14 from the field with five 3-pointers in a victory at Penn State in the Big Ten opener (12/27)
- Scored 15 of his game-high 19 points in the second half of a comeback win at Nebraska (1/8)
- Tallied 14 points with 7 rebounds in a win at Rutgers (1/12)
- Recorded a game-high 22 points with 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals in a blowout win over Iowa (1/15)
- Notched a game-high 21 points in a road win at Ohio State (1/22)
- Missed four straight contests from Feb. 1-15 due to illness
- Scored 13 points at Indiana (2/25)
- Posted 16 points with 4 rebounds and 4 assists in a Big Ten tournament win over Rutgers (3/9)
- Tallied a team-high 17 points in a victory over No. 25 Maryland in the quarterfinal round of the Big Ten tournament (3/10)
- Recorded 16 points against No. 24 Wisconsin in the Big Ten tournament semifinal round (3/11)

LINDSEY’S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State	*	6-13	3-6	2-2	5	17	2	1	1	0	29
Eastern Washington	*	4-11	0-2	4-4	6	12	6	1	0	2	33
at Butler	*	4-12	1-4	1-1	7	10	3	3	0	0	32
vs. Texas	*	6-12	3-7	1-1	4	16	1	4	1	1	29
vs. Notre Dame	*	6-8	3-3	3-4	4	18	3	1	0	0	28
Bryant	*	7-11	3-5	3-3	4	20	6	0	2	2	25
Wake Forest	*	5-14	2-8	0-0	4	12	4	0	0	1	31
DePaul	*	7-16	5-8	0-0	6	19	7	2	0	2	34
New Orleans	*	6-9	2-4	2-2	1	16	1	2	0	0	32
Chicago State	*	6-12	1-5	0-1	6	13	4	1	1	1	31
vs. Dayton	*	3-7	2-4	3-4	4	11	0	3	0	2	30
IUPUI	*	4-11	0-3	3-3	0	11	3	0	0	0	27
Houston Baptist	*	7-22	2-10	3-3	5	19	1	1	0	1	35
at Penn State	*	9-14	5-8	8-9	5	31	2	2	1	1	35
at Michigan State	*	3-11	3-6	2-2	3	11	0	3	0	2	36
Minnesota	*	4-12	0-5	2-2	2	10	4	0	0	2	30
at Nebraska	*	6-12	2-7	5-5	3	19	1	2	0	2	33
at Rutgers	*	5-14	1-7	3-5	7	14	1	1	0	1	32
Iowa	*	8-15	3-7	3-3	8	22	5	1	0	3	33
at Ohio State	*	7-14	3-9	4-6	2	21	0	1	0	1	35
Nebraska	*	2-8	1-3	0-0	4	5	1	2	1	0	30
Indiana	*	6-14	0-4	0-0	4	12	1	1	0	0	28
at Purdue											DNP
Illinois											DNP
at Wisconsin											DNP
Maryland											DNP
Rutgers	*	2-8	1-6	1-2	1	6	4	1	0	0	24
at Illinois	*	1-11	0-4	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	26
at Indiana	*	6-15	1-6	0-0	3	13	0	1	0	2	34
Michigan	*	2-6	1-4	4-5	3	9	3	1	0	0	31
Purdue	*	3-11	2-6	0-0	4	8	1	2	1	1	26
vs. Rutgers	*	6-12	2-7	2-2	4	16	4	2	0	0	27
vs. Maryland	*	7-12	2-6	1-2	2	17	1	1	0	1	31
vs. Wisconsin	*	5-10	1-4	5-6	1	16	0	2	0	0	29

LINDSEY’S CAREER HIGHS

Points	.....31 at Penn State (12/27/16)
Rebounds	.....8 vs. Iowa (1/15/17)
FG	.....9 (2x) last at Penn State (12/27/16)
3-pt FG	.....6 vs. New Orleans (11/28/15)
FT	.....8 at Penn State (12/27/16)
Assists	.....7 (2x) last vs. DePaul (12/3/16)
Steals	.....3 vs. Iowa (1/15/17)
Minutes	.....38 vs. Iowa (2/15/15)

LINDSEY’S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	gp-gs		Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
	gp	gs	min	avg	fg	fga	pct	fg	fga	pct	ft	fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pts	avg
2014-15	31	10	467	15.1	51	126	.405	23	65	.354	11	17	.647	13	57	70	2.3	60	4.4
2015-16	31	3	585	18.9	71	163	.436	38	93	.409	17	23	.739	12	60	72	2.3	67	6.4
2016-17	30	30	916	30.5	153	357	.429	55	168	.327	65	77	.844	16	98	114	3.8	68	14.2
TOTAL	92	43	1968	21.4	275	646	.426	116	326	.356	93	117	.795	41	215	256	2.8	195	8.3



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JORDAN ASH

6-3 • 195 • So. • Guard  
Bolingbrook, Ill.  
St. Joseph

2016-17 SEASON NOTES

- Knocked down two 3-pointers in as many attempts in a season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State (11/11)
- Contributed a boost off the bench with a 3-pointer, 3 rebounds and an assist against Notre Dame (11/22)
- Connected on a 3-pointer and came up with a steal vs. Minnesota (1/5)
- Grabbed a pair of rebounds and handed out an assist vs. No. 16 Purdue (3/5)

ASH'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State		2-3	2-2	0-0	0	6	0	0	0	0	4
Eastern Washington					DNP						
at Butler					DNP						
vs. Texas		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
vs. Notre Dame		1-2	1-2	0-0	3	3	1	0	0	0	9
Bryant		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Wake Forest		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	1	11
DePaul		0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	13
New Orleans		0-3	0-2	0-0	1	0	2	1	0	2	13
Chicago State		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Dayton		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
IUPUI		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Houston Baptist					DNP						
at Penn State		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Michigan State		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Minnesota		1-3	1-3	0-0	1	3	0	0	0	1	7
at Nebraska		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
at Rutgers		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Iowa		1-1	1-1	0-0	1	3	0	0	0	0	2
at Ohio State					DNP						
Nebraska		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0+
Indiana					DNP						
at Purdue		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Illinois		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
at Wisconsin					DNP						
Maryland		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rutgers		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
at Illinois					DNP						
at Indiana					DNP						
Michigan		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Purdue		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
vs. Rutgers		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	1	0	0	8
vs. Maryland		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Wisconsin		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	1	7

ASH'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	10 vs. Sacred Heart (12/21/15)
Rebounds	5 vs. Rutgers (2/27/16)
FG	3 (2x) last vs. Sacred Heart (12/21/15)
3-pt FG	2 (2x) last vs. MVSU (11/11/16)
FT	3 vs. Sacred Heart (12/21/15)
Assists	6 vs. Rutgers (2/27/16)
Steals	1 (2x) last vs. Michigan St. (1/28/16)
Minutes	17 (2x) last vs. Sacred Heart (12/21/15)

ASH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
			fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2015-16	28-0	156/5.6	12-29	.414	4-15	.267	7-10	.700	2	14	16	0.6	17	0	22	7	0	2	35	1.3
2016-17	26-0	103/4.0	5-20	.250	5-15	.333	0-0	.000	1	11	12	0.5	9	0	10	5	1	5	15	0.6
TOTAL	54-0	259/4.8	17-49	.347	9-30	.300	7-10	.700	3	25	28	0.5	26	0	32	12	1	7	50	0.9



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BARRET BENSON

6-10 • 240 • Fr. • Center  
Willowbrook, Ill.  
Hinsdale South

2016-17 SEASON NOTES

- Made collegiate debut in a season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State (11/11), recording 4 points and 2 rebounds
- Started first collegiate game in a win over DePaul (12/3), posting 5 points, 3 rebounds, a block and a steal
- Connected on both field goal attempts and posted 3 rebounds a block and a steal in a win over New Orleans (12/11)
- Blocked a pair of shots in a win over Chicago State (12/14)
- Grabbed 3 rebounds and blocked 2 shots in a victory over Dayton (12/17)
- Swatted 5 shots to go along with 4 points and 4 rebounds in a win over IUPUI (12/20)
- Posted season highs of 6 rebounds and 3 assists in a victory over Houston Baptist (12/22)
- Scored 6 points with 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals in a win at Penn State in the Big Ten opener (12/27)
- Provided solid contributions off the bench in a win over Indiana (1/29), recording 4 points with 2 assists and 2 blocked shots
- Came off the bench to score a season-high 8 points at No. 23 Purdue (2/1)
- Connected on a pair of field goals in a win over Rutgers (2/18)
- Contributed 4 points and 3 rebounds in a victory over Michigan (3/1)

BENSON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State	2-3	0-0	0-0		2	4	0	0	0	0	6
Eastern Washington					DNP						
at Butler	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Texas	1-1	0-0	0-0		1	2	0	0	0	0	4
vs. Notre Dame					DNP						
Bryant	0-0	0-0	1-2		1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Wake Forest	0-1	0-0	0-0		1	0	0	1	0	0	1
DePaul	* 2-3	0-0	1-4		3	5	0	2	1	1	20
New Orleans	* 2-2	0-0	0-0		3	4	0	1	1	1	14
Chicago State	* 0-0	0-0	3-4		0	3	0	0	2	0	10
vs. Dayton	* 0-1	0-0	0-0		3	0	1	0	2	0	14
IUPUI	* 2-4	0-0	0-0		4	4	1	2	5	0	15
Houston Baptist	* 1-2	0-0	1-2		6	3	3	0	2	0	19
at Penn State	* 2-4	0-0	2-5		4	6	2	0	0	2	15
at Michigan State	* 0-1	0-0	0-0		3	0	0	1	0	0	12
Minnesota	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Nebraska					DNP						
at Rutgers	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Iowa	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	0	0	0	0	0	3
at Ohio State	1-1	0-0	0-0		0	2	0	0	0	1	5
Nebraska	0-2	0-0	0-0		2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Indiana	2-3	0-0	0-0		1	4	2	0	2	0	13
at Purdue	2-4	0-0	4-4		3	8	0	0	0	0	11
Illinois					DNP						
at Wisconsin	0-0	0-0	0-0		1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Maryland	0-0	0-0	1-2		0	1	0	0	0	1	6
Rutgers	2-3	0-0	0-0		1	4	0	0	0	0	4
at Illinois	0-0	0-0	0-0		1	0	0	0	0	1	4
at Indiana	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Michigan	2-3	0-0	0-0		3	4	1	0	1	0	15
Purdue	1-1	0-0	0-0		2	2	1	2	0	0	6
vs. Rutgers	0-0	0-0	0-0		1	0	0	0	1	0	11
vs. Maryland	0-0	0-0	0-0		1	0	0	0	1	0	6
vs. Wisconsin	1-2	0-0	0-0		2	2	1	1	0	0	8

BENSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	8 at Purdue (2/1/17)
Rebounds	6 vs. Houston Baptist (12/22/16)
FG	2 (9x) last vs. Michigan (3/1/17)
3-pt FG	none
FT	4 at Purdue (2/1/17)
Assists	3 vs. Houston Baptist (12/22/16)
Steals	2 at Penn State (12/27/16)
Minutes	20 vs. DePaul (12/3/16)

BENSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
			fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2016-17	30-8	242/8.1	23-41	.561	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	21	28	49	1.6	45	0	12	10	19	7	59	2.0
TOTAL	30-8	242/8.1	23-41	.561	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	21	28	49	1.6	45	0	12	10	19	7	59	2.0



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**BRYANT McINTOSH**

6-3 • 185 • Jr. • Guard  
Greensburg, Ind.  
Greensburg

**2016-17 SEASON NOTES**

- Consensus second-team All-Big Ten selection
- USBWA All-District V pick
- Team captain
- Averaging 17.2 points and 5.1 assists per game over the last 16 contests dating back to Jan. 15
- Leads the Big Ten with an average of 5.2 assists per game and is third with a .861 free throw percentage (87-101)
- Ranked seventh in the league in Big Ten play with an average of 16.3 points per game and first with 5.4 assists per contest
- Northwestern's all-time leader with 541 assists, the most of any non-senior in the nation
- Participated in Stephen Curry's SC 30 Select Camp last summer for the second straight year
- Tallied 18 points with 7 assists in a victory over Eastern Washington (11/14)
- Posted 12 points and 5 assists at Butler (11/16)
- Recorded game highs of 20 points and 5 assists in a victory over No. 22/21 Texas in the Legends Classic (11/21)
- Connected on all eight of his second-half field goal attempts in scoring 19 of his game-high 23 points after the break in an ACC/Big Ten Challenge win over Wake Forest (11/28)
- Hit a clutch 3-pointer late and finished with 14 points, 7 assists and no turnovers in a victory over Chicago State (12/14)
- Tallied 13 points with 5 assists in a victory over Dayton (12/17)
- Finished one assist shy of a double-double, posting 10 points and 9 assists in a win over IUPUI (12/20)
- Posted 11 points and 8 assists in a win at Penn State in the Big Ten opener (12/27)
- Scored a game-high 21 points, becoming the 34th Northwestern player to surpass 1,000 career points in the process, against Minnesota (1/5)
- Notched a double-double, recording 20 points (9-11 FG) with 10 assists, in a blowout victory over Iowa (1/15); just the second 20-point, 10-assist game in school history (Evan Eschmeyer, at Indiana; 1/13/99)
- Recorded 17 points in a road victory at Ohio State (1/22)
- Posted 9 points and 9 assists in a home win over Nebraska (1/26)
- Tallied a team-high 21 points with 8 assists and 4 rebounds in a victory over Indiana (1/29)
- Scored a team-high 22 points at No. 23 Purdue (2/1)
- Topped 20 points for the third consecutive game, recording 21 vs. Illinois (2/7)
- Keyed an upset win at No. 7/5 Wisconsin (2/12), posting 25 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists while playing all 40 minutes and eclipsing 500 career assists in the process
- First Northwestern player to score at least 20 points in four straight games since John Shurna (6 straight) during the 2010-11 season
- Scored a game-high 18 points—including hitting the go-ahead 3-pointer with just under a minute remaining—with 6 assists in a comeback win over Rutgers (2/18)
- Posted a game-high 22 points in a return to his home state at Indiana (2/25)
- Matched a season high with 25 points to go along with 6 assists while becoming the school's career assists leader vs. No. 16 Purdue (3/5)
- Recorded 16 points and 6 assists in a win over No. 25 Maryland (3/10), helping earn NU a berth in the Big Ten tournament semifinal round

**McINTOSH'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State	*	4-10	1-6	2-2	2	11	4	2	0	1	29
Eastern Washington	*	8-17	0-1	2-2	1	18	7	1	0	0	37
at Butler	*	4-9	1-2	3-4	0	12	5	5	0	1	36
vs. Texas	*	7-18	2-7	4-4	1	20	5	1	0	2	37
vs. Notre Dame	*	3-18	1-3	0-0	1	7	4	4	0	0	35
Bryant	*	3-11	0-5	2-2	1	8	5	4	1	1	33
Wake Forest	*	10-16	2-3	1-2	4	23	2	2	0	0	34
DePaul	*	1-4	0-2	2-2	6	4	5	4	0	0	24
New Orleans	*	3-7	1-3	2-2	1	9	7	1	0	2	26
Chicago State	*	4-14	2-8	4-4	2	14	7	0	0	0	37
vs. Dayton	*	5-12	1-5	2-2	4	13	5	8	1	0	36
IUPUI	*	3-10	2-5	2-2	5	10	9	2	0	0	34
Houston Baptist	*	3-15	1-4	2-4	3	9	6	5	0	1	35
at Penn State	*	5-13	1-4	0-0	5	11	8	2	0	0	36
at Michigan State	*	3-14	0-3	1-1	0	7	5	2	0	1	37
Minnesota	*	7-15	2-5	5-5	2	21	5	3	0	1	31
at Nebraska	*	3-10	1-4	4-4	4	11	4	1	0	1	35
at Rutgers	*	2-10	0-2	2-2	2	6	4	3	1	1	31
Iowa	*	9-11	2-3	0-0	1	20	10	1	0	1	32
at Ohio State	*	4-12	2-7	7-8	3	17	1	2	0	1	30
Nebraska	*	3-13	1-3	2-2	3	9	9	1	1	2	32
Indiana	*	7-13	2-4	5-6	4	21	8	4	0	1	37
at Purdue	*	9-19	1-4	3-3	4	22	4	1	0	0	37
Illinois	*	8-20	1-3	4-6	3	21	4	6	0	1	39
at Wisconsin	*	10-23	1-2	4-4	7	25	7	2	0	0	40
Maryland	*	3-13	0-5	3-4	4	9	6	2	0	0	31
Rutgers	*	6-11	1-3	5-6	2	18	6	2	0	1	36
at Illinois	*	6-17	0-4	4-5	5	16	3	3	0	0	31
at Indiana	*	8-18	3-5	3-4	5	22	2	1	0	1	37
Michigan	*	6-16	1-3	0-0	1	13	5	4	0	0	38
Purdue	*	10-17	2-4	3-4	2	25	6	2	0	0	37
vs. Rutgers	*	6-9	1-2	0-0	2	13	3	3	0	0	32
vs. Maryland	*	5-10	2-2	4-5	0	16	6	3	0	2	36
vs. Wisconsin	*	4-12	0-2	0-0	2	8	1	1	0	0	31

