Quick Facts

The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) was founded in June 1972. During the two years previous to the GLIAC's founding, several attempts were made to create a new NCAA College Division conference. In 1971, the Great Lakes Athletic Conference was formed, but plans for the new conference were put on hold, and several of the participating schools subsequently withdrew their support.

The idea did not die, though, and since 1972-73 the GLIAC has been a leader in the advancement and promotion of intercollegiate athletics for men and women.

The GLIAC features a membership of 13 schools: Ashland University, Ferris State University, Gannon University, Grand Valley State University, University of Findlay, Hillsdale College, Lake Superior State University, Mercyhurst College, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Northwood University, Saginaw Valley State University and Wayne State University.

Overall the GLIAC conducts championships in 20 sports, 10 for men and 10 for women. The policy-making body is the GLIAC Executive Council, which is comprised of three representatives from each member institution – its director of athletics, faculty representative and senior woman administrator. Final approval of all GLIAC legislation is required by the Council of GLIAC Presidents.

As GLIAC commissioner, Tom Brown is responsible for all conference administration. He is beginning his 15th season as the conference's fifth commissioner.

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NMU Quick Facts

Nickname: Wildcats
Founded: 1899
Enrollment: 9,500
President: Dr. Leslie (Les) Wong
Affiliation: NCAA II
Conference: Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Home Court (capacity): Berry Events Center (4,000)
Colors: Old Gold and Olive Green
Director of Athletics: Ken Godfrey
Head Basketball Coach: Dean Ellis
Alma Mater: Northern Michigan '83
NMU Record/Years: 340-252/21
Overall Record/Years: 340-252/21
Office Phone: 906-227-2106 (mornings)

Associate Head Coach: Dan Waterman
Alma Mater: Northern Michigan '03
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Office Phone: 906-227-2027

Equipment Manager: John Tessaro
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Sports Hotline: 906-227-1014
Web Address: www.nmu.edu/sports

Team Information

2006-07 Overall Record: 18-11
2006-07 GLIAC Record/Place: 11-7/2nd GLIAC North
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/3
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

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A big question surrounding the 2007-08 Northern Michigan University men's basketball squad is how to replace Ricky Volcy. Volcy was the 2006-07 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Year and was named to several All-America teams. He led the Wildcats last year in scoring (22.5 ppg), rebounding (9.6 rpg), blocks (80) and steals (53). Volcy was second on the team in assists with 101. He was second in the GLIAC in scoring and first in rebounding and blocked shots.

Will Washington, who led the ‘Cats in three-point field goals (106), assists (107) and averaged almost 10 points a game, is also gone. He led the conference in three-point field goals. “Those two seniors were incredible last year,” said Dean Ellis, now entering his 22nd season directing the program. “They led the team on and off the court. We are trying to replace 32-plus points a game. It’s tough to get players that good.”

NMU returns seven letterwinners and three starters to a team that went 18-11 overall and 11-7 in the GLIAC, which was good for second place in the North Division. NMU took Grand Valley State to overtime in the GLIAC Tournament and just missed a bid to the NCAA II Tournament. Ellis is 340-252 in 21 seasons at NMU directing the men’s basketball fortunes.

The cupboard is far from empty, though, in 2007-08. If guard play and the play along the baseline can come together, NMU could be a team to reckon with.

Junior guard Chris Warner should be a key for the offense this year.

Guards
The keys to the offense are being turned over to junior Chris Warner. He averaged a little over nine points a game last year and had a team-high 107 assists. Warner also had 15 blocks and 28 steals. Jake Suardini looks to have the other guard spot down. He started all 29 games last year and averaged over nine points a game. Suardini connected on 23 three-pointers last year. He led the GLIAC in assist/turnover ratio (2.23 ratio). “We have very good veteran guard play and have a chance to be successful,” said Ellis.

Also seeing time last year at one of the guard spots were Jerard Ajami and Tyler Kazmierskoski. Ellis likes what he sees in these two and is expecting big things from them. Ajami came off the bench in 2006-07 as a true freshman. He averaged almost three points a game. Kazmierskoski missed part of the campaign to a knee injury, but appeared in 23 contests. He averaged a little over seven points a game and connected on 23 three-pointers.

