Sport Programs RG-027

ABSTRACT

Sport Programs consist of all intercollegiate sports offered at Northern Kentucky University. Media guides, schedules, game programs, posters and memorabilia comprise the bulk of the Sport Programs records (1971-2020). Men's and Women's Basketball, and Women's Volleyball records are more complete than other sports. Men's sports include baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, track and field, and wrestling. Women's sports include basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

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ACCESS POINTS

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Northern Kentucky University--sports--softball

Northern Kentucky University--sports--volleyball

Names:

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Highland Heights (Ky.) Campbell County (Ky.) Kentucky, Northern

RELATED MATERIALS

Separated Materials: All loose photographs moved to RG-047 University Photographs.

Related Archival Materials: RG-026 Athletics Administration and Boosters, finding aid available, particularly "NKU Norse Athletics, 1971-2011,"; RG-027 Sport Programs, finding aid available; RG-042 Student/alumni for specific individual student files; RG-047 University Photographs, finding aid available.

For final statistics reports by sport/year/coach, see NCAA website. http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/careercoach last accessed 7/21/2020. Not all years and sports are available.

Originals of some athletic competition/game video, primarily basketball but also baseball, soccer, volleyball and women's tennis, are maintained by NKU Information Technology, AV Event Support. See Archives Staff for list [excel worksheet K:\Special Collections\Audiovisual\video].

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

In 1968, the University of Kentucky Northern Community College in Covington, Kentucky, officially transitioned to an independent college, Northern Kentucky State College (NKSC). In 1976, it gained university status and became Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

The Highland Heights campus opened in the fall of 1972 with two buildings, Nunn and Regents Halls. Regents Hall contained a multipurpose gymnasium and housed the Athletic department. As the university and the Athletic department grew, the Athletics' offices also occupied the Albright Health Center (open 1984), the Bank of Kentucky Center/BB&T Arena (open 2008) and the Soccer Complex (open 2010).

The Intercollegiate Athletics division began as the Northern Kentucky State College Athletics department under the Student Affairs division in 1971. It continued to report to Student Affairs, with a few brief exceptions of direct reports to the President, until the University obtained NCAA Division I status in 2012. It then became a separate division containing Intercollegiate

Athletics (Director of Athletics' office), Administration, and Sport Programs. The division reports directly to the President.

In 1973, NKSC received full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and became eligible for membership in national athletic associations. The university has held memberships in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA), Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Divisions I, II and III.

During the early 1980's, the university experienced major budget cuts of over \$3.4 million or 15 percent in fifteen months. These cuts resulted in major reductions in the Athletics Department budget, causing the university to eliminate individual sports – Men's and Women's Tennis, Men's Cross Country and Men's Golf teams for the 1981-1982 and 1982-1983 seasons. These team eliminations also caused the university to fall below the NCAA requirement of six men's teams, forcing NKU to drop their men's NCAA membership and compete in the NAIA. NKU resumed its membership in the NCAA after the reinstatement of all teams in 1983-1984.

Major changes in the AIAW caused the women's teams to change their national association to the NCAA. "The Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women was founded in 1971 to govern collegiate women's athletics and to administer national championships. After the 1981-1982 academic year, the AIAW discontinued sponsorship of national championships. NKU left the AIAW following the 1979-1980 academic year to become a member of the NCAA, but slow-pitch softball would still compete in the AIAW until after the 1982 season."

National Associations

Men's National Affiliation

1971-1974 NAIA & NCAA – full membership³

1974-1982 NCAA Division II

1982-1985 NAIA

1985-2012 NCAA Division II

2012-2020 NCAA Division I

Women's National Affiliation

1974-1977 AIAW Small College

1977-1981 AIAW Large College (slow pitch softball continued to compete in AIAW through 1982 season)

1981-2012 NCAA Division II

2012-2020 NCAA Division I

Conference Memberships

1974-2009 Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference (women only)

1985-2012 Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) (men and women)

2012-2015 Atlantic Sun Conference

2015-2020 Horizon League

Mascot/Nicknames

The process of choosing a mascot/nickname began before there were sport programs at NKSC/NKU. A brief article in The Northerner announced a contest to pick a school mascot.⁴ In January 1971, the results were announced. A total of 397 out of 1700 students voted and the name Norsemen won with 181 votes.⁵

The addition of women's sports in 1974 led to the additional nickname of Norsewomen. During the 1980's, both Norsewomen and Lady Norse were used. The usage slowly evolved until in 1989 only Lady Norse remained in use. By 2000, a final evolution occurred and one nickname referred to all NKU athletes and fans - Norse. (additional mascot history available in RG-026 Athletics Administration and Boosters)

Sport Programs

Sport Programs formed as a separate unit when Intercollegiate Athletics moved from a unit reporting to Student Affairs to its own separate division in September 2012. The Athletic Directors provide oversight of the Sport Programs. There are seven active Men's sport programs: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, and Track and Field. Wrestling is no longer active. There are eight active Women's teams: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field, and Volleyball.