**McINTOSH'S CAREER HIGHS**

Points	33 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12/27/15)
Rebounds	7 (2x) last at Wisconsin (2/12/17)
FG	11 (2x) last vs. Loyola (Md.) (12/27/15)
3-pt FG	5 vs. Columbia (11/20/15)
FT	8 (2x) last vs. Loyola (Md.) (12/27/15)
Assists	13 vs. Rutgers (2/27/16)
Steals	4 vs. Fairfield (11/18/15)
Minutes	45 at DePaul (12/19/15)

**McINTOSH'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Season	gp-gs		Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring												
	gp	gs	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg					
2014-15	32	30	1066	33.3	134	318	.421	40	110	.364	58	68	.853	10	69	79	2.5	34	0	150	79	6	8	366	11.4
2015-16	32	32	1142	35.7	161	381	.423	49	134	.366	70	85	.824	12	104	116	3.6	65	1	213	78	5	31	441	13.8
2016-17	34	34	1159	34.1	182	457	.398	38	128	.297	87	101	.861	9	83	92	2.7	70	1	178	88	4	22	489	14.4
TOTAL	98	96	3367	34.4	477	1156	.413	127	372	.341	215	254	.846	31	256	287	2.9	169	2	541	245	15	61	1296	13.2



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NATHAN TAPHORN

6-7 • 215 • Sr. • Forward  
Pekin, Ill.  
Pekin

2016-17 SEASON NOTES

- Leads the team and ranks third in the Big Ten with a .450 3-point field goal percentage (36-80)
- Posted 5 points and 4 rebounds in a season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State (11/11)
- Contributed 3 points, 4 rebounds and an assist in 16 minutes of action in a victory over No. 22/21 Texas (11/21)
- Knocked down each of his first four 3-point attempts in scoring a season-high 12 points against Notre Dame (11/22)
- Tallied a career high 18 points while matching another best with 6 rebounds in a victory over New Orleans (12/11)
- Connected on three 3-pointers in scoring 11 points in 12 minutes of action in a victory over Dayton (12/17)
- Scored 12 points with 4 rebounds and 3 assists in a win over IUPUI (12/20)
- Contributed 5 first-half points before suffering an injury in a home victory over Indiana (1/29)
- Missed the game at No. 23 Purdue (2/1) due to injury
- Made second career start and first since his freshman season, contributing 6 points in an upset win at No. 7/5 Wisconsin (2/12)
- Posted 6 points and 4 rebounds in a starting role against No. 23/24 Maryland (2/15)
- Recorded 8 points with a pair of blocked shots in a victory over Rutgers (2/18)
- Made a length-of-the-court inbounds pass with 1.7 seconds remaining that connected with Dererk Pardon for a game-winning basket at the buzzer to defeat Michigan (3/1)

TAPHORN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State	2-4	1-3	0-1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	12
Eastern Washington	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
at Butler	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
vs. Texas	1-2	1-2	0-0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	16
vs. Notre Dame	4-6	4-5	0-0	5	12	1	2	0	0	0	21
Bryant	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	7
Wake Forest	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	5
DePaul	1-2	1-2	3-4	0	6	1	1	0	0	0	7
New Orleans	7-11	3-7	1-2	6	18	0	0	0	1	0	22
Chicago State	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	11
vs. Dayton	4-5	3-4	0-0	3	11	1	0	0	0	0	12
IUPUI	3-7	2-6	4-4	4	12	3	0	1	0	0	18
Houston Baptist	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	9
at Penn State	1-4	1-4	0-0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	13
at Michigan State	3-5	2-4	0-0	2	8	2	1	1	1	1	21
Minnesota	2-3	1-1	0-0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	15
at Nebraska	1-1	1-1	0-0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	11
at Rutgers	0-1	0-1	2-2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Iowa	0-3	0-3	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
at Ohio State	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Nebraska	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Indiana	2-3	1-2	0-0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	7
at Purdue					DNP						
Illinois	1-5	1-3	2-2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	17
at Wisconsin	* 2-5	2-4	0-0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	15
Maryland	* 2-5	2-5	0-0	4	6	1	1	0	0	0	23
Rutgers	3-6	2-4	0-0	2	8	1	0	2	0	0	14
at Illinois	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	14
at Indiana	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6
Michigan	2-5	1-2	1-1	1	6	3	0	0	1	1	13
Purdue	1-4	0-2	0-0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	18
vs. Rutgers	2-6	2-5	0-0	1	6	2	0	0	0	0	19
vs. Maryland	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	3	0	2	0	1	1	13
vs. Wisconsin	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	17

TAPHORN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	18 vs. New Orleans (12/11/16)
Rebounds	6 (2x) last vs. New Orleans (12/11/16)
FG	7 (2x) last vs. New Orleans (12/11/16)
3-pt FG	4 vs. Notre Dame (11/22/16)
FT	4 vs. IUPUI (12/20/16)
Assists	3 vs. MVSU (12/15/15)
Steals	2 at Stanford (11/14/13)
Minutes	27 vs. Missouri (11/28/13)

TAPHORN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	gp-gs		Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring												
	gp	gs	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg					
2013-14	26	1	268	10.3	21	67	.313	15	54	.278	8	14	5.71	5	21	26	1.0	23	0	8	22	1	6	65	2.5
2014-15	24	0	264	11.0	37	70	.529	20	40	.500	4	6	.667	9	17	26	1.1	25	0	12	12	1	5	98	4.1
2015-16	24	0	282	11.8	39	87	.448	27	67	.403	12	19	.632	12	42	54	2.3	37	1	16	17	8	4	117	4.9
2016-17	33	2	406	12.3	49	106	.462	36	80	.450	13	16	.813	11	39	50	1.5	40	1	23	14	7	5	147	4.5
TOTAL	107	3	1220	11.4	146	330	.442	98	241	.407	37	55	.673	37	119	156	1.5	125	2	59	65	17	20	427	4.0



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SANJAY LUMPKIN

6-6 • 220 • R-Sr. • Forward  
Wayzata, Minn.  
Benilde-St. Margaret's

2016-17 SEASON NOTES

- Ranks second in school history with 135 games played
- Career total of 633 rebounds ranks tied for 14th in school history
- Team is 12-3 this season when he scores at least 8 points in a game
- Team captain
- Nominee for the NABC/Allstate Good Works Team for his work on the court, in the classroom and in the community
- Recorded 11 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 blocks in a season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State (11/11)
- Scored 10 points with 5 rebounds at Butler (11/16)
- Posted a solid all-around performance in a win over Wake Forest in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge (11/28), recording 10 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals
- Notched a double-double in a win over DePaul (12/3), recording 11 points and 10 rebounds with 3 blocked shots
- Reached a pair of milestones in a win over Chicago State (12/14), starting his 100th career game and surpassing 500 career rebounds while finishing one point shy of a double-double, tallying 9 points and a season-high 11 boards
- Grabbed a career-best 14 rebounds while finishing one point shy of a career high with 14 in recording a double-double in a victory over Dayton (12/17)
- Posted a second straight double-double, recording 13 points and 13 rebounds in a win over IUPUI (12/20)
- Recorded a game-high 11 rebounds to go along with 8 points in a road victory at Ohio State (1/22)
- Matched a career high with 15 points, including hitting a career-best six free throws, in a win over Indiana (1/29)
- Scored 9 points with 7 rebounds and a pair of steals at No. 23 Purdue (2/1)
- Tallied 9 points, including hitting a clutch 3-pointer late, in an upset win at No. 7/5 Wisconsin (2/12)
- On Senior Day, went a perfect 5-for-5 from the field in scoring 13 points to go along with 7 rebounds in his final collegiate home game vs. No. 16 Purdue (3/5)

LUMPKIN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State	*	3-4	0-1	5-6	8	11	2	1	2	0	24
Eastern Washington	*	1-1	1-1	0-1	3	3	2	0	1	0	23
at Butler	*	4-8	0-2	2-2	5	10	2	1	0	1	31
vs. Texas	*	2-3	1-1	0-0	5	5	2	1	0	0	26
vs. Notre Dame	*	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	2	1	1	0	0	17
Bryant	*	1-2	0-0	1-2	6	3	1	0	0	0	22
Wake Forest	*	4-7	0-2	2-2	7	10	3	1	1	3	33
DePaul	*	4-7	2-2	1-1	10	11	2	1	3	0	29
New Orleans	*	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	0	3	0	16
Chicago State	*	4-8	1-4	0-1	11	9	1	1	0	1	39
vs. Dayton	*	5-8	1-3	3-4	14	14	2	1	0	1	36
IUPUI	*	4-5	0-1	5-6	13	13	1	0	0	2	34
Houston Baptist	*	3-4	1-2	4-5	9	11	1	1	0	0	36
at Penn State	*	1-1	0-0	1-2	7	3	2	1	1	1	24
at Michigan State	*	3-6	1-3	0-0	6	7	2	0	0	0	34
Minnesota	*	0-3	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	22
at Nebraska	*	1-4	0-2	0-0	4	2	2	0	0	0	25
at Rutgers	*	0-3	0-1	0-0	4	0	1	3	1	0	23
Iowa	*	2-2	1-1	0-2	7	5	5	1	0	1	28
at Ohio State	*	2-4	1-3	3-4	11	8	2	0	0	0	29
Nebraska	*	3-4	1-1	1-1	3	8	1	2	0	0	25
Indiana	*	4-6	1-2	6-7	3	15	0	0	0	2	38
at Purdue	*	3-6	1-3	2-5	7	9	0	0	0	2	30
Illinois	*	0-2	0-2	0-0	3	0	1	0	1	0	30
at Wisconsin	*	4-6	1-3	0-0	5	9	0	1	0	2	32
Maryland	*	3-6	0-0	0-1	2	6	2	0	1	0	29
Rutgers	*	0-1	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	1	0	1	21
at Illinois	*	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	22
at Indiana	*	1-2	0-1	2-3	4	4	1	0	0	0	30
Michigan	*	1-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	1	2	0	0	26
Purdue	*	5-5	0-0	3-4	7	13	0	0	0	0	32
vs. Rutgers	*	3-3	1-1	2-3	2	9	2	1	0	0	22
vs. Maryland	*	1-4	0-2	2-3	7	4	4	1	0	0	28
vs. Wisconsin	*	0-1	0-1	1-2	2	1	0	2	0	1	23

LUMPKIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	15 (2x) last vs. Indiana (1/29/17)
Rebounds	14 vs. Dayton (12/17/16)
FG	5 (5x) last vs. Purdue (3/5/17)
3-pt FG	3 (2x) last at Maryland (1/25/15)
FT	6 vs. Indiana (1/29/17)
Assists	5 (2x) last vs. Iowa (1/15/17)
Steals	5 vs. Iowa (1/25/14)
Minutes	43 vs. Purdue (1/21/14)

LUMPKIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	gp-gs		Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring									
	gp	gs	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
2012-13	4	0	26	6.5	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	1.0	2	0	2	2	1	0	4	1.0
2013-14	33	32	965	29.2	43-117	.368	13-49	.265	26-43	.605	48	110	158	4.8	118	9	41	55	12	37	125	3.8
2014-15	32	26	720	22.5	50-95	.526	13-35	.371	26-38	.684	33	87	120	3.8	91	2	26	27	9	21	139	4.3
2015-16	32	32	757	23.7	42-86	.488	13-36	.361	26-38	.684	45	114	159	5.0	93	3	40	34	8	17	123	3.8
2016-17	34	34	939	27.6	74-131	.565	15-48	.313	46-67	.687	51	141	192	5.6	107	4	47	24	14	18	209	6.1
TOTAL	135	124	3407	25.2	210-434	.484	54-169	.320	126-188	.670	178	455	633	4.7	411	18	156	142	44	93	600	4.4



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**GAVIN SKELLY**

6-8 • 225 • Jr. • Forward  
Westlake, Ohio  
Westlake

**2016-17 SEASON NOTES**

- Scored in double figures in four straight games from Nov. 25-Dec. 11 after tallying 10 or more points only once in his first 64 collegiate contests
- Enjoyed a solid all-around game in a season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State, recording 7 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and a career-high 4 blocked shots
- Contributed 6 rebounds and 3 assists in a victory over No. 22/21 Texas in the Legends Classic (11/21)
- Posted career highs of 15 points, 6 assists and 3 blocked shots to go along with 6 rebounds in a victory over Bryant (11/25)
- Stuffed the stat sheet with 11 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 blocks and 2 steals in a win over Wake Forest in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge (11/28)
- Matched a career high with 15 points in a victory over DePaul (12/3)
- Finished one rebound shy of a double-double, recording 14 points and 9 rebounds to go along with 3 assists and 2 blocks in a win over New Orleans (12/11)
- Tallied 8 points, 6 rebounds, 4 blocked shots and 3 assists in a victory over Chicago State (12/14)
- Recorded career highs of 19 points (9-12 FGs), 11 rebounds and 6 blocks in only 22 minutes of action in a win over IUPUI (12/20)
- Averaged 11.7 points, 5.6 rebounds and 2.6 blocks per game while shooting 60.3 percent from the field off the bench over the team's nine-game winning streak from Nov. 25-Dec. 27
- Knocked down a pair of 3-pointers in scoring 9 points with 4 rebounds and a pair of steals in a victory at Nebraska (1/8)
- Grabbed 10 rebounds to go along with 5 points, 4 assists and 2 blocks in a win at Rutgers (1/12)
- Returned to his home state of Ohio to post 7 points, 4 rebounds and a pair of assists in a victory at Ohio State (1/22)
- Contributed 8 points, a game-high 9 rebounds and 2 steals off the bench against Illinois (2/7)
- Hit a pair of clutch 3-pointers late in scoring 9 points with 4 rebounds in a comeback win over Rutgers (2/18)
- Tallied 11 points off the bench at Illinois (2/21)
- Connected on all three field goal attempts in a win over Michigan (3/1)
- Provided solid contributions in a win over No. 25 Maryland in the quarterfinal round of the Big Ten tournament (3/10), posting 4 points with an offensive rebound, an assist and a blocked shot

**SKELLY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

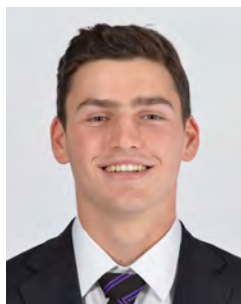
Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State	1-2	1-2	4-4	5	7	3	0	4	1	21	
Eastern Washington	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	0	1	15	
at Butler	1-2	1-1	1-3	4	4	2	1	1	0	22	
vs. Texas	0-1	0-0	2-2	6	2	3	0	1	0	13	
vs. Notre Dame	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	10	
Bryant	5-9	0-1	5-5	6	15	6	0	3	0	26	
Wake Forest	4-8	1-4	2-3	6	11	4	3	2	2	29	
DePaul	5-7	0-1	5-6	3	15	1	0	1	0	26	
New Orleans	4-7	1-1	5-6	9	14	3	0	2	0	28	
Chicago State	4-6	0-1	0-0	6	8	3	3	4	0	25	
vs. Dayton	0-2	0-1	4-6	2	4	2	1	1	0	18	
IUPUI	9-12	1-2	0-1	11	19	1	2	6	0	22	
Houston Baptist	3-3	1-1	0-0	2	7	0	0	2	0	15	
at Penn State	4-9	2-2	2-2	5	12	0	2	2	1	29	
at Michigan State	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	0	12	
Minnesota	2-9	0-6	0-0	6	4	0	2	1	0	23	
at Nebraska	3-4	2-3	1-1	4	9	1	3	0	2	23	
at Rutgers	2-5	1-3	0-0	10	5	4	3	2	0	22	
Iowa	2-3	1-2	1-2	2	6	2	1	2	1	16	
at Ohio State	2-6	1-1	2-2	4	7	2	1	1	0	17	
Nebraska	0-2	0-1	2-2	0	2	1	1	0	0	17	
Indiana	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	
at Purdue	0-3	0-3	2-2	1	2	1	2	2	0	16	
Illinois	1-5	0-3	6-6	9	8	1	2	1	2	22	
at Wisconsin	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	1	1	0	10	
Maryland	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1	0	15	
Rutgers	3-5	2-3	1-2	4	9	0	2	1	0	18	
at Illinois	3-4	2-2	3-5	3	11	1	1	0	0	24	
at Indiana	2-4	0-2	1-2	1	5	1	1	0	0	10	
Michigan	3-3	0-0	0-1	2	6	1	1	0	0	14	
Purdue	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
vs. Rutgers	2-6	0-1	1-1	3	5	1	3	1	1	17	
vs. Maryland	2-4	0-1	0-0	1	4	1	2	1	0	14	
vs. Wisconsin	1-5	1-4	0-0	4	3	0	2	0	0	18	