Others who could find their way onto the court include redshirt freshman Carl Branstrom and freshmen Ryan Maki and Raymont McElroy. Also back on the squad is senior Ryan Reichel, who was on the team during the 2004-05 season.

Forwards
Sebastien Salois started 18 games last year and is the top forward returner. He averaged over four points a game and grabbed over two rebounds a contest. Other returners at forward are Darren Jones and Steve Kaiser. Jones appeared in eight games. Kaiser started seven games, appeared in 29 and averaged over five points and two rebounds a game.

Kyle Greene, a junior college transfer, could step in and contribute right away. He is listed as a junior on the roster.

Center
The middle position could be a challenge for the ‘Cats. Returning is Eric Sirrine with his 1.3 ppg and 1.0 rpg from a year ago. He appeared in 24 games. “We have returning post players with not a lot of experience with a basketball in their hand,” said Ellis. “It will be a challenge to teach them how to be productive early in the year and learn how to play offensively.”

Two freshmen could also spend some time down on the blocks. Jared Benson is 6-10 from Carney, Mich. and Eric Hawley 6-7 from Ontonagon, Mich.

Schedule
NMU began the 2007-08 season by playing in the O’Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic, the East Lansing Regional along with Michigan State, Louisiana-Monroe and Chicago. Other non-conference games include Augustana, Minnesota State-Mankato, Minnesota-Duluth, South Dakota and Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Fourteen of the first 17 games for NMU are on the road.

The race for the GLIAC North could come down to Ferris State, Grand Valley State or Michigan Tech for NMU. “It is hard to tell about the GLIAC North,” said Ellis. “The North Division has graduated a lot of good players.”

A couple of the players must step up and take over some of the scoring. Ellis is set to change things around to fit what he has on the roster. “We are going work hard and grow this year,” said Ellis.

With every year the ‘Cats must play solid defense and rebound to be successful. NMU has depth in almost all aspects of the game. Now the players must execute.

Sebastien Salois, from Quebec, is the top returning forward for the ‘Cats.
Head Coach Dean Ellis

Beginning his 22nd year as head men's basketball coach at Northern Michigan University, Dean Ellis has etched his name in the NMU coaching record book.

He is the winningest coach in school history with a 340-252 record. He reached that level with a 66-54 win over Saginaw Valley State on Jan. 29, 2005. Two nights earlier, Ellis won his 300th game, against Lake Superior State (74-64).

After this season Ellis will be tied in all-time tenure with C.B. Hedgcock, with 22 years as head coach. Ellis’ .574 winning percentage is also third-best among NMU coaches who were at the helm for at least 50 games.

Under Ellis the 'Cats have made 13 appearances in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference post-season tournament, won their first-ever GLIAC post-season championship, qualified three times for the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional Tournament and have had four seasons of 20 wins. His teams have won GLIAC titles in 1976-93-99 and 2000. The 1999-2000 squad also captured the GLIAC Tournament. In addition, that team qualified for the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional Tournament. The 1998-99 team (21-8) and the 1992-93 team (22-8) also made playoff appearances.

The 1992-93 squad set numerous team records and won its first outright GLIAC title. That year, Ellis was selected GLIAC Coach of the Year.

Ellis served as Glenn Brown’s assistant for three seasons (1983-86) and helped guide the Wildcats to the NCAA II playoffs in 1985.

In 1993, he became a two-sport coach at Northern Michigan, taking over the responsibility of the men’s golf team. An excellent golfer, he won the Upper Peninsula men’s amateur championship in 1981, as well as the club championship at Wawonowin Country Club (Ishpeming) in 1995.

In addition to his coaching duties, Ellis is director of NMU’s summer basketball camps and has served as a coach and counselor at several summer basketball camps throughout the state. He instituted the popular Young Wildcat Basketball League, a Sunday youth league.

A native of Negaunee, Mich., where he was a standout athlete, Ellis earned three collegiate letters in basketball and four in golf at Southwest Missouri State University. He transferred to Northern Michigan where he completed work on his bachelor’s degree in physical education in 1983.

He and his wife, Lois, are the parents of David and Daniel.

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Assistant Coach
Dan Waterman

Dan Waterman enters his second season as an assistant basketball coach with the Northern Michigan University men’s basketball team.