Facilities

Regents Hall opened in 1972 and holds just over 1,600 seats. Regents Hall served as the original home venue for Men's and Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball and Men's Wrestling. Women's Volleyball continues to use Regents Hall as their home venue.

Frank Ignatius Grein Softball Field, opened in 2000. It has bleacher and ground level seating for approximately 500 fans.

Bill Aker Baseball Complex, named for NKU Baseball's founder and 28-year coach, originally dedicated in 2001, received a major renovation in 2017. It has a seating capacity of 500.

In 2008, NKU saw the completion of a new 9400 seat arena. It opened as the Bank of Kentucky Center and was renamed the BB&T Arena in 2015. The BB&T Arena serves as the home venue for Men's and Women's Basketball.

The Soccer Stadium opened in 2010, bringing the soccer teams competitions back on campus. It contains bleacher seating of 1000 with additional standing room space.

Conference Highlights GLVC

From 2002-2003 to 2011-2012, NKU dominated in the GLVC. NKU won the GLVC Commissioner's Cup 8 out of 10 years, including 5 straight years. The athletics department's finish in the GLVC's post season tournaments in Men's Soccer; Women's Soccer; Women's Volleyball; Men's Basketball; Women's Basketball and Men's Baseball determined the winner.

From 1999-2000 to 2009-2010, NKU won the GLVC's All Sports Trophy 7 out of 11 years. Winners of this trophy demonstrated the best all-around performance in the league's 22 sponsored sports.

Sport Programs

Men's Baseball (1971-2020)

NKU Baseball's program founder, first and 28-year coach Bill Aker, was elected into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on January 4, 2013.

Achievements

1979 NCAA Division II World Series participant 1985 NAIA World Series participant

Men's Basketball (1971-2020)

Played the first intercollegiate game on the Highland Heights campus on November 27, 1972 in the newly completed Regents Hall.

Achievements

NCAA Division I Finals, 1996, 1997 NCAA Division I Tournament participant, 2017

Men's Cross Country (1972-1981, 1983-2020)

Achievements

NCAA Division II National Championship participant 1979, 2006, 2007

Men's Golf (1971-1981, 1983-2020)

Achievements

NCAA Division II National Tournament participant 2001, 2004, 2005

Men's Soccer (1980-2020)

Achievements

KISA (Kentucky Intercollegiate Soccer Association) Championship 1981 NCAA Division II Final Four 2008 NCAA Division II National Champion 2010

Men's Tennis (1971-1981, 1983-2020) *Achievements*

1st Men's GLVC Championship 1986

Men's Track & Field (Outdoor, 2001-2020; Indoor 1997-2020)

Competed prior to these dates but not as an officially recognized NCAA team

Men's Wrestling (1973-1979)

Women's Basketball (1974-2020)

Achievements

AIAW National Tournament participant 1975

NCAA Division II Elite Eight 2002

NCAA Division II Final Four 1987, 1999, 2002

NCAA Division II Finals 2003

NCAA Division II National Champions 2000, 2008

Women's Cross Country (1985-2020)

Women's Golf (1999-2020)

First and only coach, Daryl Landrum

Achievements

NCAA Division II National Tournament 2002, 2003

Women's Soccer (1997-2020)

First and only coach, Bob Sheehan

Achievements

NCAA Division II Quarterfinalist 2002, 2003

NCAA Division II Final Four 1999, 2001

NCAA Division II Finals 2000

Women's Softball (1978/1979-2020)

Slow pitch, 1979-1985 Fast pitch 1985-2020

Achievements

NCAA Division II Elite Eight 2004 NCAA Division II Final Three 2005

Women's Tennis (1974-1981, 1983-2020)

Women's Track & Field (Outdoor and Indoor, 2001-2020) Achievements

NCAA National Outdoor Championships 2009

Women's Volleyball (1975-2020) Achievements

1st Women's GLVC Championship 1985 AIAW National Championship 1977, 1978 NCAA Division II Elite Eight 1998 NCAA Division II Final Four 1999

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Sport Programs RG-027 contain sport specific records accumulated from the very beginning of Northern Kentucky University's intercollegiate athletics.