**SKELLY'S CAREER HIGHS**

Points	19 vs. IUPUI (12/20/16)
Rebounds	11 vs. IUPUI (12/20/16)
FG	9 vs. IUPUI (12/20/16)
3-pt FG	2 (4x) last at Illinois (2/21/17)
FT	6 vs. Illinois (2/7/17)
Assists	6 vs. Bryant (11/25/16)
Steals	3 vs. MVSU (12/14/14)
Minutes	29 (2x) last at Penn State (12/27/16)

**SKELLY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Season	gp-gs		Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring												
	gp	gs	fg	pct	fg	pct	ft	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg					
2014-15	29	0	210	7.2	16	33	.485	0	0	.000	9	17	.529	23	31	54	1.9	36	0	14	9	16	9	41	1.4
2015-16	30	0	376	12.5	33	54	.611	4	9	.444	29	45	.644	35	57	92	3.1	58	1	16	25	14	7	99	3.3
2016-17	34	0	619	18.2	70	150	.467	18	59	.305	50	64	.781	48	77	125	3.7	93	4	46	46	43	12	208	6.1
TOTAL	93	0	1205	13.0	119	237	.502	22	68	.324	88	126	.698	106	165	271	2.9	187	5	76	80	73	28	348	3.7



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**CHARLIE HALL**

6-5 • 205 • So. • Forward  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Crossroads School

**2016-17 SEASON NOTES**

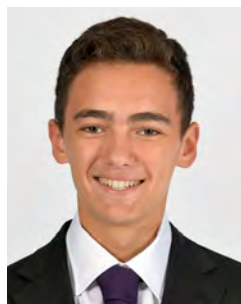
- Appeared in his first game of the season in win over Bryant (11/25)
- Grabbed a career-best 2 rebounds in a Big Ten tournament victory over Rutgers (3/9)

**HALL'S CAREER HIGHS**

Points .....	none
Rebounds.....	2 vs. Rutgers (3/9/17)
FG .....	none
3-pt FG .....	none
FT .....	none
Assists .....	none
Steals .....	none
Minutes.....	4 vs. Sacred Heart (12/21/15)

**HALL'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State					DNP						
Eastern Washington					DNP						
at Butler					DNP						
vs. Texas					DNP						
vs. Notre Dame					DNP						
Bryant		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wake Forest					DNP						
DePaul					DNP						
New Orleans		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Chicago State					DNP						
vs. Dayton					DNP						
IUPUI		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Houston Baptist					DNP						
at Penn State					DNP						
at Michigan State					DNP						
Minnesota					DNP						
at Nebraska					DNP						
at Rutgers					DNP						
Iowa		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
at Ohio State					DNP						
Nebraska					DNP						
Indiana					DNP						
Purdue		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Illinois					DNP						
at Wisconsin					DNP						
Maryland					DNP						
Rutgers					DNP						
at Illinois					DNP						
at Indiana					DNP						
Michigan					DNP						
Purdue					DNP						
vs. Rutgers		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Maryland					DNP						
vs. Wisconsin					DNP						



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**TINO MALNATI**

6-3 • 175 • Fr. • Guard  
Northfield, Ill.  
New Trier

**2016-17 SEASON NOTES**

- Joined the team this fall as a walk-on

**MALNATI'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Opponent	GS	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	Pts	A	TO	B	S	Min
Miss. Valley State					DNP						
Eastern Washington					DNP						
at Butler					DNP						
vs. Texas					DNP						
vs. Notre Dame					DNP						
Bryant					DNP						
Wake Forest					DNP						
DePaul					DNP						
New Orleans					DNP						
Chicago State					DNP						
vs. Dayton					DNP						
IUPUI					DNP						
Houston Baptist					DNP						
at Penn State					DNP						
at Michigan State					DNP						
Minnesota					DNP						
at Nebraska					DNP						
at Rutgers					DNP						
Iowa					DNP						
at Ohio State					DNP						
Nebraska					DNP						
Indiana					DNP						
at Purdue					DNP						
Illinois					DNP						
at Wisconsin					DNP						
Maryland					DNP						
Rutgers					DNP						
at Illinois					DNP						
at Indiana					DNP						
Michigan					DNP						
Purdue					DNP						
vs. Rutgers					DNP						
vs. Maryland					DNP						
vs. Wisconsin					DNP						



**VIC LAW**  
R-So. • F • 6-7  
South Holland, Ill.  
St. Rita



**DERERK PARDON**  
So. • C • 6-8  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Villa Angela-St. Joseph



**CHARLIE HALL**  
So. • F • 6-5  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Crossroads School



**ISIAH BROWN**  
Fr. • G • 6-2  
Lynnwood, Wash.  
Lakeside



**RAPOLAS IVANAUSKAS**  
Fr. • F • 6-9  
Barrington, Ill.  
Brewster Academy (N.H.)



**SCOTTIE LINDSEY**  
Jr. • G/F • 6-5  
Hillside, Ill.  
Fenwick



**TINO MALNATI**  
Fr. • G • 6-3  
Northfield, Ill.  
New Trier



**JORDAN ASH**  
So. • G • 6-3  
Bolingbrook, Ill.  
St. Joseph



**BARRET BENSON**  
Fr.. • C • 6-10  
Willowbrook, Ill.  
Hinsdale South



**BRYANT MCINTOSH**  
Jr. • G • 6-3  
Greensburg, Ind.  
Greensburg



**NATHAN TAPHORN**  
Sr. • F • 6-7  
Pekin, Ill.  
Pekin



**SANJAY LUMPKIN**  
R-Sr. • G/F • 6-6  
Wayzata, Minn.  
Benilde-St. Margaret's



**AARON FALZON**  
So. • F • 6-8  
Newton, Mass.  
Northfield Mount Hermon



**GAVIN SKELLY**  
Jr. • F • 6-8  
Westlake, Ohio  
Westlake



**CHRIS COLLINS**  
Head Coach  
Fourth Season  
Duke, '96

## Chris Collins' Greatest Success: Getting Northwestern to Believe in Itself

By Dan Wiederer  
Chicago Tribune

The affirmation hangs above Chris Collins' desk, a framed photo taken three years ago during what could have been an ordinary Wednesday evening in the Big Ten. In the picture, five Northwestern players gather during a road game at Wisconsin.

Look deeply enough into their collective gaze, like staring into a Magic Eye autostereogram, and eventually their fortitude comes into focus.

As Collins peers up, naming each player — Drew Crawford, Tre Demps, Alex Olah, Sanjay Lumpkin, JerShon Cobb — he can't stress enough how much that night meant and still resonates.

Twenty-seven days before that photo was snapped, Collins' Wildcats hosted the Badgers. In his first conference game, in his first year as a head coach, Collins understood the patience and perseverance needed to scale the mountain in front of him.

But that didn't always lessen the discomfort from the rock slides that frequently battered the Wildcats as they began their climb. And in the first half of that January 2014 game in Evanston, the young coach was nearly ripped right out of his harness.

Wisconsin, on its way to 30 wins and a Final Four trip, reminded Collins of how elite college basketball teams harmonize on both ends of the floor.

Halftime score: Badgers 40, Wildcats 14.

With his home arena lifeless and his team getting pummeled, Collins retreated to the locker room, searching for a message to soothe his players. In that moment, with that 40-14 score leaving him in a daze, he understood how different his struggles would be than they had been for the previous 13 winters at Duke.

"You never have regrets. I'm not saying I had regrets," Collins says. "But I'm sitting by myself and I'm staring at the wall and I'm saying, 'When's the next flight back to Durham?' Like, 'Whoa. This is going to be tough.'"

But now Collins points back to that framed photo in his office, the symbol from four weeks later. With all sorts of pluck and determination, the same Wildcats who got pounded by 27 points at home walked into the Kohl Center and toppled the 14th-ranked Badgers 65-56.

That game, Collins is certain, is a huge reason the Northwestern program continues on its ascent, heading into March with established resolve and a real chance of securing the program's first NCAA tournament invitation.

"To me," Collins says, "that was the turning point. That night."

It had so little to do with talent or strategy and everything to do with belief and unity and hustle, the seeds from which college basketball magic can sprout.

"I'll always have that picture up," Collins says. "To me that signifies the beginning and what those five guys did to start changing the perception of our place."

In the final days of February 2017, the perception of the Northwestern program remains promising. Around the Big Ten, there's universal acknowledgment that the Wildcats are talented, well-coached and — perhaps most significantly — confident in who they are and where they're headed.

Heading into Saturday's game at Indiana, the Wildcats were 20-8, 9-6 in the Big Ten and penciled in as a No. 9 seed in ESPN's latest bracketology prognostication.

Suddenly, the most repeated question on the NU campus — "Is this the year?" — has a new answer. "Maybe" has become "It darn well should be."

"There's a sharpened mindset now," forward Vic Law says, "where we're able to see every game as a next step toward a bigger goal and not just another game."

Still, after being drummed 66-50 at Illinois on Tuesday night, the Wildcats understand they can't exhale with postseason presumptions. Tuesday's loss, with Northwestern firing blanks through a 5-for-27 second half, exposed a team with a thin margin for error. Uncharacteristically, the Wildcats appeared totally spent down the stretch.

"We just didn't have that fight we normally have," Collins acknowledged.

As for how the Wildcats would recharge after such a draining setback, Collins didn't sense he would need many motivational tools.

"I would think at this time of year, this is where you get the most excited," he said. "It's not a marathon anymore."

Through experience, through myriad struggles, through encouraging waves of success, these Wildcats have learned to ride the Big

Ten roller coaster with equanimity, conscious not to become overly exhilarated by their thrills or grow too fretful at the dips.

That six-game January winning streak, the program's longest conference surge since 1933? Encouraging, sure, but not to be celebrated as grand.

Back-to-back losses to open February — by 21 points at Purdue, then a sloppy home stumble against Illinois? The Wildcats responded with their signature victory of the season — another "Milestone in Madison" — this one 66-59 over the then-No. 7 Badgers.

"You have to follow your leader," point guard Bryant McIntosh says. "And Coach Collins has done a great job with that, of constantly keeping us focused on the next task."

If that upset of Wisconsin was Northwestern's biggest victory, last weekend's 69-65 escape against Rutgers in Evanston may have been the gutsiest. The Wildcats trailed for more than 13 minutes in the second half. During one drought, they made only one field goal in 11 minutes. Facing a loss that could have sent this season's joyride on a drastic detour, the Wildcats steered around the wreck.

The normally demonstrative Collins struck a more reassuring tone during timeout huddles, continually urging his players with a repetitive command: "Let's find a way. Let's find a way."

McIntosh's go-ahead pull-up 3-pointer in the final minute may have been the most clutch shot all season. Afterward, the junior described the mindset.

"It was more just, 'We're going to find out what we're all about,'" he said. "In that situation in the past, we would fold."

Added Law: "There's a whole new level of trust within the program, where we can lean on each other for strength. When we were going into the huddles, we were looking at each other like, 'We can't lose. We've worked too hard to let games like this slip away.'"

Those are precisely the survival instincts the Wildcats will need to finish the regular season strong and maximize the Big Ten tournament in the days before Selection Sunday.

### From the ground up

All of this is a testament to the kind of program Collins aspired to build. At his formal introduction as NU coach three years ago, he spoke candidly of the competitiveness and energy he intended to inject into the pro-

gram. But he also knew the arduous building process required a more detailed plan.

Collins wanted a team known for defensive tenacity. So in his first spring workouts, as he welcomed his new players to the gym, they wondered why there were no basketballs to be found and thus no shots to be taken.

“Right then,” says Lumpkin, then a freshman, “I knew things were going to be different around here.”

Three years later, Northwestern ranks in the top three in the Big Ten in field-goal percentage defense, points allowed and blocked shots.

Those workouts, Collins insists, weren’t entirely about defense.

“You’re going to find out quickly through that who your believers are,” he says. “And you only want guys in the boat who want to be in the boat.”

Collins also wanted to create a program that mirrored his passion. So he encouraged his players to remember their love for the game and be uninhibited in how they expressed that, free to fist-pump, chest-bump and roar — just as he has always done as a player and coach.

“I just think that’s important,” Collins says. “Don’t act like you’re at the dentist’s office. Inherently, growing up as a kid, you must have put all this time into basketball because you enjoyed it. So show that. Feel that.”

Most of all, Collins knew he needed his first recruiting class to provide a sturdy foundation for the long term. So piece by piece — Law, Gavin Skelly, McIntosh, Scottie Lindsey — Collins found players who fit and who cared deeply about the process of lifting the program to prominence.

Law, whose intelligence complements the St. Rita alumnus’ athleticism and length, heard Collins’ impassioned recruiting pleas not as an inflated sales pitch but as a promise of where Northwestern was headed.

“It was his passion and his energy for the culture he wanted to create,” Law says. “And I was sold on how genuine he was in his belief that we would get there.”

McIntosh, an obsessive J.J. Redick fan while growing up in Indiana, was first magnetized by Collins’ tight bond with the former Duke guard and his role in molding Redick into the national player of the year. Because of that, McIntosh felt an instant connection. And the eager point guard, like Collins, saw Northwestern’s lack of history as an enticing

challenge.

Somehow, those bannerless rafters at Welsh-Ryan and that short NBA alumni list never felt like a drawback.

“I saw a chance to leave a legacy and be remembered forever,” McIntosh says.

### **Belief system**

Tuesday’s lackluster loss in Champaign shook the Wildcats, reviving that inevitable skepticism of whether they’re truly steeled enough to endure the late-season grind and the weight of all this NCAA tournament pressure.

Collins, though, may be the ideal leader to bring the Wildcats back to center.

He was in sixth grade when his dad, Doug, was hired to coach Michael Jordan and the Bulls, and he was a freshman at Glenbrook North when Doug was axed. So even in adolescence, Collins learned to develop a thick skin and a filter for outside praise and criticism.

Furthermore, his 17 seasons at Duke — four as a player, 13 as an assistant to Mike Krzyzewski — included a total of 267 weeks ranked in the AP top 10, with 62 of those at No. 1. So, yes, Collins has earned a doctorate in understanding pressure and expectation.

He continues to emphasize the belief breakthrough these Wildcats have experienced, embodying a steadying self-assurance that began to emerge last spring.

As the Wildcats felt their collective growth and saw their potential, the natural push to invest in making the next big step triggered a confidence swell.

Says Collins: “There was a little more cockiness of, ‘Hey, we are a good team.’ It was just a different mentality, a different hunger.”

Collins and his players know full well why the TV cameras have been showing up in larger hordes the past six weeks, why pop-ins from Sports Illustrated, the Wall Street Journal, ESPN and USA Today have become routine. The hook of this saga is Northwestern’s never-been-done-before quest to make the NCAA tournament.

The Wildcats embrace all of that — the newfound renown, the anticipation, the pressure. But it also has become woven into their mindset that making the field of 68, while a significant milestone, cannot be confused as the destination.

“People might think that’s the mountaintop

for us,” Collins says. “But when I came here, it wasn’t about that. Honestly, to me it’s a step along the way. I came here to build a program. I want us to have a culture and a belief where this is something we’re consistently achieving.”

Each step, of course, has its own significance. Which means Collins should probably keep a few spots open on his office wall.

## **New era for Northwestern hoops: Heading to the NCAA tournament**

**By Teddy Greenstein  
Chicago Tribune**

Giddy Northwestern fans woke up Thursday to a new reality.

March Madness is for them.

Their school is IN.

Greg Gumbel will call its name on Selection Sunday.

For the first time in 79 years — for the only time in 79 years — Northwestern will make the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

That's not a big deal to all those Power Five schools that know pretty much every November where they're headed in March, but to the Wildcats, it is everything. And the national reaction has been immense.

On Thursday morning, NU fans could flip to ESPN2, where "Mike & Mike" co-host and NU alumnus Mike Greenberg — wearing a black Northwestern T-shirt with gothic lettering, matching what the players wore Wednesday night against Michigan — was interviewing coach Chris Collins.

After joking that the worst thing his sister ever did was to teach dad Doug to text — "Now he's the emoji king" — Collins said: "When we took this on, I knew it would be tough, a big journey. It's about doing this for a long time, not just having one team that does well. I think we're on to the start of something good, which is really exciting."

Exciting, indeed.