Waterman spent three seasons (2003-06) as the boy's basketball coach at Westwood High School, where he was 41-24. His team during the 2004-05 season was the Mid-Peninsula Conference co-champions and ranked fourth in the final Associated Press Class C poll. For that season, Waterman was named the AP Michigan Class C Coach of the Year and the Upper Peninsula Class A-B-C Coach of the Year. The team was recognized as the Upper Peninsula Class C Team of the Year.

Waterman was also the junior varsity (1999-2003), freshman (1998-99) and assistant boy’s varsity coach at Westwood (1997-2003). During the 2002-03 season he served Ellis as a student-assistant coach at NMU. Waterman has worked as a coach at basketball camps at Westwood, Alma College and at the B.U.C.S. Camp.

He graduated from Westwood in 1994 before moving on to Michigan Tech where he was a three-year letterwinner on the men’s basketball team. Waterman was a two-year starter for the Huskies and was named to the GLIAC All-Defensive Team as a junior.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from NMU in social studies/history in 2003. Waterman is currently pursuing his master’s degree.

He and his wife, Pam, have two sons, Jason and Caleb.

2007-08 Northern Michigan University Men’s Basketball Roster

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Head Coach: Dean Ellis
Assistant Coach: Dan Waterman
Meet the Wild Cats

**Darren Jones**  
Forward  
6-8, 215  
Senior  
Sterling Heights, Mich.

2006-07: Appeared in eight games. Scored two points for a career high on four different occasions. Made both free throws at Grand Valley State (1/6). Had three rebounds twice for a career high. Played 13 minutes at Grand Valley State (1/6).

2003-05: Played at St. Clair County Community College. MVP of team. All-conference, all-region and all-state.

**High School:** Lettered in basketball twice at Sterling Heights Stevenson under Coach Bill Lerch. Second-team all-conference. MVP of team. Also participated in track where he was a regional finalist in the high jump.

**Jones’ Career Stats**

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**Personal:** Majoring in public relations. Son of Michelle Brown and Darence Jones. Born on April 2, 1984.

**Jones’ Single-Game Highs**

- **Points**: 2, four times, most recently at Saginaw Valley State (1/27/07)
- **Rebounds**: 3, twice, most recently at Northwood (1/25/07)
- **Field Goals**: 3, three times, most recently at Saginaw Valley State (1/27/07)
- **Field Goal Attempts**: 2, three times, most recently at Saginaw Valley State (1/27/07)
- **3-pt Field Goals**: 0
- **3-pt Field Goal Attempts**: 1 at Saginaw Valley State (1/27/07)
- **Free Throws**: 2 at Grand Valley State (1/6/07)
- **Free Throw Attempts**: 2 at Grand Valley State (1/6/07)

**Ryan Reichel**  
Guard  
5-10, 180  
Senior  
Ishpeming, Mich.

2004-05: Lettered after appearing in 13 games. Had a career-high nine points against Findlay (1/3). Sank three three-pointers against Findlay in three attempts. Had three steals against Michigan Tech (1/18) and Northland College (11/28). Played a career-high 30 minutes against Michigan Tech.

2003-04: Took a redshirt season.

**High School:** Played at Westwood High School under Irv Dierterle. Lettered three times in basketball. Two-time all-Mid Peninsula League. Member of the U.P. dream team. Named to U.P. first team. Honorable mention all-state. Team was state semifinalist. Team won two district, two Mid-Peninsula and two regional championships.

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**Reichel’s Single-Game Highs**

- **Points**: 9 vs. Findlay (1/3/05)
- **Rebounds**: 7 vs. Saginaw Valley State (1/29/05)
- **Assists**: 4, twice, most recently at Grand Valley State (2/3/05)
- **Field Goals**: 3 vs. Findlay (1/3/05)
- **Field Goal Attempts**: 6 vs. Saginaw Valley State (1/29/05)
- **3-pt Field Goals**: 3 vs. Findlay (1/3/05)
- **3-pt Field Goal Attempts**: 3 vs. Findlay (1/3/05)
- **Free Throws**: 2, seven times, most recently at Saginaw Valley State (2/17/05)
- **Free Throw Attempts**: 3, twice, most recently vs. Saginaw Valley State (1/29/05)
JAKE SUARDINI
Guard
6-1, 195
Senior
Gwinn, Mich.