These records document NKU participation in collegiate sport competition.

This is an open record group and new additions to the collection are expected to occur.

The collection has four series: Multiple Sports, Mixed Sports, Men's Sports and Women's Sports.

Series I, Multiple Sports (1972-2015) includes records that contain information on more than one sport. For example, the GLVC trophy awarded on the combined record of multiple men's and women's sports. For example, Men's Tennis and Women's Volleyball. The materials include schedules, media guides, statistics, award records, posters and memorabilia. Memorabilia contains objects of historical interest due to their association with specific sport programs, events, athletes and coaches.

Series II, Mixed Sports (1974-2015) includes records that list Men's and Women's teams together for the same sport, for example, Men's and Women's Basketball. The materials include yearbooks, schedules, rosters, media guides, game programs, statistics, award records, video, posters, printed materials and memorabilia.

Series III, Men's Sports (1971-2020) contains records of Men's Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Track and Field and Wrestling. The materials include schedules, rosters, media guides, game programs, statistics, video, awards, posters, print materials, news clippings and memorabilia.

Series IV, Women's Sports (1974-2020) contains records of Women's Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field and Volleyball. The materials include

schedules, rosters, media guides, game programs, statistics, video, awards, posters, print materials, news clippings and memorabilia. Staff photographed some plaques and only kept the digital photograph and not the plaque.

SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT

Sport Programs contains four series: I Multiple Sports, II Mixed Sports, III Men's Sports and IV Women's Sports. Series II contains seven sport specific subseries: 1) Men's Baseball and Women's Softball; 2) Men's and Women's Basketball; 3) Men's and Women's Cross Country; 4) Men's and Women's Golf; 5) Men's and Women's Soccer; 6) Men's and Women's Tennis; 7) Men's and Women's Track and Field. Series and subseries are arranged in the following order: yearbooks, schedules, rosters, media guides, game programs, game statistics, season statistics, historical statistics, video, awards, posters, print materials, stationary, news clippings and memorabilia. Items within memorabilia are grouped by category and can contain awards, objects, t-shirts, and uniforms.

CONTAINER LISTING

Description	Date/Date Span	Box
Series I: Multiple Sports		
Schedules	1975-2008	329
Media guides	1974-1977	329
Season statistics	1980, 1988	329
GLVC statistics/standings	1988-1990	329
Award records	1973-1977, 2008-2009	329
Awards	2009-2010	digital, see archives staff
Posters	2003, 2007	O/S 680
Memorabilia: GLVC Commissioner's Cup trophy, crystal	2000-2010	1574
Memorabilia: GLVC Commissioner's Cup, bottom stand	2000-2012	O/S 1572
Memorabilia: chenille Norse logo awards (3)	2014-2015	1571
Series II: Mixed Sports Subseries 1: Men's Baseball and Women's Softball		
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Schedules	2002-2008	292
Posters	2003	O/S 680
Subseries 2: Men's and Women's Basketball		
Yearbooks	1981-2010	292-293