The winning play Wednesday goes down as the greatest moment in NU hoops history. Nate Taphorn fired a bomb to Dererk Pardon — both appeared Thursday morning on ESPN's "SportsCenter" — and Pardon banked in the long layup.

"Who would have thought that the greatest pass in Northwestern history would belong to the basketball program?" former NU quarterback C.J. Bacher joked in a text.

Pardon beat the buzzer, and students mobbed the players on the court.

"That's the least Northwestern thing ever," tweeted alumnus Seth Meyers, who hosts "Late Night" on NBC.

Northwestern has not only been used as an adjective over the years to describe flops and moments of misery, but ESPN studio host

Karl Ravech used the school as a verb after it blew a late lead to Indiana on Saturday, marking five losses in seven games.

"Northwestern-ing ... just kind of limping home and potentially playing their way out of the tournament," Ravech said.

And Wednesday's Chicago Tribune featured a Photoshopped image of a worn-out Vic Law near the infamous black cat at Shea Stadium.

After his postgame news conference Wednesday, Collins good-naturedly told the Tribune representatives there: "The '69 Cubs, bury that one. Put it in the cemetery."

ESPN bracketologist Joe Lunardi has Northwestern in as a No. 9 seed after the 67-65 victory over what had been a surging Michigan team.

CBS Sports' Jerry Palm, who projects the Wildcats as a No. 8 seed, tweeted this: "I didn't have Northwestern on my bubble. I said they could lose to Michigan and Purdue and still get in. This way was a lot more fun."

That it was. And more fun lies ahead. Potentially, anyway.

CBS Sports' Final Four crew of Jim Nantz, Bill Raftery, Grant Hill and Tracy Wolfson comes to Evanston on Sunday for the final game before Welsh-Ryan Arena gets gutted during an 18-month, \$110 million renovation. The opponent is Purdue, which leads the Big Ten standings.

The Boilermakers clubbed the Wildcats 80-59 a month ago at Mackey Arena. It was Northwestern's first game without swingman Scottie Lindsey, who missed four games with mononucleosis, and it started the Wildcats' slide.

"I want to play just like we played tonight, like we have to win it," Law said. "There is no other option but winning. Purdue beat us by like 30, so I'm excited to play Sunday."

Pardon took a differing view.

"We got the monkey off our backs," he said, "and we can play free."

The Wildcats will be either the No. 5 or No. 6 seed next week in the Big Ten tournament in Washington. They'll have the No. 6 slot — prime time, the bottom of the draw — unless they beat Purdue and Michigan State loses to Maryland.

Either way, their first game will be Thursday.

Three days later, their name will be called.

## Chris Collins' incredible journey: From Bulls ball boy to brink of Northwestern history

By Paul Skrbina  
Chicago Tribune

His first driving lesson could have ended in the bottom of his neighbor's pool.

Chris Collins thought maybe it did.

The Northwestern basketball coach was 2 or 3 when he sat alone in his parents' car, which was parked in the driveway belonging to Phillies Hall of Fame third baseman Mike Schmidt.

Collins' mother, Kathy, was there to drop off something. Before she made it to the door, she saw the car — with her toddler son in tow — rolling down the driveway toward the backyard.

"Somehow the parking brake was released and he got it into neutral," Kathy said. "It wasn't running."

But Kathy was — toward her son. She made it in time to put the car into park, simultaneously saving Chris and the car from who knows what.

And so began a childhood that took Chris Collins many places, from the Philadelphia area — where he was play pals with Kobe Bryant, neighbors with the Schmidts and Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski and had a front-row seat to see Julius Erving — to Chicago, where he became Michael Jordan's personal shoe-lacer and a basketball legend in his own right at Glenbrook North.

Time has taken with it the details of the driveway incident, which Collins described as the "great endeavor as a young kid in the south Jersey neighborhood." Remember, he was too young to remember, which explains why his ending to the story was recalled a bit differently.

"The car starts creeping. It's almost straight downhill. ... At the bottom of the driveway was a big wooden fence," Collins said during a rare quiet moment in his office next to Welsh-Ryan Arena. "She grabbed me out of the car, the car goes down the hill, through the fence and into the pool."

"I do not remember that," Schmidt said with a laugh. "I think I would remember that."

That, it turned out, wasn't the only time Mike Schmidt's pool nearly caused disaster for Collins, who will guide Northwestern (21-10) into the Big Ten tournament this week in Washington before an expected first NCAA

tournament berth in school history.

Chris' father, Doug, a four-time All-Star in eight seasons with the 76ers from 1973 to '81, remembered falling asleep on the couch one afternoon, only to wake up to an empty house.

He found Chris, who was 3 at the time, at a construction site a half-mile away, being entertained by some workers.

"I didn't do a very good job of taking care of my son," said Doug, who spent 11 seasons as an NBA coach with the Bulls, Pistons and 76ers. "I couldn't be upset with him. ... He said: 'I just wanted to go see Mike Schmidt. I wanted to go swimming at his house.'"

His first basketball job interview almost ended in disaster too.

Collins was 12. It was Nov. 4, 1986, his first day on duty as a ball boy for the Bulls, who played the Spurs that night at Chicago Stadium in Doug Collins' first home game as the team's coach.

Seventh-grade Chris was standing in the corner of the locker room when Michael Jordan arrived about 90 minutes before the game.

"Because of growing up around pro sports, I wasn't easily awestruck," Collins said. "Michael Jordan was different, though. I'm just quiet. 'Man, it's Jordan.'"

"My eyes are big. ... He grabs a pair of Jordans, brand new in the box. He walks up to me, doesn't say anything and he jams the box into my stomach and goes back to his locker and sits down."

Collins was confused.

"I thought he was giving me his shoes," Collins continued. "I'm the young guy, the coach's kid."

So Collins starts to shove the box into his duffel bag.

"He looks over and goes: 'What the hell are you doing? I'm not giving you those shoes. I need you to lace them up. Those are the shoes I'm playing in tonight,'" Collins said.

Collins was mortified. Jordan scored 34 that night.

Jordan forgave Chris — and eventually gave him a pair of shoes, which Collins still has — and lacing Michael Jordan's shoes before every home game became Collins' job for a couple of years.

He also sat under the basket for home games

when he could, wiping sweat from the floor during timeouts and watching a dynasty form in the process.

His high school career ended with 40 points and disappointment at a place where he now has a reserved parking spot.

Coincidentally — and perhaps fatefully — Collins played his final game for Glenbrook North, a triple-overtime loss to Stevenson in the Evanston Supersectional, in front of a standing-room-only crowd at soon-to-be-gutted Welsh-Ryan Arena, the kind Collins envisioned when he took the Northwestern job four years ago.

Collins, always trying to outrun the shadow of his father's name and make one for himself, was named a McDonald's All-American that year and won the game's 3-point-shooting contest. He also was voted Mr. Basketball of Illinois after averaging 32.1 points. Six times he scored at least 40 in a game, and he led the state in 3-point shooting (94-for-200) and his team in assists (4.8 per game).

But Mr. Basketball was Mr. Determined a year earlier. As a junior Collins averaged 30 points and led Glenbrook North to its first conference title since 1973. Still, the Tribune didn't name him as a first- or second-team All-State player.

His best friend showed him the paper and couldn't resist poking the third-team bear. That year's senior class was loaded, Collins noted as he recited names such as Juwan Howard, Michael Finley, Tom Kleinschmidt and Sherell Ford, not to mention Mr. Basketball, Howard Nathan.

"He says, 'See, you ain't so good, man,'" Collins said. "I said to him: 'That's all good. A year from now, not only are you going to get the paper and see I'm on the All-State team, I'm going to be on the cover because I'm going to win player of the year.'"

Collins said the message he wrote in that friend's 1991 yearbook ended with "1992 Illinois Mr. Basketball."

That Collins had such confidence came as no surprise to anyone close to him.

"He was never afraid of any situation," said Collins' high school coach, Brian James, now one of his NU assistants.

James recalled a game against Highland Park, one of the team's only losses that season, in which Collins proved that.

It was early in the season, the gym was packed and Highland Park had a big early lead.

“Chris’ teammates kept throwing the ball right back to him after he would pass it,” James said. “In our first timeout he says, ‘Let’s get something straight: I know you guys are scared to death, so from now on I’m going to shoot it every time I touch it.’”

Collins kept his promise, shooting 38 times. The next time the teams played, Glenbrook North won by 30.

In a 1991 game at the York holiday tournament, Collins scored 54 points against Wheaton Central.

“I think he had 25 in the second quarter,” James said. “He thrived for the big moments. He was not scared of opposing crowds.”

And those crowds could be cruel.

His father’s stay with the Bulls ended after three years.

The team fired Doug Collins in July 1989, just before Chris’ sophomore season at Glenbrook North, lending even more disdain to be aimed at a kid some liked to believe was living off his father’s name.

“High school kids can be ruthless: ‘Your dad got fired. We’re glad,’” James said. “It really hardened him up.”

“It was difficult as a parent to sit in the stands and listen to that,” Kathy said. “What amazed me was that he rose to the occasion. It did not affect how he played one bit. I just couldn’t imagine. Maybe he was able to tune it out.”

It was that shadow again, the one Chris loathed that was cast by the one he loved.

Collins was 6-foot-3 with average athleticism and said he had to work for everything on the court. He was a pretty good player coming out of junior high. Some questioned why he didn’t attend a better basketball school, such as Loyola or New Trier.

“I would be lying if I didn’t say one of my greatest motivating factors was to create my own name,” Collins said. “Any article, it was always, ‘comma, son of Doug Collins.’ It was motivating for me not because I didn’t love my dad, but I wanted my own legacy.”

He wanted to make a name for Glenbrook North, though. Just like he wanted to make a name for Northwestern when he left Duke.

“It all ties together,” he said.

Games of Candyland always ended in victory for Chris when he played against his younger sister, Kelly.

Chris and Kelly spent their childhood going to each other’s sporting events and hanging out on the family trampoline, making up games with their wrestling figures.

Chris’ competitiveness also stretched to the realm of imaginary sweets with the popular board game.

“When you have two players, you alternate picking cards,” Kelly said. “He would go into the game before he asked me to play and set up the cards so every other one was the good one.”

He would then offer for his sister to go first, assuring himself triumph.

Winning and preparation are “just how I’m wired,” Chris said.

His childhood had a lot to do with that. So did his mom and dad.

But that’s all Chris wanted his parents to be — parents. He didn’t want his famous father coaching him, which, in retrospect, he regrets. But at the time, he just wanted Doug to be Dad.

“He realized I was really emotional about him coaching me directly, so he took a step back,” Chris said. “I didn’t take it well. ... I just wanted him to be my dad. ... I should have been listening. It was dumb on my part because he had a lot to give.”

His second basketball job interview didn’t end in disaster but rather peace.

A man named DeJuan Wheat dashed Collins’ NBA hopes.

Collins was a year removed from a broken foot he suffered during his senior season at Duke. He had spent the previous season lonely overseas in Finland, where he led the league in scoring while still attached to his dream of playing in the NBA. Kathy visited a few times and could tell that wasn’t for Chris.

Doug, a good friend of then-Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders, put in for a favor after Chris played in the NBA summer league: Let Chris try out for the team. Soon Collins found himself the 20th man on what eventually would be a 14-man roster.

He held his own, even hitting a 3-point-er during an exhibition game against his father’s Pistons at the Palace of Auburn Hills. James also was there, as Doug’s assistant. Doug’s face happened to be on the tickets for that night’s game.

“He looked over at the bench like, ‘Don’t you

guys have a scouting report on me?’” Doug said. “It really was an incredible feeling to see the joy that was on his face.”

With each passing day and each passing cut, Collins found himself one step closer to the ultimate step. He was learning from another Chicago-area high school product, Kevin Garnett, who attended Farragut for his senior season and won Mr. Basketball three years after Collins.

But just like that, the Lakers waived Wheat, the Timberwolves picked him up and Collins was the odd man out. He was at a crossroads.

“Do I keep trying to hang on?” Collins wondered. “You do a lot of soul searching. I was really at peace with what I’d done as a player. I maximized who I could be. I worked my ass off. I almost made it, but I wasn’t good enough.”

Now it was time to follow in the footsteps of his hero — his father — and become a coach.

Doug was coaching the Pistons. Chris joined Detroit’s WNBA team as an assistant to Nancy Lieberman for a year before spending two seasons at Seton Hall, where he met his wife, Kim. Then it was on to Duke, where he rejoined Mike Krzyzewski for 13 seasons before returning to the Chicago area at Northwestern.

His first year as an assistant coach under Krzyzewski ended with a national championship in 2001.

Durham, N.C., which Collins called a second home, led him many places, including his past.

After his final season as a player at Duke, Collins was invited to the NBA pre-draft camp. Though he couldn’t play because of his foot injury, he was reunited with an old pal, Kobe Bryant, who was there straight out of high school.

The two laughed and reminisced about the days when their fathers were 76ers teammates and they would take over the mini basketball hoop in the Spectrum’s family room with the other kids, including Mike Bibby, Mike Dunleavy Jr. and Tamika Catchings, whose fathers also played for the team.

It wasn’t the last time Bryant and Collins crossed paths. The next time, Collins was helping coach Bryant. He had come along at the behest of Krzyzewski, then his boss at Duke and coach of the U.S. Olympic team.

Collins was put in charge of working out the guards, running them through drills. He was

in his early 30s and still learning the ins and outs of coaching. His father had played on the 1972 Olympic team.

“You come to practice and it comes time and they start saying the names,” Collins said. “I’m standing at one end of the court and a guy is yelling, ‘All right, at this end, LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Dwyane Wade, Chris Paul.’”

It was another crossroads for Collins, who for a minute “was scared as hell.”

“Then I took a deep breath,” he said, “and I said, ‘You know what, I’ve got to just dive in.’ ... I thought it kind of crossed a bridge. If these guys will listen to what I’m saying, it was a big confidence booster for me.”

“The Redeem Team,” as that 2008 squad was known, fit perfectly with the redemption Collins helped create at Glenbrook North and the one he wants to create at Northwestern.

All of those endings created new beginnings for Chris Collins.

Now, with the Wildcats on the cusp of making their first NCAA tournament appearance, with Collins leading the way and Doug in the stands watching him, life has come full circle.

Those days he remembered playing touch football in Ron Jaworski’s backyard, with Jaworski as his quarterback. The times he recalled playing Wiffle Ball in Mike Schmidt’s backyard, even though Bake McBride was his favorite player. The pool. Michael Jordan’s shoelaces. Kobe Bryant and the mini basketball hoop in Philadelphia.

All of it has led him back home, where he grew up. Where he and Kim will raise their children, Kate and Ryan.

“When people ask me where I’m from, I say Chicago,” Collins said. “This is home to me.”

And, he said, he plans to stay here for a while.

Collins’ name routinely comes up when a job opens. But, he said, he has a lot of unfinished business to take care of, and he isn’t even thinking about moving.

His father’s shadow, once the opponent, now is an ally.

“Doug is a wonderful man,” Schmidt said. “Obviously Chris is following in his footsteps.”

## **Pekin's Nathan Taphorn plays a big role for Northwestern basketball**

**By Eli Hershkovich  
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When then-18-year-old Nathan Taphorn first arrived at Northwestern University's campus in Evanston in the fall of 2013, he says he experienced an obvious culture shock, moving from his hometown of Pekin.

Suddenly, the Wildcats' fan base can relate to the now-senior forward, as the men's basketball program is undergoing an unprecedented shift toward a winning atmosphere. With Selection Sunday days away, Taphorn and his teammates could represent the only group in school history to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament. Northwestern is also the lone team from a Power Five conference (Big Ten, SEC, ACC, Big 12, Pac-12) never to appear in March Madness.

"It would mean a lot (to make the tournament), but we're just focusing on one game at a time," Taphorn said. "Put the media, Twitter and the Instagram on the side and really focus on what's at hand."

On Wednesday, the Wildcats' concentration paid dividends in a critical Big Ten showdown against Michigan. Tied at 65 with less than two seconds left, the 6-foot-7, 215-pound Taphorn stood along the baseline for one final inbound play. Then he took the ball from the official and launched a prayer towards Derek Pardon, who was positioned near the opposite free-throw line.

Once Taphorn delivered the pass, Pardon broke toward the rim. A few ticks later, he was on the floor near the scorers table, buried beneath fellow Northwestern players. Pardon's buzzer-beating layup sent the crowd at Welsh-Ryan Arena into a state of delirium.

"That was a play I'll always remember, especially being my last week here at Welsh-Ryan," Taphorn said. "After he made it, my goal was just to find him and give him the biggest hug he ever received in his life."

Despite collecting his lone assist of the game on that sequence, Taphorn's expertise comes from downtown. He's shooting a team-high 43.8 percent behind the 3-point line, which ranks fifth overall in the conference. He's also averaging 4.5 points in just under 12 minutes per game.