2006-07: Lettered. Had 18 points at Michigan Tech (2/24) for a season high. Nine rebounds at Wayne State (1/20) was a career high. Eight assists against Ashland was a career high (12/16). Had 13 games of double-digit scoring. Led the GLIAC in assist/turnover ratio (2.23 ratio).


2003-04: Took a redshirt season.

High School: Played at Gwinn High School under Darren Sinnaeve. Lettered three times in basketball. First-team all-state. Member of the U.P. dream team. Leading scorer in the U.P. first team all-Mid-Peninsula Athletic Conference. Team was district champion as a sophomore.

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SUARDINI’S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points: 22 at Ferris State (3/1/05)
Rebounds: 9 at Wayne State (1/20/07)
Assists: 8 vs. Ashland (12/16/06)
Field Goals: 8 at Ferris State (3/1/05)
Field Goal Attempts: 17 at Ferris State (3/1/05)
3-pt Field Goals: 3, twice, most recently vs. Grand Valley State (3/2/07)
3-pt Field Goal Attempts: 6 at Ferris State (3/1/05) and at Grand Valley State (2/3/05)
Free Throws: 7 vs. UW-Stout (12/13/06)
Free Throw Attempts: 8 at Michigan Tech (2/24/07)

STEVE KAISER
Forward
6-6, 225
Junior
Manistique, Mich.

2006-07: Lettered after appearing in 29 games, having started in seven. Had a career-high 16 points against Wisconsin-Stevens Point (12/28). Made all nine free-throw attempts against Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Was 7-8 from the floor against Finlandia for 15 points (12/18). Tied a career high with six rebounds against Northwood (2/17).

2005-06: Lettered. Had a season-high 13 points at Michigan Tech (1/2). Had six rebounds for a career high at MTU.

2004-05: Took a redshirt season.

High School: Lettered twice at Manistique High School under Ed Marietti. After senior season was named Mid Peninsula Conference first team and all-U.P. first team. Junior year was a special mention to the all-MPC and was an honorable mention all-U.P. selection. Team was district champion sophomore and junior seasons. In golf was all-MPC second team selection.

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KAISER’S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points: 16 vs. UW-Stevens Point (12/28/06)
Rebounds: 6, twice, most recently vs. Northwood (2/17/07)
Assists: 3, four times, most recently vs. Northwood (2/17/07)
Field Goals: 7 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
Field Goal Attempts: 13 at Michigan Tech (1/2/06)
3-pt Field Goals: 2, twice, vs. Northwood (2/17/06)
3-pt Field Goal Attempts: 4 vs. Lake Superior State (1/4/07)
Free Throws: 9 vs. UW-Stevens Point (12/28/06)
Free Throw Attempts: 9 vs. UW-Stevens Point (12/28/06)
MEET THE WILDCATS

TYLER KAZMIERKOSKI 22
Guard
6-5, 215
Junior
Peshtigo, Wis.

2004-05: Played at Wisconsin-Stout.
High School: Lettered three times in basketball at Peshtigo High School under Rick Newmann. Two-time all-conference selection. Academic all-state. Member of the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Division III. Set Division III all-star record for single-game scoring with 26 points.

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KAZMIERKOSKI’S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points: 18 vs. Grand Valley State (3/2/07)
Rebounds: 11 at Wayne State (11/21/06)
Assists: 4 vs. Mercyhurst (2/1/07)
Field Goals: 6, twice, most recently vs. Grand Valley State (3/2/07)
Field Goal Attempts: 11 vs. Grand Valley (3/2/07)
3-pt Field Goals: 5 vs. UW-Stout (12/13/06)
3-pt Field Goal Attempts: 8 vs. Grand Valley (3/2/07)
Free Throws: 6, twice, most recently vs. Saginaw Valley State (12/7/06)
Free Throw Attempts: 7 vs. Michigan Tech (11/29/06)

ERIC SIRRINE
33
Center
6-9, 240
Junior
Kingsford, Mich.

2005-06: Took a redshirt year.
High School: Lettered three times at Kingsford High School under Dan Olkonen. For senior season was an all-GNC first team selection. Academic all-state. Member of the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Division III. Set Division III all-star record for single-game scoring with 26 points.

