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# NKU men take five-game winning streak to Lewis

## Norse (14-4 overall, 7-2 GLVC) look to extend winning streak to six Thursday night at Lewis

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. – The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team begins a two-game road trip Thursday night by facing Lewis in Romeoville, Ill.

NKU is 14-4 overall, 7-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Norse have won five consecutive games and are tied with Bellarmine for first place in the GLVC East Division.

NKU is ranked 11th nationally in the NCAA Division II poll.

Lewis is 11-7 overall, 5-4 in the GLVC. The Flyers return four starters from last season's team that eliminated NKU from the GLVC Tournament in the opening round.

NKU defeated Lewis in both regular-season meetings last year, including an 88-78 win at Romeoville, Ill. The Norse conclude the road trip Saturday with a game at Wisconsin-Parkside.

*NKU's Scott Bibbins drives to the basket against Missouri S&T.*

NKU will have just one more road game (at Saint Joseph's) the rest of the season after the Wisconsin-Parkside contest. The Norse finish with six of their final seven games at home.

**FIVE IN A ROW:** NKU won its fifth straight game last Saturday with a 71-52 victory against Quincy in The Bank of Kentucky Center. Dustin Maguire scored 14 points and grabbed six rebounds to lead NKU. Maguire knocked down four shots from 3-point range.

Leslie Malone added 12 points, nine rebounds and two blocked shots, while teammate DeAaron Williams finished with 11 points and seven rebounds. NKU built a 41-22 halftime lead by shooting 51.6 percent from the field.

**EARLY KNOCKOUT:** NKU bolted out to a 23-6 lead and Quincy never recovered. The Hawks trailed by as many as 31 points in the second half and never threatened the Norse, much to the delight of the crowd of 3,219 in attendance.

**SOPHOMORE SENSATION:** NKU sophomore guard Dustin Maguire is fifth in the GLVC in scoring at 15.8 points per game. Maguire has knocked down 44 shots from 3-point range and is shooting 91.1 percent from the free-throw line.

**MALONE ON THE BOARDS:** NKU senior forward Leslie Malone leads NKU in rebounding at 6.2 per game. He grabbed 14 rebounds against Missouri S&T last week and tied an NKU record with eight blocked shots in that game. For the season, Malone averages 11.8 ppg and leads NKU with 37 blocked shots.

*Leslie Malone slams down two points against Missouri S&T during NKU's 79-55 win last week. Malone blocked eight shots in that game to tie a Norse record.*

**WILLIAMS ON TARGET:** NKU senior forward DeAaron Williams has scored in double figures the past four games and averages 10.6 ppg this season. Williams also has made 51.8 percent of his shots from the field.

**BEZOLD NEARS 100:** NKU head coach Dave Bezold is now 90-47 with the Norse. Bezold is looking to reach the 100-win mark faster than any head coach in NKU men's basketball history. Mike Beitzel reached the 100-win plateau midway through his sixth season at NKU and is currently the fastest to get that milestone victory.