"I've looked at it is as I can come off the bench and give our guys a boost to score the ball," Taphorn said. "Staying on the floor is the most important thing there."

In order to grow into an elite threat on the perimeter, Taphorn has received plenty of guidance from fourth-year assistant coach Armon Gates. Junior Scottie Lindsey says he, Taphorn, Vic Law and Sanjay Lumpkin consistently perform shooting drills with Gates to improve their form.

Off the court, Lindsey has enjoyed Taphorn's company, too. Last year, Taphorn unexpectedly took his teammate to dinner for Lindsey's birthday. He says the small gesture exhibited Taphorn's well-known kindness.

"Nate has been taking care all of the younger guys since I got here," Lindsey said. "He's a leader."

Moreover, Taphorn's involvement in Northwestern's turnaround is a product of his confidence in coach Chris Collins.

When the Pekin High School product first committed to the Wildcats in July 2012, Bill Carmody was head coach of the Wildcats. Despite leading them to four NIT appearances, Carmody was fired. Two weeks later, former Duke assistant Collins was hired as his replacement.

While Taphorn could've selected a different school to play for, he stuck with his initial decision because of Collins' evident experience. Beyond his tenure as a player and coach for the Blue Devils, Collins was even named Illinois Mr. Basketball in 1992 for his play at Glenbrook North High School in the Chicago suburbs.

"He instills trust," Taphorn said. "Being together and how hard we've worked, that all kind of equals out in a constant belief (in us)."

In three-plus seasons with the program, Collins and his personnel have delivered success, collecting a 70-58 record thus far. Additionally, the team holds a school-record 21 wins this season.

With the Big Ten tournament on the horizon, the Wildcats already boast 10 victories in conference play, along with five road wins. Although their anxious fans believe those totals are enough to earn Taphorn and Co. a ticket to the Big Dance, Collins says the team can't look past the upcoming competition.

"We've put ourselves in position," Collins said. "Now, you've gotta finish the deal."

## Lumpkin Prepares For His Final Act

By Jasper Scherer  
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Ten seconds remained in the game when Sanjay Lumpkin made a break for it. Wisconsin guard Bronson Koenig's desperation 3-pointer had clanked off the rim into the grasp of Bryant McIntosh, and as the Badgers defense closed on Northwestern's point guard, Lumpkin streaked down the court, right arm raised, a clear path to the basket.

Northwestern led 64-56 with less than seven seconds to go when McIntosh's outlet pass reached Lumpkin. The redshirt senior threw down a ferocious dunk, an unnecessary exclamation point that had Chris Collins pumping his fists in jubilation. The sea of stunned Wisconsin fans were rooted to their seats in utter disbelief.

Lumpkin, a sheepish grin flashing across his face after the game, said he got excited and probably should have dribbled out the clock. He got caught up in the moment. It just happened.

In any other situation, Lumpkin's court awareness — something that has come naturally to him since he started watching game film with his stepdad at age 6 — might have stopped him from finishing a play that some saw as disrespectful. But Northwestern's Feb. 12 victory over Wisconsin, the biggest win in program history, deserved something extra.

"We knew we had to earn it tonight, and that's what we did," Collins said following the contest.

Lumpkin, the only fifth-year senior on the roster, knows what's at stake for a Northwestern team on the verge of locking down its first ever NCAA tournament bid. He's one of two players, along with his roommate Nathan Taphorn, who got recruited by Collins' predecessor, Bill Carmody.

Lumpkin's teammates and mentors during his freshman year, when he was sidelined with mononucleosis and a wrist injury, included guys like Alex Marcotullio, Reggie Hearn and Drew Crawford, members of Carmody's 2009-10 and 2011-12 teams that narrowly failed to make the tournament field.

"I've been through a lot," Lumpkin said. "The younger guys, everything they've yet to go through, I've pretty much been through and dealt with. And I feel like I can talk to any of them, and they'll all listen to me. They all know that I'm there for them, just as the older guys were there for me when I was

younger."

There's no getting around it: Lumpkin is an old man in college basketball years.

"It's funny, we used to call Drew the grandpa of the team when he was a fifth-year senior," Lumpkin said. "Now that's what I'm called."

Before he joined Northwestern as Chris Collins' assistant coach, Brian James spent 18 years in the NBA with five different teams. Through four decades of coaching, he's seen a wide range of talent and playing styles, coaching the likes of Grant Hill in his prime and Wizards-era Michael Jordan — and Collins, who played for James at Glenbrook North High School.

"This guy is one of my favorite players of all time, regardless of level," James says of Lumpkin. "I can count on one hand the number of practices in our entire tenure here where he hasn't brought his best effort."

James works primarily with the Wildcat big men, so he was well acquainted with the move Lumpkin used against Indiana center Thomas Bryant on Jan. 29, when Lumpkin turned the court under Bryant into an ice skating rink and sent him to the floor for an easy layup. (Northwestern cruised to a 68-55 win.)

The move goes something like this: Lumpkin drives, pump fakes, spins, fakes again, then lays the ball in. He works on it a couple times a week with James, who asks each big man to put himself in the archetypal end-of-game situation — 10 seconds left, tied or down by a point — and win the game with a go-to move.

The idea, James said, is to find a play to hone and feel comfortable breaking out with the game on the line. The repetition breeds familiarity, and in Lumpkin's case, he found the perfect moment to use it: against a taller, slower player who was a bit off-balance.

Taphorn, confined to the bench because of an ankle injury, missed the play. But he didn't need to see the result to know what was coming.

"Once I saw him drive middle with the left hand, I kind of knew what was going to happen," Taphorn said.

The sold-out crowd erupted, and even Vic Law and Scottie Lindsey celebrated on the court. Lumpkin stole a peek at the Northwestern student section. He couldn't help it.

"It's a great feeling," Lumpkin said. "Hearing the crowd roar like that is awesome. At the same time, as much as I wanted to celebrate

and look at the crowd, they were pushing the ball. I had to get back on defense."

Sanjay's teammates and coaches may not have been surprised by the spin move, but Northwestern fans are unaccustomed to flashy offensive plays from Lumpkin. Through 130 games at Northwestern, Lumpkin averages 3.2 shots per game. This year he's attempting a career-high 4.0 shots a contest.

Lumpkin's shot selection is meticulous, a mix of cutting layups and, when necessary, wide-open 3-pointers. Volume scorers like McIntosh and Lindsey will hoist up contested looks from time to time; Lumpkin, whose .552 shooting percentage would rank among the Big Ten's leader if he had enough shots to qualify, is more selective.

He's playing smarter overall. Through Lumpkin's first three seasons he'd committed more turnovers than assists, while this year his assist-to-turnover ratio is better than 2-to-1.

Lumpkin has admitted a tendency toward passiveness during his first couple years at Northwestern, to the extent that he hurt the team by passing up open looks and disappearing on offense.

"No question this year I feel like I have been more aggressive," he said. "I've definitely shot more, just been hunting for those opportunities more. I know that I have to bring something to the table offensively. I just have to stay within my role, but take the opportunities when they're there."

It's a tricky balancing act, but one that Lumpkin has mastered playing alongside more athletic scorers. He's on pace to shatter his career highs in field goal and 3-point attempts, and has already shot 12 more free throws than his previous season high.

"He knows he's not going to be the primary option on offense," James said. "But he knows now that [with] how teams defend him, he's going to have to knock down an open shot."

Midway through the 2013-14 season, Lumpkin's first full year, Northwestern hosted 23rd-ranked Illinois at Welsh-Ryan Arena. The physical matchup included a Wildcat lineup where every starter measured 6-foot-5 or taller.

Less than four minutes in, a missed 3-pointer by Illinois' Tracy Abrams took a long bounce off the rim toward Crawford, who stood near the free throw line. Crawford tried to corral the ball with one hand, and Illini guard Joseph Bertrand swiped it away.

Lumpkin, standing behind Crawford, dove for the loose ball, collided with Bertrand, and slammed into the floor. His limbs splayed out, while his head knocked against the hardwood.

Lumpkin laid on the ground and cupped his head in his hands, then felt for the missing part of his front tooth that lay in front of him on the court.

"It was funny because he threw his mouthpiece off the floor literally 30 seconds before it happened," Taphorn said. "It was just kind of unfortunate, but he just, he didn't really care. He was like, 'It is what it is, I'll keep playing. I really don't care about my tooth.'"

Northwestern won the defensive battle, 49-43, for Collins' first career Big Ten win.

Though Lumpkin's aggressiveness worked against him on that play — he was whistled for a foul — his assertive style on defense worked in holding the Big Ten's leading scorer, Rayvonte Rice, to 2-of-11 shooting that night.

It was a microcosm of Lumpkin's defensive performance that year: foul-prone and over-aggressive at times, but reliable when he could stay in games. (Lumpkin averaged 3.6 fouls per game and fouled out nine times.)

But Lumpkin's toughness — playing the last 34 minutes of a game with a chipped tooth, standing in the way on fast breaks to draw charges, competing for 50/50 loose balls — has earned him the respect of opponents, coaches and teammates.

"We go how he goes," said sophomore center Dererk Pardon. "The way he brings the toughness that he instills in every single one of us, it's just a great thing for us to have."

This year Lumpkin is posting a career high in rebounds by a wide margin, averaging 5.9 per game, up from last year's 5.0. He's 13th in the Big Ten in defensive boards, one of the areas he takes pride in.

"I've always been able to hang my hat on what I do on the defensive end of the floor," Lumpkin said. "That's what got me on the court as a freshman and sophomore."

Now that he's a redshirt senior, this is what a typical weekday looks like for Lumpkin: sleep in, grab "a nice breakfast," go to Welsh-Ryan to shoot, get a lift in, take a nap, come back for practice, head downtown for night class. Lumpkin is working on his master's degree in sports administration, with a flexible schedule that includes an online class on Monday and class in Chicago on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I feel like I'm living the life right now," Lumpkin said. "I've really had a chance to focus on my game."

Naturally, basketball consumes his life. It has formed the center of Lumpkin's universe since age 4, when he began attending games with his stepdad Jim Petersen, a Minnesota Timberwolves TV analyst and former NBA big man who backed up Hakeem Olajuwon in Houston during the 1980s.

"He's basically grown up in the NBA," Petersen said. "He's met everybody — LeBron, Kobe, everybody."

Lumpkin's basketball education began in earnest when he would watch game tape with Petersen while still in elementary school. The pair would break down games, rewinding tape over and over so Petersen could show his stepson, who was still learning about multiplication tables, why someone messed up an assignment on defense or ended up out of place on offense.

"Sanjay and I would sit there and watch playoff games all night long," Petersen said. "I would watch games with him like a coach, not like a dad."

Petersen also put a golf club in Lumpkin's hand when he was 4, the start of a dual sporting career where basketball and golf proved to be innate talents. In high school at Benilde-St. Margaret's in St. Louis Park, Minn., Lumpkin played both sports. Petersen said Sanjay could have just as easily found himself on a college golf team, but in the end, basketball won out. (For the record, Lumpkin is still a scratch golfer.)

Lumpkin's athletic talents are of little surprise: his dad, Sean, played safety for the New Orleans Saints after making the All-Big Ten first team at Minnesota. Lumpkin's Instagram account is flooded with photos of Jim, Sean and his mother, Tika, all of whom have a good relationship.

Petersen, who stepped down in January as associate head coach of the Minnesota Lynx after winning three championships in eight years, taught Lumpkin to see the game through the lens of a coach.

"I said, 'You have to understand [basketball] more than from just the player's perspective,'" Petersen said. "You have to understand all the planning that goes into a scouting report. You have to understand that these coaches are working their butts off for you guys."

This early indoctrination may explain why Collins and James reserve their highest

praise for Lumpkin. The way Lumpkin's coaches and teammates talk about him reflect his plays that don't appear on a basic stat page.

"Sanjay brings it every single day," Collins said. "Does it mean he plays great all the time? No. But there's not a day that he doesn't show up and work hard and battle and lock into what we're doing in preparation. There's not a person in that locker room that doesn't respect what he brings."

At least part of Lumpkin's drive stems from his frustrating freshman year, when a confluence of illness and injury pinned him to the bench. Unsure of his medical redshirt status until the end of the year, Lumpkin spent the entire season under the possibility of losing a year of eligibility. (He'd played in four games at the beginning of the season.)

"One of the biggest things for me was seeing what environments we had to play in and seeing how hard teams play," Lumpkin said. "And after seeing that, I couldn't wait to get back on the court."

He remembered the feeling of missing games. And when a new coach came in, Lumpkin just wanted to play basketball — no matter who called plays or ran practices.

"It was a new coaching staff, a complete culture change," Lumpkin said. "It was definitely an adjustment, and it was hard for some guys. But everyone had to buy into Coach Collins, and right now we see he got a lot of guys to lay the foundation for what we're doing right now. It's great to see everything come together. But we're not satisfied right now."

## Brutal honesty key in career turnaround for Northwestern's Scottie Lindsey

By David Haugh  
Chicago Tribune

Inconsistency threatened to define Scottie Lindsey's Northwestern career, but coach Chris Collins desperately sought a different meaning.

So one day last spring, Collins summoned Lindsey to his office. He invited the truth, too, which the former Fenwick star had been avoiding on campus.

"Coach just called me out, right there," Lindsey recalled inside Welsh-Ryan Arena. "He said he needed me to work harder, be a better teammate and leader, do the stuff they recruited me for, stop wasting time and making excuses. It was the turning point for me."

Collins remembered raising the standards for Lindsey without having to raise his voice.

"It wasn't yelling, just a tough meeting," Collins said. "The thing about it I loved was, because who Scottie is, I felt like I could say those things. It was time to have that conversation. There was too much up and down his first two years. ... He needed to buy in."

Lindsey's reinvestment continues to pay dividends for Northwestern (15-4, 4-2 Big Ten), which is enjoying one of the most compelling seasons in college basketball thanks in large part to the junior's breakthrough year. The streaky 6-foot-5 wing player who too often drifted — he followed a 26-point outing last year by scoring 28 points over his next six games — has scored in double figures in all 19 games, the program's longest streak since John Shurna in 2011-12. Lindsey averages a team-high 15.8 points per game, the type of consistency recognized Monday when he was named the Big Ten Player of the Week.

Nothing has improved more than Lindsey's listening.

"The first thing he's done better is been receptive to coaching since last spring," Collins said. "Sometimes you need to be regimented. He's a pretty stubborn guy and always wanted to figure it out on his own."

Northwestern figuring on Lindsey filling the offensive void left by Tre Demps' graduation served as motivation, Collins contends. Every day, every practice became a quest to prove Lindsey could replace the 15-points-per-game scorer.

"I had a different type of focus over the summer," Lindsey said. "I had to grow up. There was more demanded of me this year. I

knew the team wouldn't be as good if I didn't step up."

That day Lindsey couldn't take a step at all seems so long ago now.

On Aug. 31, 2013, while on a recruiting trip to Vanderbilt just before his senior year at Fenwick, Lindsey rose high for a dunk during a pickup game. When he landed, his left leg snapped, breaking his fibula. It happened to be the first college visit his parents, Ellis and Kim, skipped.

"The first thing when I called home, my mom started praying," Lindsey said. "At that moment, it was hard to be optimistic. For the game you love to be taken away, not knowing for how long, my Division I dream in jeopardy ... that was a low point."

Lindsey's spirits sunk lower every time a program interested before the injury stopped recruiting him. Several coaches, whom Lindsey didn't name, pulled scholarship offers — "That hurt," he said. Meanwhile, Collins and Northwestern never wavered.

A year earlier, Collins' son, Ryan, had broken the same bone when he was 10 and recovered fully. That experience influenced Collins as much as his excitement over Lindsey's potential.

"I know how good medicine is and had seen enough to know he was intriguing," Collins said. "I just kept coming back to this feeling that I'm going to be watching this kid as a junior in college and regret not recruiting him harder."

So Lindsey rewarded that loyalty with a commitment, sold on the idea of being part of Collins' first recruiting class to lead Northwestern to the NCAA tournament. Making history was part of the pitch to Lindsey and fellow recruits Vic Law, Bryant McIntosh and Gavin Skelly, but now the 78-year NCAA drought comes up more outside the Northwestern locker room than in it.

"For the team, it's not prevalent at all — we don't talk about it," Lindsey insisted.

After a little coaxing, he acknowledged they occasionally think about it.

"If we do make it to the NCAAs, it will be the biggest story in sports," Lindsey said.

A Cubs fan growing up in west suburban Hillside, Lindsey celebrated in Wrigleyville after World Series Game 7. And if Lindsey sees a symmetry between the Cubs ending their long wait inspiring Northwestern to end theirs, it only reinforces how coachable

he has become.