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SIRRINE’S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points: 10 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
Rebounds: 7 vs. Finlandia (12/7/04)
Assists: 1, twice, most recently vs. Lake Superior State (1/4/07)
Field Goals: 4, twice, most recently vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
Field Goal Attempts: 9 vs. Northland Baptist (12/17/04)
3-pt Field Goals: 1, twice, most recently at Grand Valley State (1/6/07)
3-pt Field Goal Attempts: 2, twice, most recently at Grand Valley State (1/6/07)
Free Throws: 2, three times. Most recently vs. UW-Stout (12/13/06)
Free Throw Attempts: 2, four times. Most recently vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)


Personal: Likes to read and lift weights. Majoring in biology with ecology emphasis. Son of Kimberly and Michael Sirrine. Father attended NMU. Born on May 9, 1986.
**Chris Warner**

**Guard**

6-1, 175

Sophomore

Montreal, Quebec

2006-07: Lettered. Started 29 games. Poured in a career-high 22 points at St. Cloud State (12/31/06). Had 10 assists against Wisconsin-Stout (12/13/06) for a career high. Grabbed 10 rebounds against Lake Superior State (1/4) for a career high.

2005-06: Lettered. Appeared in 28 games. Tallied a season-high 19 points against Finlandia (11/29). Pulled down seven rebounds against Hillsdale (1/22). Dished the rock for five assists against Lake Superior State (2/9), which was a season high.


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**High School:** Played at Riverside Park Academy under Larry Dallas. Named as a league all-star. Led conference in scoring, assists and steals. Male Athlete of the Year.


**Warner’s Single-Game Highs**

- Points: 22 at St. Cloud State (12/31/06)
- Rebounds: 10 vs. Lake Superior State (1/4/07)
- Assists: 10 vs. UW-Stout (12/13/06)
- Field Goals: 8 at St. Cloud (12/31/06)
- Field Goal Attempts: 12 St. Cloud (12/31/06)
- 3-pt Field Goals: 2, twice, most recently vs. Grand Valley State (3/2/07)
- 3-pt Field Goal Attempts: 4 vs Grand Valley State (3/2/07)
- Free Throws: 9, twice, most recently at Northwood (1/25/07)
- Free Throw Attempts: 12, twice, most recently at Lake Superior State (2/18/07)

**Jerard Ajami**

**Guard**

6-2, 185

Sophomore

Madison, Wis.

2006-07: Lettered. Appeared in 29 games. Had two games of double-digit scoring with his career-high 16 points coming against Finlandia (12/18). Also had a career-high seven rebounds against Finlandia. Made three three-pointers against Northwood (2/17).

**High School:** Lettered twice in basketball at Madison Memorial High School under Steve Collins. Team won state title in junior year.


**Ajami’s Single-Game Highs**

- Points: 19 at Hillsdale (1/22)
- Rebounds: 7 vs. Lake Superior State (2/9)
- Assists: 7 vs. Wisconsin-Stout (12/13/06)
- Field Goals: 7 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
- Field Goal Attempts: 11 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
- 3-pt Field Goals: 3, vs. Northwood (2/17/07)
- 3-pt Field Goal Attempts: 4 at Wayne State (1/20/07)
- Free Throws: 9, twice, most recently vs. Michigan Tech (2/27/07)
- Free Throw Attempts: 12, twice, most recently vs. Michigan Tech (2/27/07)

**Ajami’s Career Stats**

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Kyle Greene
Forward
6-6, 220
Junior
Rogers City, Mich.

High School: Lettered three times in basketball at Rogers City High School under Karl Grambou. Honorable mention all-state as a junior and a second team selection as a senior. Lettered in track four times, all-state in the discus and shot put. Lettered twice in football where he was all-state first team as a tight end as a senior.

Sebastien Salois
Forward
6-5, 200
Sophomore
Trois-Rivieres, Quebec

2006-07: Lettered. Had a career-high 18 points against Finlandia (12/18). Also had six assists for a career high against Finlandia. Made five three-point field goals in nine attempts against Finlandia. Had six rebounds in three games for a career high.
2003-05: Played at CEGEP Montmorency.
High School: Played at Seminale de Trois-Riviere under Jean Francois Harvey. Played in the 2004 Adidas All-Canadian Game.