Schedules	1981-2009	293
Media guides, includes GLVC media guides	1989-1991, 1999-2000	293
Tip-Off luncheon program	2004	293
Game programs	1985-1994, 2000, 2005,	293, 328
	2007-2008,	·
Game statistics	2000-2005, 2013-2014	328
GLVC statistics	1989-1992	293
Video - WCPO Sports of All Sorts interview with	2008	DVD Box 161
Nancy Winstel and Dave Bezold on final games at		
Regents Hall/move to Bank of Kentucky arena	2002	328
Awards - programs Posters	2002	0/S 680
Tickets	1983, 2008-2013	328
Memorabilia: basketball with helmet logo	2005	182
Memorabilia: commemorative basketball 1st game in Bank of Kentucky Arena; NKU vs. Louisville, autographed by coaches	2008	1571
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Subseries 3: Men's and Women's Cross Country		
Schedules	1988	328
Roster	2003	328
Media guides	1990, 1995, 2006-2010, 2014	328
Game programs	1992, 1995, 2004	328
Game statistics	1992, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2004	328
Game statistics	2015-2019	digital, see archives staff
Season statistics/historical records	2008	328
Posters	1999, 2013-2014	O/S 680
Stationary (also Track and Field)	2008-2011	328
Subseries 4: Men's and Women's Golf		
Posters	2011-2012	O/S 209
Stationary	2011	328
Subscript F: Man's and Mamon's Sassar		
Subseries 5: Men's and Women's Soccer	2002 2006	220
Schedules	2002-2006	328
Subseries 6: Men's and Women's Tennis		
Awards	2002	328
Posters	2015	O/S 680
Stationary	2009	328
Subseries 7: Men's and Women's Track and Field		
Posters	2013	O/S 209
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Posters	2017-2018	O/S 680
Stationary (see Men's and Women's Cross Country)		
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Series III: Men's Sports		
Subseries 1: Men's Baseball		
Schedules	1979-1997	294
Rosters	1974-1992	294
Media guides	1978-1980, 1985-1999, 2001- 2016	294-295
Game programs	1979-2002, 2008-2009	295
Scorecards	2013-2014	295
Game statistics	1989, 1993, 1997	295
Season statistics	1972-1984, 1987-1989, 1993, 1995	295
Awards	1979-1980, 1989, 1993	295
Awards	1981-2011	O/S 1581
Posters	2014-2016	O/S 209
Posters	2018	O/S 680
Stationary	2009-2010	295
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques, Russ Kerdolff	1979	O/S 1572
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques, Russ Kerdolff, digital image of plaque, box 1572	1979	digital, see archives staff
Subseries 2: Men's Basketball		
Schedules	1972-1975, 1978-2008	296
Rosters	1977-1978	296
Media guides	1973-2010, 2014-2015, 2017- 2018	296-298, 341
Game programs	1971-2009, 2012-2013	299
Game statistics	1972-1973, 1984-2008	342
Season statistics	1971-1980, 1988-1992, 1996	343
Historical statistics report	1971-2009	343
Historical statistics report	1971-2009	digital, see archives staff
Game film, reel to reel tape	1978	322, Tape #3007
Awards	2006-2015	O/S 1581
Posters	1981-1985, 1996,1999-2003, 2015-2020	O/S 680
Posters	1997-1999, 2008-2009, 2012- 2018	O/S 209

Tickets	1973-1975, 1985, 1993, 2004, 2014	343
Print material	1982-1983, 1999-2000	343
Stationary	1998	299
Memorabilia: NCAA Division II participation medals, basketball display holder	2007-2015	1571
Memorabilia: The Kentucky Post Long Rifle award	1975-1987	O/S 958
Memorabilia: Thomas More Rebel Classic trophy	1983-1991	O/S 682
Memorabilia: team award plaques, digital images only	2006-2009	digital, see archives staff
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques, Dustin Maguire, digital image only	2009	digital, see archives staff
Memorabilia: uniform jersey, Steve Meier	1971	185
Memorabilia: uniforms (mostly jerseys)	2010-2016	1576
Subseries 3: Men's Cross Country		
Schedules	1986	340
Media guides	1977-1979	340
Season statistics	1986-1987	340
Awards	1979, 2004-2012	O/S 1581
Subseries 4: Men's Golf		
Schedules	1986	340
Media guides	1979-1981	340
Game programs	1996, 2002, 2011	340
Game statistics	1988, 1992-1993, 1995-1999, 2004-2007	340
Subseries 5: Men's Soccer		
Schedules	1986-1988, 2003	300
Media guides	1981-1996, 1998-1999, 2007- 2009	300
Game programs	1981-1996, 1998, 2001	300
Game statistics	1993, 1995-1996, 1998, 2004, 2007-2008	300
Season statistics	1986-1991, 1993	300
Awards	1996-1997	300
Posters	1999	O/S 680
Posters	2012	O/S 209
Print material	1992	300
Stationary	2009, 2011	300
Memorabilia: uniform jerseys (2)	undated, 1994	1421

Subseries 6: Men's Tennis		
Schedules	1977, 1980-1984, 1987, 1991-1992, 1997	333
Media guides	1978-1980	333
Game programs	1989-1990, 1992, 1997, 2003	333
Game statistics	1977-1978, 1985, 1987-1990, 1993-1994, 1997-1999	333
Game statistics	2016-2020	digital, see archives staff
Season statistics	1988	333
Awards	1991-1994	333
Subseries 7: Men's Track and Field		
Game statistics	2015-2020	digital, see archives staff
Subseries 8: Men's Wrestling		
Schedules	1977-1978	333
Media guides	1977-1979	333
Game statistics	1976-1979	333
Correspondence	1977-1978	333
News clippings	1978	333
Memorabilia: wrestling t-shirt	c. 1973-1979	184
Series IV: Women's Sports		
Subseries 1: Women's Basketball		
Schedules	1984-2008, 2013-2014	301
Rosters	1981-2008	301-303, 345
Media guides	1977-2018	301
Game programs	1975-1978, 1985-1992, 1998- 2009, 2012-2013	346
Game statistics	1985-2010, 2012-2013	338-339, 347
Game statistics	2016-2020	digital, see archives staff
Season statistics	1974-2005, 2012-2013	348
Historical statistics	1974-1985	348
Video	1998-2000	320, Video #191, #3004
Video	1998-2003	321, Video #3005, #3008-#3017
Video, game and season highlights	2005-2012	DVD Boxes 161, 352
Awards – GLVC	1990-1991, 1993-1994	348