"The thing we reference a lot with the Cubs is I never felt like they played with any pressure on their backs, and they all knew about the 108-year streak, but they still enjoyed it and attacked their goal," said Collins, an unabashed Cubs fan. "That's the thing we want to take from them: Let's have fun with the process."

The process never has been more predictable under Collins. He has the Wildcats embracing the target, if you will, and Lindsey accepting his new role as one of their leaders in a balanced Big Ten. The coach who once called Lindsey out now calls him the "player who exemplifies what our program is about."

"I've come a long way," Lindsey said.

He didn't mean the western suburbs.

## Is this the year? Northwestern and the search for the NCAA tournament

By Steve Wulf  
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**EVANSTON, Ill.** -- Two months after the impossible happened and some nine miles north of the flagpole that proves it did, the W is flying.

The time is basketball season, the place is Northwestern, and placards of the iconic W are everywhere at Anderson Hall, home of the athletic department. Yes, it stands for "win," but it also stands for "Wildcats."

This mimicry of the world champion Chicago Cubs is not born just of proximity, nor is it presumptuous. ... OK, maybe it is, just a little.

But the Northwestern basketball team has a chance to do something it has never done before, so naturally, the Wildcats are drawing inspiration from the baseball team that did something it hadn't done for 108 years.

The Wildcats have never, ever been to the NCAA tournament, a wound made even deeper by the simple fact that Northwestern is the only Division I basketball school to miss out on a tournament that began in 1939. Just to twist the knife, the first Final Four 78 years ago was held at Patten Gymnasium on the Evanston campus, and the 1956 NCAA championship won by Bill Russell and the University of San Francisco occurred at McGaw Memorial Hall.

"Why not us?" asked captain and junior point guard Bryant McIntosh, who sent a tweet with the hashtag #FlytheW and a GIF of the flag flying above Wrigley on Oct. 31, when the Cubs were down three games to two against the Indians. "We really started talking about it last summer, when it looked like the Cubs might finally win it all."

That dream scheme is not the only thing that draws the team together. At the workstation of Northwestern athletic director Jim Phillips sit two objects.

"I see them every day every time I sit at the computer," Phillips said. "One is a Cubs crystal ball that reminds me not only how much I love the team but also of the way they went about rebuilding the franchise. The other is a stone with the Northwestern logo that symbolizes the motto of Coach [Chris] Collins and the basketball team: Pound the Rock. Just keep hammering away, and someday it will break."

Since he took over as AD in 2008, Phillips has forged a close relationship with the Cubs and his Wilmette neighbor, Cubs owner Tom

Ricketts. Northwestern has played lacrosse, field hockey, football and baseball games at Wrigley, and the Cubs have used Northwestern facilities for offseason training. Theo Epstein has been known to take in a basketball game at Welsh-Ryan Arena with his son.

Phillips and his wife, Laura, rode in the Cubs' victory parade.

"Bus No. 6," he said. "For a Chicago kid who used to turn up the wooden seats at Wrigley for the sweepers so that I could get a free pass -- I parlayed one general admission ticket into 40 games one summer -- it was the thrill of a lifetime."

The highlight film that plays before every home game on the screen above the court at Welsh-Ryan even includes a baseball highlight: Chris Collins leading Cubs fans in the singing of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." He has been afforded the honor of throwing out the first pitch three times.

"Three strikes," he said proudly. "After the second one, my 13-year-old son kidded me about my velocity, so the third time, I put a little zip on it. Once upon a time, I was a pitcher. I can do a pretty fair imitation of Rick Sutcliffe -- his high leg kick, the way he cupped the ball behind his back in the wind-up. He's a friend of my dad."

Chris' father is Doug Collins, the former Olympic and NBA star, a former coach of the Bulls and Michael Jordan for three years and currently an NBA analyst for ESPN.

"I actually became a Cubs fan before my dad took over the Bulls," Chris Collins said. "When we lived in Arizona, I fell in love with them listening to Harry Caray on WGN. Huge Andre Dawson fan."

Phillips didn't hire the 41-year-old Collins because they both love the Cubs. "I just knew he was the right man for the job," the AD said.

When Collins arrived in Evanston in 2013 to replace longtime coach Bill Carmody, he had been a fixture at Duke, first as a standout guard (1992-96) and then as an assistant to Mike Krzyzewski from 2000 to 2013. His primary responsibility was the backcourt, so every Blue Devils guard from Jay Williams to J.J. Redick to Kyrie Irving had come under his tutelage. Now he has McIntosh and Scottie Lindsey to call his own.

It isn't easy to build a successful basketball program at the only private university in the Big Ten, which is the main reason the Wildcats have never been invited to the Big Dance. Realizing it might take some time, Collins borrowed the Pound the Rock slogan

used by San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich and inspired by a passage written by journalist Jacob Riis at the end of the 19th century:

*When nothing seems to help, I go look at a stonecutter hammering away at his rock perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and first blow it will split in two, and I know it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before.*

The Wildcats were the ones who took a pounding the first two seasons under Collins, finishing 14-19 and 15-17. But Collins' coaching and recruiting paid off last season, with a 13-1 start and a school-record 20 victories (along with 12 losses). This season might be the one that sees that purple rock inside the locker room crack from the constant taps it gets as the players head to the court. Their only losses have been close ones to quality teams -- at Butler, vs. Notre Dame, at Michigan State and vs. Minnesota. As ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas tweeted Dec. 27, "Northwestern is a fun team to watch, and will play in the NCAA tournament."

That would please the Malnati family to no end.

The Cubs and Wildcats come together on, fittingly, the northwestern corner of University Place and Sherman Avenue at the edge of the campus in Evanston. That's where Lou Malnati's Pizzeria has one of its famous deep dish pizza franchises.

This one is sparkling clean, with nothing but Cubs decor: artwork, programs that trace the history of the team, and framed jerseys of Rick Sutcliffe (front) and Mark Grace (back). Ads for Lou Malnati's have been a regular feature of Cubs broadcasts for years, and though Lou passed away in 1978, his family still runs the enterprise. In fact, his son Marc issued a challenge to Antonio's Pizza in Cleveland before the World Series: winner gets to pour a vat of pizza sauce over the loser. Marc offered his nonagenarian mother, Jean, as the recipient.

Well, it just so happens that Tino Malnati, Lou's grandson, Marc's nephew and the son of Fenwick High basketball coach Rick Malnati, is a 6-foot-3 freshman walk-on guard for the Wildcats. A pass-first playmaker, Tino has yet to get in a game, but he can dish on the real Cubs fans on the team: "Doctor Phillips and Coach Collins, of course. Me, Bryant McIntosh, Jordan Ash, Scottie Lindsey, Sanjay Lumpkin, Barret Benson, Charlie Hall. Vic Law is a White Sox fan, but he was wearing a Javy Baez jersey during the Series."

"I have no problem using the Cubs as inspiration," said Law, whose emergence after a season lost to injury has been a major factor in the team's success. "Just know that come Opening Day, I'll be holding down the fort for the White Sox."

Northwestern also has two Indians fans in Ohioans Dererk Pardon and Gavin Skelly. But they were not made to suffer the same indignity as Vincent LoSchiavo, the representative from Antonio's who traveled to Chicago after the Series to take his sauce bath in an Indians jersey.

"Yes, the Cubs are big in my family," Tino said. "Grandma used to call all the time after a big play. I watched Game 7 at my house wearing a Jason Heyward jersey."

That would turn out to be a fortuitous choice. It was Heyward who rallied the Cubs with a stirring speech in the weight room during the short rain delay in Game 7 in Cleveland.

At about the time Heyward was telling his teammates that they were brothers fighting for one another, McIntosh was in Wrigleyville, moving his car so it wouldn't get ticketed.

"I almost missed the end of the game!" the native of Greensburg, Indiana, said. "But I got back to the apartment of one of our graduate assistants, Ollie Goss, just in time for the 10th. Poor Ollie is an Indians fan, so I gave it to him a little in my Kris Bryant jersey." It was Bryant whose throw from third to first baseman Anthony Rizzo ended the game with the Cubs on top 8-7.

Earlier that night, Phillips, watching at home with his wife and five kids, had broken a remote after the Indians tied the game in the eighth. "Comcast charged me \$89 for a new one," he said.

When the last out was made, the Phillips family erupted in gleeful pandemonium. Fortunately, he hadn't broken his phone, which he used to film the scene. Phillips later sent Christmas cards of the family posing in front of the ivy at Wrigley with the World Series trophy and the message: "JOY TO THE WORLD ... SERIES."

Collins too saw Game 7 at home. "We had three generations there, which was kind of nice," he said. "Past, present and future. Besides joy, I felt this tremendous sense of admiration. For the way Theo Epstein had rebuilt the team with patience, for the way Joe Maddon kept his players in the moment and told them to embrace the pressure. And I thought, 'We can do that.' We can become something meaningful to this great city."

After McIntosh read about Heyward's speech, he thought the Wildcats might benefit from the same message. "We all got together at the start of the season and spoke about what he said. Trust in each other. Play for each other. Forget about the past."

It's a little difficult to forget the past in Welsh-Ryan Arena. First built as McGaw Memorial Hall in 1952, the home court has its charms, but it's also in need of another face-lift, which means the Wildcats will be practicing at Patten Gym (not the same as the original Final Four structure) next season and playing home games at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, some 40 minutes away with traffic. As such, it would be nice to give the old place a send-off.

On Jan. 5, the 12-3 Wildcats hosted 13-2 Minnesota in an heir battle, with Collins matching wits with Rick Pitino's son, Richard. Theo Epstein was not there, nor were Hall's parents (Northwestern alumni Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Brad Hall), but a near-sellout crowd of 7,215 braved the cold to see if the Wildcats are for real.

They certainly looked like they were in the first half, riding the hot hands of Law (12 points) and McIntosh (14) to a 39-35 lead at the break. When the members of the football team marched onto the court just before the half with the Pinstripe Bowl trophy they won Dec. 28 by beating Pitt at Yankee Stadium, that W looked pretty big.

But in the second half, the shooters went as cold as the outside thermometers, and the Gophers went on a 10-0 run to take the lead. Still, the Wildcats had a shot when McIntosh hit a 3 with 13.2 seconds left to close to within 66-64. Alas, Minnesota ran out the clock at the line to win 70-66.

"A tale of two games," Collins said afterward. "Are we disappointed? Absolutely. But we also realize that if we lose at home, we just have to make up for it on the road."

Three days later, Northwestern did just that by beating 9-4 Nebraska 74-66 in Lincoln as Lindsey scored 19 and McIntosh moved into second place on the school's all-time assist list (456). The Wildcats trailed 37-33 at the half, but as the Cubs could tell them, you can always come from behind.

The team faced a different level of adversity the next week, when Jordan Hankins, a sophomore on the Northwestern women's basketball team, was found dead in her room, a victim of suicide. Because they share the same workspace and love of the game, the players on the men's and women's teams are close. Collins would always smile at the

loud music Hankins played outside his office while she took shooting practice. The day after the news of the tragedy, the coach gave an emotional talk to the team. Two days later, in a road game at Rutgers, they fought through sadness and bewilderment to win 69-62.

They were back at Welsh-Ryan on Jan. 14 for the women's game against Indiana. The women wore No. 5 jerseys in warm-ups to honor Hankins, and the men sat in the student section to lead cheers and lift spirits. Northwestern won 80-67, and afterward, coach Joe McKeown thanked the men's team for their support. He also said that Collins was so into the game that McKeown was afraid he might get hit with a technical.

The next night, in the same place, the men dominated the 11-7 Hawkeyes before 7,732 cheering fans. The Wildcats scored the first eight points, and the 35-point margin was the largest in the 112-year history of the rivalry. McIntosh scored 20 points on 9-of-11 shooting with 10 assists, Lindsey had 22 points with eight rebounds, and Law helped hold Iowa's best scorer, Peter Jok, to four points.

"It was our best 40-minute performance of the year," Collins said after the game.

Then he pivoted to a different year: "When I took this thing over four years ago, I walked into Welsh-Ryan, and it was dark ... all of us are kind of dreamers at heart ... you kind of close your eyes, and you envision a night like tonight."

There was only one mild disappointment. Sunday night was the night the Cubs were supposed to bring the World Series trophy to center court. But it seems the trophy was needed for a celebration at the White House the next day.

Oh, well. There'll be time to show it off before the NCAA tournament starts.

## Northwestern basketball's greatest night, and all the pain it washed away

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**EVANSTON, Ill.** — At just before 8 p.m. central, on March 1, 2017, Northwestern effectively clinched the first NCAA Tournament berth in school history on a layup off a full-court pass with no time remaining.

Seriously.

During a timeout with 1.7 seconds remaining, in a game tied 65-65, Northwestern assistant Brian James drew up a Christian Laettner-against-Kentucky-esque play. Nate Taphorn threw a football-style Hail Mary from under his own basket clear to the other side of the court. Dererk Pardon got ahead of the last Michigan defender, caught it just a few feet from the basket, laid it off the backboard and in.

The Northwestern bench emptied in pandemonium. The students streamed on to the court.

All of this happened right in front of my eyes, in an arena near and dear to my heart, on a night I'd circled weeks earlier in the event of just this very thing happening.

And all I could think to tweet was a mild profanity.

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I came on a whim.

A little over two weeks ago, after my alma mater Northwestern went on the road and upset a Top 10 Wisconsin team, I thought to myself ... man. I think they're actually going to do this.

I looked at the remaining schedule and pinpointed a March 1 home game against Michigan as potentially the night the Wildcats might wrap up that Thing We Don't Speak Of. I convinced my editors to send me. I booked a flight from San Jose to Chicago.

Northwestern promptly lost three of its next four. Some of my pessimistic alumni friends began panicking. They asked me if Northwestern would still make it if it didn't win another game. I said that'd be dangerous.

But hey — just one more win will do it. Any one will do.

On Tuesday night, I arrived in Evanston. People told me it's been an unusually mild winter here. I landed to cold and heavy rain.

Bad omen?

Upon checking into my downtown hotel, I noticed a sign for a Northwestern basketball "meeting" that night. Apparently this was where the team stays the night before the game. I got on an elevator, it stopped on the second floor and in walked ... head coach Chris Collins.

Good omen?

On Wednesday, I visited with a few people (including football coach Pat Fitzgerald) before heading over to Welsh-Ryan Arena several hours early. The 35-year-old eyesore of a building — which will be torn up beginning next week — smelled exactly the same as it did when I was a student in the mid-'90s.

Mostly like popcorn. Or, as my friend Teddy Greenstein of the Chicago Tribune puts it, "like dreams unfulfilled."

I sat there in the near-empty arena and thought about all those nights here in college covering teams that went 7-20 and 7-22. The football team had just made its Cinderella run to the Rose Bowl. They did it with an 85-man roster. My friends and I wondered, how hard can it be to recruit five decent basketball players?

And we kept wondering it for another 20 years.

But on the scale of Northwestern basketball suffering, my 40-year-old buddies actually had it relatively easy. Before the game, I wandered around interviewing fans that looked like maybe they'd been coming here for a lot longer.

I met Steve Wilson, class of 1970 and major donor to the program. He's been coming to these games for 51 years. Imagine following a basketball team for 51 years that's barely even played in the NIT. "I bleed purple," he said.

I met Tom and Mary Spiering, who drive 60 miles from Union Grove, Wis., for every home game. They are not alums themselves but got hooked when their daughters went to school here. "I've been nervous all day," Tom lamented. "Just keep hoping. You can shoot me dead, but just let them win."

And I met Jon Newcomb, class of '79, who told me lately the wait between games had become agonizing. "I pull up every bracketology column I can find and try to convince myself I can make it to game time."

I asked him what he thought that moment would be like come Selection Sunday if in

fact Northwestern's name finally flashes on the screen.

"Well, I'm going to say 'When' ... when it happens," he said. "It's going to be one of the great moments of my life, right up there with the day I married my wife, the birth of my children and Michigan beating Ohio State [in 1995] to send us to the Rose Bowl."

This was about 10 minutes before tipoff. I looked up and suddenly noticed — whoa. This place is packed.

In my day, there were games when I was covering the team for the student paper that I was the only student I knew there. On Wednesday, the first students ran to their seats as soon as the doors opened. One, Jake Schaefer, a senior from Chicago, had his face painted purple while wearing a Phantom of the Opera hat. An entire row of students behind one basket had their shirts off and chests painted with purple letters. (I never did figure out what they were trying to spell.)

Tickets were going for \$160 on StubHub. For a Northwestern basketball game. There was a time when you probably could have bought a season ticket for less.

It was all so ... surreal.

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The game tipped off. It was close throughout. It was exciting. There were some strange officiating moments which I won't bore you with here. All you really need to know is this.