Salois’ Single-Game Highs
Points: 18 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
Rebounds: 6, three times, most recently at Hillsdale (1/18/07)
Assists: 6 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
Field Goals: 7 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
Field Goal Attempts: 5 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
3-pt Field Goals: 5 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
3-pt Field Goal Attempts: 9, twice, most recently at Grand Valley State (1/6/07)
Free Throws: 3 vs. Finlandia (12/18/06)
Free Throw Attempts: 3, twice, most recently vs. Ferris State (1/11/07)

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Carl Branstrom
Guard
6-1, 170
Redshirt Freshman
Perkins, Mich.
2006-07: Took a redshirt season.
High School: Lettered four times in basketball at Mid-Peninsula High School under Mark Branstrom. Class D all-state and Player of the Year. All-conference in football as a quarterback. All-state in the high jump.

Ryan Maki
Guard
6-1, 165
Freshman
Chatham, Mich.
High School: Lettered in basketball at Carney Nadeau High School under Paul Polfus. First team all-conference after senior season. Team MVP. Slam dunk champion at all-star game.

Raymont McElroy
Guard
6-1, 170
Freshman
Milwaukee, Wis.
High School: Lettered in basketball four times at Milwaukee South High School. Two-time second team all-conference selection. Co-MVP in 2007 at the Blueprint Showcase as a point guard/shooting guard. Also participated in cross country where he was a second team all-conference as a senior. A state finalist in cross country.

Eric Hawley
Center
6-7, 205
Freshman
Ontonagon, Mich.
High School: Lettered twice in basketball at Ontonagon Area High School. As a junior was a first team all-conference selection and all-U.P. honorable mention. Senior season was a first team all-conference, first team all-U.P. and first team all-state as selected by the Associated Press. Also participated in football and track.

Jared Benson
Center
6-10, 255
Freshman
Carney, Mich.
High School: Lettered in basketball at Carney Nadeau High School under Paul Polfus. First team all-conference after senior season. Team MVP. Slam dunk champion at all-star game.

Carl Branstrom
Guard
6-1, 170
Redshirt Freshman
Perkins, Mich.
2006-07: Took a redshirt season.
High School: Lettered four times in basketball at Mid-Peninsula High School under Mark Branstrom. Class D all-state and Player of the Year. All-conference in football as a quarterback. All-state in the high jump.
2006-07 Game by Game Review

Date W-L Opponent NMU-Opp Leading Scorer Leading Rebounder
11/17 L Wisconsin-Green Bay 59-76 Volcy (18) Volcy (9)
11/21 L Wayne State 71-76 Washington (16) Kazmierski (11)
11/24 W Minnesota-Duluth 80-77 Volcy (32) Volcy (10)
11/29 L Michigan Tech* 69-78 Volcy (28) Volcy (13)
12/2 L Findlay* 56-70 Saurdini (14) Saurdini (8)
12/7 W Saginaw Valley State* 72-71 Volcy (27) Volcy (16)
12/10 W St. Norbert College 73-57 Volcy (17) Volcy (12)
12/13 W Wisconsin-Stout 95-71 Volcy (33) Volcy (16)
12/16 W Ashland* 82-80 Volcy (26) Volcy (14)
12/18 W Finlandia University 123-68 Saurdini (18) Lane (10)
12/28 W Wisconsin-Stevens Point 101-92 Volcy (32) Volcy (13)
12/31 W St. Cloud State University 93-91 Volcy (34) Volcy (11)
1/4 L Lake Superior State* 75-77 Volcy (23) Warner (10)
1/6 L Grand Valley State* 49-87 Saurdini (12) Volcy (6)
1/11 L Ferris State* 64-65 Volcy (32) Volcy (11)
1/13 L Grand Valley State* 52-63 Washington Kaiser(10) Volcy (7)
1/18 W Hillsdale* 65-57 Washington (20) Volcy (10)
1/20 W Wayne State* 75-55 Volcy (33) Saurdini (9)
1/25 W Northwood* 69-44 Washington (17) Volcy (8)
1/27 W Saginaw Valley State* 77-55 Kazmierski(15) Warner (8)
2/1 W Mercyhurst College* 82-69 Washington (24) Volcy (10)
2/3 W Gannon University* 80-72 Volcy (34) Saurdini & Warner(8)
2/8 W Lake Superior State* 73-64 Volcy (16) Volcy (12)
2/10 L Ferris State* 81-89 Volcy (34) