



NKU men prepare to meet Missouri S&T, Quincy

Norse play host to Miners this Thursday night at 7:45 p.m. in The Bank of Kentucky Center

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. – The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team begins a Great Lakes Valley Conference homestand Thursday night when Missouri S&T visits The Bank of Kentucky Center at 7:45 p.m.

The Norse also play host to Quincy on Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

NKU is 12-4 overall and ranked 14th nationally in the NCAA Division II poll. The Norse are 5-2 in the GLVC and tied with Bellarmine atop the GLVC East Division standings.

Missouri S&T is 7-8 overall, 2-5 in the GLVC. Quincy is 10-6, 3-4 GLVC.

INCREDIBLE COMEBACK: Dustin Maguire made three 3-pointers in the final 1:05 of regulation to force overtime Saturday as NKU rallied from a 13-point deficit to post a 91-86 victory against Drury.



NKU's Jon Van Hoose drives to the basket against UM-St. Louis.

Maguire finished with a career-high 30 points and made seven shots from 3-point range. Drury held a 61-48 lead with 6:31 remaining and still owned a 68-61 advantage with 1:14 left on the clock, but Maguire took over and buried three consecutive 3-pointers.

Maguire's 3-pointer with 23 seconds remaining tied the game at 70-all.

Leslie Malone scored while being fouled to begin the extra session. He converted the free throw to give NKU a 73-70 lead. DeAaron Williams followed with a basket to extend the Norse advantage to 75-70, and Maguire later sealed the win by knocking down another 3-pointer to give NKU an 82-74 lead. Malone finished with 16 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots for NKU.

GLVC HONOR: Dustin Maguire was named GLVC Player of the Week by the league office on Monday. Maguire, a sophomore guard from Edwardsville, Ill., averaged 24 points and 8.0 rebounds per game last week as NKU swept GLVC road contests against Rockhurst and Drury. For the season, Maguire leads NKU in scoring at 16.2 points per game. He is also 39-for-94 (.415) from 3-point range this season. Maguire also leads the GLVC in free-throw percentage at .898.

REJECTION TIME: NKU senior forward Leslie Malone is second in the GLVC in blocked shots at 1.69 bpg. Malone also averages 11.2 ppg and 5.6 rebounds per contest. He also leads NKU with 19 steals.



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DUNCAN ON THE BOARDS: NKU senior forward A'Daeron Duncan pulled down a career-high 13 rebounds in the win at Drury. Duncan averages 10.4 ppg and 5.4 rpg. He is also shooting 82 percent from the free-throw line and has 15 steals.

BIG IMPACT: NKU freshman guard Jon Van Hoose sparked the Norse's 85-73 win at Rockhurst by burying five shots from 3-point range. He finished with 15 points in that victory.

THE LAST TIME AGAINST MISSOURI S&T: On Jan. 26, 2008, NKU knocked down 16 shots from 3-point range en route to an 84-53 road win over Missouri S&T. Mark Hawkins and Dennis Gagai each scored 14 points off the bench as the Norse cruised to the victory.