In its entire history, Northwestern had never won a basketball game of this magnitude in any form, much less on a ridiculously impossible play it had never even practiced.

I'm stunned that it happened. I'm even more stunned I was here to see it.

Mind you, the Wildcats didn't officially clinch anything Wednesday night. But as someone who mocks brackets for a living, trust me when I tell you, Northwestern — 21-9, 10-7 in the Big Ten and now with four RPI Top 50 victories — is going to the NCAA Tournament.

I suppose it's fitting that to finally get to March Madness, Northwestern had to make a contribution of its own.

"When you're trying to do things that are really hard," an emotional Collins said afterward, "it takes exceptional things sometimes."

"I don't think any Northwestern team has

ever played in a game as big as this, that meant everything,” said junior forward Vic Law. “... We knew coming in, if we wanted to be different, then this was the game we needed to take.”

And that’s the thing. Until it happens, you can’t picture just how different something that’s never happened before will feel.

I find myself thinking of some of the amazing endings I’ve covered involving other schools — most recently Clemson’s last-second national championship win over Alabama. What must it be like for those fans? Even if they were confident going in, surely it must seem almost incomprehensible in the immediate aftermath.

But this was not that. For one thing, it wasn’t for a national championship. Not even close. But also, I assume fans of teams that win national championships are used to seeing their school win dramatic games.

Northwestern alums are conditioned to decades of watching the other team win dramatic games on their own home floor.

In fact, the last game I attended here prior to this one was also against Michigan, in 2012, with Bill Carmody’s team that year considered to be sort-of on the bubble. Seemingly all his teams were sort-of-on-the-bubble — but they never got off it, because they never won games like this. They lost that 2012 game in overtime.

And yet ... I really did think right up to the end that this team was going to win. From the moment I stepped into that arena Wednesday, everything but the smell in the air seemed different. Different vibe. Different players. Different set of fans.

Most of all, just a better team.

“They kept saying [in the huddle], ‘We’re not losing tonight,’” said Collins. ... “To be able to finish the game that way, it’s fitting.”

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As I stood there watching the postgame celebration unfold, waiting for the crowd to thin out a little before heading to the press conferences, Newcomb, the aforementioned 1979 alum, came right up to me on press row.

“It was better!” he shouted. “It was better!”

Even better than the all-time great life highlight he’d imagined.

As for the moment he and every other long-suffering purple faithful has been wait-

ing for — that comes a week from Sunday. It’s a moment my friends and I used to joke about in our dorm room 20-something years ago because it seemed like such an unattainable fantasy.

At some point, the name of a certain school will come on the screen, and Greg Gumbel will say it: “Northwestern.” There will be a seed. There will be a location. There will be an opponent.

Yes, it’s really happening. I wouldn’t believe it, except I saw it with my own eyes.

## **“Our way”: The story of Gerald and Isiah Brown**

**By Isaac Bushnell  
Inside NU**

Game-day rituals and routines are vitally important. Ask anyone who has played competitive sports at any level and they will concur. Athletes everywhere tend to set about preparing for battle in a unique and repetitive fashion. Whether it be sneaking in a midday nap, having a chicken sandwich a couple of hours before game-time, or something as trivial as wearing a lucky pair of socks, most can identify a go-to habit or practice that is a staple of their preparation for competition.

In the case of Northwestern’s freshman guard Isiah Brown, that go-to is a phone call back home to Seattle and his father Gerald.

“We typically have long conversations before his games,” the elder Brown reveals. “I’ll try to remind him of some things to focus on, and we’ll analyze a bit together, but it’s also important for both of us to just check in generally and see how he’s doing and how his mindset is.”

“We’re both basketball junkies,” Isiah says. “He’s the person that I know understands the way that I see the game the best, and as my father we connect in a way that nobody else does, so it’s important to have that influence and his wisdom going into games.”

These father-son conversations are not just limited to game-days and special occasions. As Isiah has embarked on his first year in his life away from his father, they have both made and kept up a commitment to talk daily.

“Thank god for FaceTime,” Gerald jokes. “It has been a tough process for me adjusting to not having him here for the first time in 19 years, but I know a lot of dads who don’t talk to their kids that much and drift apart when they go away from home, and we have a very tight bond and talk every day which I am very thankful for.”

“I’ll call him up or he’ll call me up at any time, it’s not a burden at all,” Isiah says. “We’ll talk about basketball a lot but also about my academics and about life in general just to check in. It’s a real blessing having a father who is willing to take the time to be so invested in what I am doing. We certainly have a special and unique relationship.”

While the characterization their father-son connection as “special and unique” is undoubtedly true, going a step further to apply the phrase “one-of-a-kind” may do it more

justice.

Isiah and Gerald Brown’s relationship is one of unparalleled sacrifice, love, and commitment to each other that has centered around the game of basketball, and has defined both father and son in terms of where they are and who they are as people.

The story of their relationship started in September of 1997 in a place that not many that revolve so heavily around the game of basketball do: Anchorage, Alaska.

Gerald had starred there on the court in college when attending the University of Alaska-Anchorage, and had returned after a lengthy and successful career playing professionally overseas and established a life with his wife (and Isiah’s mother) Yolanda as a successful businessman in the corporate communications industry and a part-time basketball coach. With Gerald being a former player and current coach, and with he and Yolanda having already added a basketball player to the family in Isiah’s older sister, a young Isiah was almost literally born into a basketball world.

“From as early as I can remember, my life was about basketball,” he says. “Going to the gym with my dad and my sister everyday just kind of became what I did. I never really knew anything else.”

While that lifestyle at such a young age could be interpreted as a sort of forced indoctrination into the game that can be detrimental in many father-son relationships, Isiah makes it very clear that that was not the case.

“My dad always made sure that I was the one initiating the work that I was putting into basketball,” he recalls. “Even from ages like five and six, it was never him pushing me to do something that I didn’t want to do, and that’s where our mutual love for the game and dedication to it grew.”

Unfortunately, being situated in Anchorage meant that it was hard for Isiah to extend his basketball world outside of the Brown household. Hardly any gyms and community centers existed for kids to just go play; the state had taken away competitive sports from middle schools; the AAU circuit, in the words of Gerald, was “virtually non-existent;” and the only competitive playing environments that were readily offered to kids prior to the high school level were expensive private leagues.

Realizing very early on that the city did not have the basketball resources to quench his son’s thirst for the game, Gerald decided to help Isiah by making their aforementioned household as much of a basketball re-

source on its own as it could be. This meant drawing on his connections throughout the Alaska basketball network, and bringing some pretty influential figures into Isiah’s life as mentors.

“I knew [Anchorage natives] Mario Chalmers and Trajan Langdon very well, having coached both of them” says Gerald. “For Isiah, who was so passionate about the game right from the start, I tried to bring Mario and Trajan around as much as possible. Not only were they guys that had had a ton of success in high school and beyond in college and the pros, but they were also people that Isiah could see play growing up, learn from, and emulate in the situation we were in.”

“There’s not a lot of examples to look up to in basketball terms when you’re growing up in Anchorage, but I was really lucky to be able to have the two best [Chalmers and Langdon] in my life,” Isiah says. “I consider both of them like family and grew up idolizing them. They were the closest thing that I had to look toward as far as my dream of playing basketball, and because I was surrounded by such great basketball people like them growing up, I never really saw [living in Alaska] as a disadvantage at all.”

Despite his work to provide his son with the very best of what basketball connections were available, and despite Isiah’s lack of perception of a disadvantage, Gerald still knew that his son wanted more and needed more to flourish on the court and as a person. Having done all that he could in terms of improving Isiah’s basketball environment in their immediate locale, he knew that what he needed to search for on behalf of his son lay outside Alaska borders.

Brown was an eight-year-old kid who had just started third grade at his elementary school in Anchorage when his dad came to him with a proposal that most would have seen as bordering on insane. There was an AAU team that Gerald was wondering if Isiah had any interest in playing for. It was 4,200 miles away, in Houston.

“Looking back now it seems really crazy,” Isiah says with a laugh. “But back then, I was completely on board.”

In perhaps the most poignant validation of their one of a kind commitment to and understanding of each other, Isiah and Gerald began traveling to every corner of the country to pursue basketball opportunities before Isiah had even reached double-digit years on the earth.

Isiah played with and went to nationals with the team from Houston through fourth grade, then played for a while with a team

based in California, and then a team from Seattle.

“He was the master orchestrator and I was just kinda down for whatever,” Isiah recalls with a smile. “I absolutely loved to hoop so I was good going wherever as long as I got to play.”

“That was the start of us being adventurous together,” Gerald adds. “That was the start of us doing it our way.”

For Isiah, traveling around the country and playing at the highest level with different teams was certainly valuable and enriching, but both he and his father recognized that there was something in the water in Seattle.

“When we started going to Seattle it was really my and Isiah’s first exposure to how valuable AAU ball could be for him,” Gerald says. “There came a point where we were coming to Seattle as many as five times per year to play, in addition to traveling around the country to tournaments with teams from here.”

“Isiah was playing for the top team in the state and was the top player on the team, so you would hear a lot of ‘oh, the kid from Alaska is coming this weekend to play.’ I could tell he was already making waves around the city and the basketball community as early as fifth of sixth grade.”

By the time Isiah was in seventh grade, it was clear that basketball was pulling the family further and further south towards the Emerald City. That summer, the family sat down to discuss a permanent move and decided to go all in on Isiah and his basketball dreams.

“There were no other factors in moving to Seattle, it was all about Isiah and his basketball,” asserts Gerald. “We went all in as a family.”

Gerald gave up his corporate job of over twenty years in Anchorage to commit himself to helping Isiah by whatever means necessary as a stay-at-home dad, while Yolanda went on the job search in Seattle and took on the full responsibility of providing for the family. Their primary focus was unequivocally placed on their son, and their efforts were now entirely driven towards helping him achieve his dream of a Division I scholarship.

“In the moment when we moved, I didn’t fully realize what it meant for their lives,” Isiah says. “But as I got older and got to the place that I am at now, I sometimes just think about it and say ‘wow.’”

“It took so much for my dad to leave his job

in Alaska. He had been there for 20-30 years and had established himself as a successful businessman, and he just really put all of that to the side to give opportunities and devote himself to helping me become the best I could be. That says a lot about who he is and I am incredibly grateful.”

Even before the Brown family made the permanent move, “that kid from Alaska” had already begun to turn heads, not just in the Seattle AAU and youth basketball community, but among the city’s finest class of hoopers.

“The cool thing about Seattle is that the basketball community is very connected,” Isaiah says. “If you are at a certain caliber, people everywhere are going to know about you.”

It is not every elementary school basketball player whose play on the court earns him name recognition with the likes of Seattle natives Jamal Crawford, Isaiah Thomas, Brandon Roy, and Nate Robinson. Recognizing the unique situation, Gerald did everything he could to make sure that that name recognition turned much more for his son.

“My dad was the biggest factor in actually linking me up with those guys for the first time,” Isiah says. “He knew some people who knew Jamal, who organizes a lot of the stuff that the pro guys do, and when they started coming out to AAU games they decided I was good enough to start bringing me around.”

Out of all the Seattle basketball luminaries that Isiah has had the chance to cross paths with, it is the man that with whom his father first got him connected that has embraced said process and touched his life more than most: “the godfather” and “the people’s champ,” four-time NBA Sixth Man of the Year Crawford.

“Jamal is a guy who has had as big an impact on my life as anybody,” Isiah says. “I did probably two or three summers straight when I was in middle school of just coming to the gym at 8 a.m. with my dad and just being there for four hours just watching Jamal, watching how he carried himself. He is such a down-to-earth humble guy, and also the biggest gym rat I’ve ever seen. He is definitely a role model for me on and off the court.”

“I am so thankful for the what Jamal has done with Isiah and the way he has been able to impact his life,” Gerald says. “I have always tried to teach him to play the game the right way, and having Jamal as a mentor I think is a big reason that he has been able to grow up into someone who does exactly that.”

As Isiah moved from middle school to high

school and promptly knocked off Crawford’s alma mater Rainier Beach to win his school’s first ever district championship in his freshman year, his relationship with the current Los Angeles Clippers guard reached a new level. He started devoting more time to Isiah, working with him more one-on-one, and inviting him around every summer to play in high level scrimmages with the top pros and college kids from the area. This has continued through Isiah’s record-setting high school career all the way up to the summer before this year, and from Isiah’s perspective will hopefully continue for many summers in the future.

“I have gotten so much out of working with Jamal and all the other guys that I have been around,” and I’m really thankful for my dad putting in the time to get me those opportunities to better myself,” says Isiah.

“I was at the AAU circuit last spring with Armon Gates, and we were watching a game to get a look at these two kids who were on our radar,” Northwestern coach Chris Collins recalls. “So I started watching these two kids play, mainly focusing in on them, and all of a sudden I realize this point guard on the opposing team is just lighting it up. I turned to Armon and said ‘Whoa, who is that guy?’ and Armon turned back to me and said ‘Yeah, we gotta get our eye on him.’”

“That guy,” was Isiah Brown, and the match between him and Northwestern Basketball was instantly one that him and his father could tell was made in heaven. For Collins, getting Brown quickly became a priority.

“I helped him put together a list of things that were important to him in where he wanted to go to school,” Gerald recalls. “And the list we came up with, Northwestern ticked all those boxes.”

“When I came for my visit I immediately felt extremely comfortable here with the coaching staff and with all the guys,” Isiah says. “There was real sense that everybody was on board with the same vision, and it had all the other factors, such as academics, that I was looking for. I committed almost right away after leaving.”

For Isiah and Gerald, the decision was also made that much easier because it fell perfectly in line with the approach that had never failed them in Isiah’s basketball journey to that point — the approach of “our way”.

“Over time it has always proven to work for me and be a situation that I have thrived in, and my dad knows me well enough to recognize that,” says Isiah. “I wanted a different challenge and this presented that. It was a really unique situation for me and it

was something I was drawn to immediately because of my path.”

To outsiders, the obvious choice would have seemed to be University of Washington — an NBA factory of sorts that served as home base for most of Isiah’s summer workouts and where he had a lot of his Seattle basketball connections. The Huskies had extended an offer to Brown during his high school freshman year. But Gerald knew that was never the route his son wanted to take.

The route he did want to take officially became Evanston on November 11th of 2015, as Brown signed his national letter of intent with his father proudly by his side

“Like going to Lakeside in high school instead of one of the big basketball schools, I knew [coming to Northwestern] wouldn’t be the easiest thing or the most surefire path to big things and big success,” Brown says of his decision. “But I know that the work that I’ll have to put in to get there will be worth it and will make me better in the long run.”

“I really liked the challenge and the chip it puts on my shoulder going up against the best and trying to do something that wasn’t the typical route or decision to make. It’s always good to do things your own way and me and my dad have ran with that as our philosophy.”

In his freshman year so far, Isiah has experienced what just about every freshman does in college basketball, and has gone through some typical ups and downs. Nonetheless, he has displayed consistent growth over the course of the year, and the man who was with him every step of the way on his basketball journey to this point could not be happier with the strength and resilience that he has shown.

“I am extremely proud of him,” Gerald says. “I feel as if he has adjusted really well in life and on the court throughout the year and he’s getting more and more opportunities and having more and more success as a result.”

The results certainly showed on Wednesday night against Maryland, as Isiah spearheaded a furious comeback bid against one of the Big Ten’s best teams with a career-high 19 points off the bench. He is aware that he has experienced his struggles and has room to improve, but certainly recognizes his work at his craft paying dividends.

“I really think I’ve made a lot of progress,” he says. “Coming in was tough because I was in a spot where I was just learning at every step. In college I’ve learned quickly that you can’t necessarily prepare for the things that

you’re going to have to face and learn. I’ve just tried to soak everything in to the best of my abilities.”

His coach echoes those same sentiments.

“He’s gonna have his ups and downs,” Collins says. “But I’d rather have him make his doing the things that he does best and trying to be aggressive than him being timid and being on his heels. And I’ve seen already that that’s just not who he is. I am very happy with how he’s played and I think he’s only going to get better.”

Isiah’s improvement is hard to deny, and his formidable determination and work ethic that have brought that about throughout the course of the year are apparent. Even though this is the first time in his basketball life without his father physically by his side, it shows the strength of their relationship that Isiah still actively credits him with producing the drive that has brought about his growth.

“The sacrifices that my dad has made have meant everything to me,” he says. “Thinking about that and knowing what he has done for me is something that keeps me going and gets me through tough times. I try to always keep his and my family’s sacrifices in the back of my mind and be the best that I can be for them.”

Isiah and Gerald Brown’s relationship is one that has taken them on a journey the likes of which no one else in the world has likely experienced. The results of that journey are that they now both have a mutual bond and a commitment to each other continues to motivate and define both of them every single day.