Awards and recognition	1986-2008	348
Awards	1986-2014	O/S 1581
History, 1974-1985, by Dave Phillips	1985	348
Summer Conditioning Program	2003	348
Posters	1982-1983, 1992-1993, 1997-	O/S 209
	2003, 2008-2009, 2011-2016	
Posters, head cut outs	1984-85, 2013-2020	O/S 1575
Tickets	2012	348
Print material	1987-2009	348
News clippings	1984-2008	348
Memorabilia: NCAA Division II Women's Basketball	1987-2014	1573
Championship award trophies		
Memorabilia: NCAA Division II quarterfinals award	1985	180
plaque		
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques -	2000	O/S 1572
Michelle Cottrell, Kodak All American Team		
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques,	2000	digital, see
Michelle Cottrell, digital image of plaque in box		archives staff
1572		
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques,	2009	digital, see
Jessie Slack, digital image only		archives staff
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques, Julie	1988	digital, see
Wells, digital image only		archives staff
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques,	2014	digital, see
Nancy Winstel, digital image only		archives staff
Memorabilia: basketball-Elite Eight tournament,	2008	381
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Subseries 2: Women's Cross Country	1000	004
Schedules	1986	334
Game programs	1995	334
Awards	2001-2011	O/S 1581
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Subseries 3: Women's Golf	0004 0000	204
Game programs	2001-2002	334
Game statistics	1987, 1998-2004	334
Subseries 4: Women's Soccer		
Media guides	2001-2009	324
Game statistics	2007-2008	324
Posters	1998	O/S 1575
Posters	2012, 2014	O/S 209
Stationary	2009	324
Memorabilia: awards and plaques	1999-2005	1569
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Subseries 5: Women's Softball		
Schedules	1980, 1987, 1997	304
Media guides	1979-1983, 1990-2010	304
Game programs	1988-2005	304
Game statistics	1988, 1993	304
Game statistics	2017-2020	digital, see
		archives staff
Season statistics	1979-1980, 1982, 1988	304
Awards-recognition	2006	304
Posters	2013, 2016	O/S 209
Posters	2015, 2018	O/S 1575
Stationary	2009	305
Memorabilia: awards and plaques	1999-2005	1569
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Subseries 6: Women's Tennis		
Schedules	1980, 1986, 1988	305
Media guides	1976-1978, 1983, 1985,	305
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Game programs	1999	305
Game statistics	1977-1980, 1982-1989, 1995-	305
	1999	
Game statistics	2016-2020	digital, see
		archives staff
Season statistics	1976	305
Subseries 7: Women's Track and Field		
Game statistics	2015-2020	digital, see archives staff
Memorabilia: baton	2012-2013	381
Subseries 8: Women's Volleyball		
Schedules	1976-1989, 2003	325
Rosters	1975-1989	325
Media guides	1977-2009	325, 306
Game programs	1975-1999, 2001-2008, 2011,	307
Camina biradirama	2014	
Game statistics	1975-1977, 1979, 1981,	307
	1995-1996, 1998, 2002, 2004,	
	2007-2008	
Game statistics	2016-2019	digital, see
		archives staff
Season statistics	1975-1993, 2007	307
Historical statistics	1989-1993	307

Statistics, individual top ten	1991, 1995	307
Film, reel to reel tape	1981	335, Tape #3006
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Awards	1993, 1995-1996, 2005	307
Posters	2002, 2012, 2014	O/S 209
Posters	1998-1999	O/S 1575
Posters-team autographed, NCAA championship	1999	O/S1575
Stationary	2011	307
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques, Lori King, digital image only	1984	digital, see archives staff
Memorabilia: individual athlete award plaques, Kristin Koralewski, digital image only	2004	digital, see archives staff

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Endnotes

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