This bond will be exemplified Saturday night, as on opposite sides of the country, the two basketball-obsessed Browns will each lock in at 5:00 PM and be motivated by one another as Isiah looks to help Northwestern to victory against Rutgers, and Gerald soaks it all in on his new favorite TV channel.

“The Big Ten Network is one of the best things in my life right now,” he says.

It allows him to see the results of years of early mornings, sacrifice and love for his son.

## Northwestern's wait ends as Chris Collins promised, and it's OK to want more

By David Haugh  
Chicago Tribune

On the day Northwestern introduced basketball coach Chris Collins on April 2, 2013, with Welsh-Ryan Arena filled with blind faith more than the fervor on hand Sunday, his father, Doug, pondered the future from his front-row seat.

"There is something to being the first," Doug Collins said, explaining what drew Chris to Evanston after 13 years as a Duke assistant. "Do you want to chase somebody's legacy or create your own?"

But was his son up to the task?

The answer came emphatically Sunday when Chris Collins became the only Northwestern coach to qualify for the NCAA tournament, ending a 78-year period of futility that made the Wildcats a favorite of Cubs fans familiar with the concept of waiting. Now the Wildcats will try not to suck Thursday afternoon in Salt Lake City against beatable Vanderbilt and extend one of the happiest endings in sports at least another 40 minutes.

Good luck finding a more compelling story in the 68-team field than the last Power Five program to qualify for the tourney, leaving only Army, Citadel, William and Mary and St. Francis (N.Y.) among the original 160 Division I schools that never have celebrated on Selection Sunday. This week, America's team wears purple.

As you will hear all week until tipoff, no matter what happens against the Commodores, Northwestern's 2016-17 season will go down as a success. In terms of recruiting and tradition, the Wildcats could lose by 20 Thursday without feeling a ripple. Nobody can argue.

But face it: As well as Northwestern played at the Big Ten tournament until running out of gas Saturday against Wisconsin, the Wildcats have to believe they can handle a Vanderbilt team with 15 losses. Bryant McIntosh and Scottie Lindsey and Vic Law can arrive with the swagger they've developed under Collins. No matter how many years the Northwestern program has gone without participating in March Madness, nobody should be satisfied with going 23-11, beating five NCAA teams and becoming the tournament darling.

Perhaps nobody expects Northwestern to beat the West's No. 1 seed, Gonzaga, in the second round, but if the program has matured to the point Collins thinks, the Wild-

cats should approach the Vanderbilt game as a referendum on their season. Worry about rationalizing the loss later. Act like defeat isn't an option now. In one of the dozens of interviews Collins conducted Sunday, the giddy coach summed it up well, like a guy who had been rehearsing answers all week in front of a mirror.

"You want to go to the dance, but you want to dance a few songs and not just leave after the first number," Collins said.

Encore, encore.

Ironically, Northwestern will play under the same roof where the last Chicago-area basketball moment carried a national impact. On June 14, 1998, Michael Jordan held the follow-through against Bryon Russell to lead the Bulls past the Jazz in Game 6 for their last NBA title in what was then the Delta Center and has since been renamed the Vivint Smart Home Arena. Almost 19 years later, the time has come for another group of basketball players visiting Utah from Cook County, Ill., to do something in the building that's never been done.

"You don't get many chances in life in anything to be a part of something historical," Collins said.

This was why Collins, a perennial hot coaching candidate at Duke, turned down other opportunities until the right job opened. This was the solitary spotlight Collins had earned, away from any shadows cast by working for Duke legend Mike Krzyzewski or growing up the son of a successful NBA coach. This is what the confident 42-year-old whose edginess complements his eloquence expected from the moment he arrived.

"I am my own guy," Collins said, a tad defensively his first day on the job. "I am going to blaze my own path, and this is the right place for me to do that."

How fun that the mother of all NCAA tournament brackets turned a first-round matchup into fathers' day. Perhaps only Homer Drew, Vanderbilt coach Bryce's dad, can relate to the pride Doug Collins will feel when the two teams meet. The fathers don't know each other well — Homer made his mark in coaching at Valparaiso while Doug worked in the NBA — but enjoyed each other's company last year when Bryce brought his Valparaiso team to scrimmage Northwestern.

Besides being bright, 42-year-old head coaches — Chris is 154 days older than Bryce, a candidate for the Northwestern job in 2013 — Collins and Drew both like having their dads around their program. In the same manner Doug finds a way to be around

Northwestern as much as possible, Homer and his wife, Janet, moved to Nashville last fall to be closer to their grandkids — Bryce hired Casey Shaw, married to Bryce's sister, Dana, on his staff after taking over last March.

The wholesome images of two of college basketball's intense, intelligent leaders are as similar as the esteemed universities they represent. Only the sense of destiny might feel different this week for the coaches.

"This isn't an end game," Collins said. "To me, today is a beginning, a day we put ourselves on the national map."

The direction was clear from day one.

## Northwestern will 'go dance in Salt Lake City' after first NCAA tournament bid

By **Teddy Greenstein**  
Chicago Tribune

The first gasp swept through the crowd at Welsh-Ryan Arena when Wisconsin was announced as a No. 8 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Whoa! The Wisconsin that just beat Northwestern by 28 points in the Big Ten tournament?

"We were like, 'Wow,'" NU forward Vic Law said. "The committee is being tough (on the Big Ten) this year."

Seton Hall grabbed a No. 9 seed in Greenville, S.C., Wichita State a 10 in Indianapolis. On and on it went Sunday. More gasps. And only one region left.

But NU coach Chris Collins was not worried.

"We're going West," he told his players.

And he was right.

At 5:32 p.m., CBS put a halt to agonizing NU fans.

"The No. 8 seed, out of the West," Greg Gumbel said. "There they are ... the Northwestern Wildcats ... 78 years in the making."

And the gym went nuts, with NU players leaping from their chairs.

"Oh, I was really nervous," Law said. "I'm just surprised I'm not crying. We made it. And as bland as that sounds, to us it means so much. For all we've been through and for all the work we put in, we finally made it."

Finally is a relative term for a redshirt sophomore. Some fans have been waiting for decades.

After 78 years of whiffs, the drought is over.

The last Power Five team to make the Big Dance, the Wildcats will face No. 9 seed Vanderbilt at about 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Salt Lake City. The winner takes on Gonzaga unless South Dakota State becomes the first 16th seed to dethrone a top seed.

The Wildcats were happy with their draw. Then again, they would have been cool with playing the 1976 Indiana Hoosiers on the moon. It was all about seeing Northwestern's name called, even if it almost went to overtime.

"Was that for TV or what?" Collins joked

later to the media. "It seemed really hot in there for 45 minutes."

But seriously, Collins said: "I felt very confident. I knew we were going to be in."

Northwestern earned its spot by going 23-11, beating NCAA tournament teams Wake Forest, Dayton, Wisconsin, Michigan and Maryland and reaching the semifinals of the Big Ten tournament.

Bracketologists Joe Lunardi of ESPN.com and Jerry Palm of CBSSports.com both pegged it right, predicting Northwestern would get a No. 8 seed.

"Tremendous," NU athletic director Jim Phillips said. "That means we're top 32 in the country. It lines up with Wisconsin, which finished second in the regular season and second in the (Big Ten) tournament.

"I love Wisconsin's program. I think it's a statement that it wasn't, 'Hey, slide in there in the play-in game.' An 8 (seed) says a lot about the program and the kind of year we've had."

Asked if he's embracing being "America's darling," Phillips replied: "Absolutely. Everybody loves Cinderella stories. Why not (us)? That's the beauty of sport. You root for the underdog, the team that seems to be on a magic ride.

"The fall was amazing as a lifelong Cubs fan. To see that come together ... (they said) it was the curse and the billy goat and too many day games. There were similar things that we heard. When you have kids who believe and a great group (of coaches) leading them, special things happen."

After the cheers quieted down at Sunday's watch party, NU President Morton Schapiro was the first to speak, saying of the wait, "Boy, that was torture."

Phillips took the mic and said: "I've always wondered what history looks like. Now I know."

Then it was Collins' turn.

"What a special day," the Glenbrook North alumnus said, getting choked up. "There are no people in the world I'd rather be with than all of you."

Collins said that when he took the job four years ago, Schapiro and Phillips showed "belief" in a guy who had never been a head coach — never called a timeout or made a substitution.

"And then we needed to find guys who

believed," he said. "It takes a lot of courage to say no to teams that have more banners, more tradition. I looked in (the recruits' and players') eyes and asked them to trust me. Believe in me. Believe in this. That's why these guys deserve this day more than anyone in the whole world.

"This is not the end game. To me this is the beginning of Northwestern basketball. We put ourselves on the national map, and that's where we plan to stay. So let's go dance in Salt Lake City."

## Northwestern's narrow loss to Purdue still a milestone day for program

By **Teddy Greenstein**  
Chicago Tribune

Nearly an hour had passed, and Sanjay Lumpkin remained in his white No. 34 Northwestern jersey.

"We'll try to keep these jerseys on as far into March as we can," he said.

Years from now, this game won't be remembered so much as a 69-65 loss to Purdue that featured missed 3-pointers down the stretch by Vic Law, Scottie Lindsey and Nate Taphorn.

It will be remembered as the Welsh-Ryan Arena send-off, the final home game for Lumpkin and Taphorn and, most importantly, the basketball equivalent of the 1996 Rose Bowl, the day a Northwestern program arrived.

"F-I-N-A-L-L-Y," a group in purple body paint spelled out in the NU student section.

CBS Sports' Jim Nantz was courtside Sunday, wearing a lavender-based tie. The gym was stuffed long before tipoff, and the sound fans produced during a late 7-0 run was almost enough to prematurely bring down the building.

"Best atmosphere I've ever seen in Welsh-Ryan," tweeted Dave Eanet, the voice of Wildcats basketball since 1996.

Said Purdue coach Matt Painter: "They've had great atmospheres here, but this is the best, no question about it. They've earned it. Northwestern has done the job."

But like that day in Pasadena, Calif., Northwestern lost to a better team. Slightly better.

Taphorn, who fired the game-winning pass to Dererk Pardon on Wednesday to beat Michigan and seemingly clinch the program's first NCAA tournament berth, had a 3-point look to tie Sunday with 17 seconds left. He airballed it.

"One thing you can take from it is how hard it is to come off the bench, cold, and knock down a shot," said point guard Bryant McIntosh, who delivered with 25 points and six assists. "He is a great shooter and we believe in him, but it's tough to be him right now. I know he's upset."

Gary Barnett's Wildcats were ticked after losing the Rose Bowl 41-32 to USC. But the result did not spoil the experience.

"This was a great day for the program," NU coach Chris Collins said. "That crowd was everything I've dreamed of. Hopefully it becomes the norm. That's what the good programs in this league have."

Speaking of, Purdue improved to 25-6 and a Big Ten-best 14-4 thanks to a massive effort from Caleb Swanigan (20 points, 14 rebounds) and 25 points from forward Vincent Edwards.

Northwestern (21-10, 10-8) earned the sixth seed in this week's Big Ten tournament in Washington. The Wildcats will play the Ohio State-Rutgers winner at about 8 p.m. Thursday.

"We have to take this time to get our bodies right," Lumpkin said, "to get in the gym, to work on us."

Lumpkin and Taphorn, feted on senior day, are the only holdovers from the Bill Carmody era. Lumpkin cried enough times Sunday to joke after the game that he had "used up" all of his tears.

But this was not a sad day.

"We all came to this school to play in games that matter in March," said Lumpkin, who went 5-for-5 from the field, scored 13 points, grabbed seven rebounds and committed zero turnovers in 32 minutes. "We have an opportunity to play for a championship — twice."

## Northwestern's greatest play was veteran assistant Brian James' best moment in coaching

By Mike DeCourcy  
Sporting News

In 40 years of coaching, from high school to the NBA and then to Division I college basketball, Brian James could not recall a defeat quite so painful as Northwestern's collapse in the final minutes Saturday night at Indiana.

And almost as bad as blowing an 8-point lead in the final 4 minutes, and a 7-point lead in the final 93 seconds, and a 5-point lead in the final 40 seconds, was this: Northwestern had 2.6 seconds left to concoct a game-winning play and wound up with a halfcourt heave from point guard Bryant McIntosh that, however close it came, did not connect.

"I felt so bad after the Indiana game," James told Sporting News. "In my 40 years of coaching, at every level – 18 high school, 18 pro and now four college – it was probably one of the most devastating losses I've ever had.

"I didn't trust my own gut at the end of the game. I said, 'God, if you ever give me a chance again, I'll make up for it.' "

That chance came sooner than expected.

James is Northwestern coach Chris Collins' most experienced assistant and the person he often trusts for strategic advice. With the Wildcats in a tie game Wednesday at Welsh-Ryan Arena in Evanston, Ill., this time with 1.7 seconds on the clock, the NU coaches decided to go for the win and James drew up the daring play that led to sophomore center Dererk Pardon's stunning, game-winning layup at the buzzer. Without even doing the research, one can comfortably call it the most significant play in Northwestern basketball history.

James installed 6-7 forward Nathan Taphorn to throw the court-length inbound pass. Taphorn is a former high school baseball player, and in practice drills that involve long outlet passes consistently throws most accurately. He stood well back from the baseline to get a good view of his target, moving a cameraman out of his way to get his preferred position.

James asked Pardon to set a screen for McIntosh near the top of the key, figuring Michigan would anticipate the ball coming to the Wildcats' most reliable playmaker. With the screen, Northwestern figured, the Wolverines either would switch defenders or perhaps even cheat both toward McIntosh.

As it turned out, UM guard Derrick Walton went with Pardon.

That meant that Taphorn had a 6-1 corner-back covering his 6-8 tight end, and Pardon was in behind the defense. Taphorn's throw was on the money, and Pardon caught it and had plenty of time to convert a layup.

Funny thing about all that: After Northwestern initially lined up to execute this play, Wolverines coach John Beilein called timeout.

"And I was thinking about changing the play," James admitted. "Sometimes at home, it's like in football: get the game into overtime. I said, 'Well, do we just inbound it? Let's win it in overtime.' The rest of our coaching staff said, 'No, let's go for the win. Throw the home run.' So we did. I'm glad they talked me into it.

"So then I thought about changing the play, or changing a couple of guys on the court just to give them a different look. Chris goes, 'No, just draw the same play up again and just make sure everybody understands what you want.' And we did, and they seemed a little bit more calm."

The one thing the principals had to understand: Taphorn's pass could not be allowed to travel untouched over the opposite end line, because that would mean UM inbound-ing with 1.7 seconds left under its own basket. The ball had to be on target, or short. Pardon was instructed to do everything within reason to assure the ball not get past him without being touched. Except he couldn't foul.

OK, so that was two things.

"It's not a play that we work on every day or every week," James said. "But we have gone through it before in practice."

Although Taphorn was a logical choice to throw the inbound pass, he'd earlier in the season thrown away a baseline inbound pass when the Wildcats were protecting a 1-point lead with 20 seconds left against Notre Dame; the Wildcats wound up losing, 70-66. "That goes through my mind just about every day," he told the Chicago Tribune.

James has been on Northwestern's bench since 2013, when Collins left the job security inherent in serving as Mike Krzyzewski's assistant coach at Duke for the opportunity to become the first coach ever to guide the Wildcats to the NCAA Tournament. James had been Collins' coach at Glenbrook North High in the Chicago suburbs. He later worked with the Pistons, Raptors, Wizards and Bucks, coaching such players as Michael

Jordan, Tracy McGrady and Vince Carter.

Northwestern is the only major-conference team never to make the field. Collins and his assistants understood that challenge when they took the job, but after they built the program toward this season it became a burden that weighed down the Wildcats. They reached 18-4 on Feb. 1 and the NCAA's seemed inevitable; then they lost leading scorer Scottie Lindsey to an illness and the calamity seemed all too familiar.

That led to losing five of seven games in advance of Michigan's visit. It's possible the Wildcats did not need to beat Michigan (or Purdue in the season finale) to be certain they would make the NCAAs for the first time. It certainly felt like it, though.

And when Pardon's layup went through the goal and the buzzer sounded, no one along the Northwestern bench pretended that it was an ordinary victory. It was clear everyone knew what it meant: The drought was over. Northwestern will celebrate Selection Sunday for the first time in its history.

"It might have been the happiest moment I've ever had in coaching," James said. "And I've had a bunch of them. To see what Chris Collins has done here with this program, how our crowds are, the environment and our students and administration and the Evanston community and Chicago – it's probably my proudest and happiest moment in 40 years. I've coached in state tournaments in high school that were truly incredible as well, when Chris was a player. And I've coached in NBA All-Star Games and won playoff series. I've been blessed with a lot. None better than last night."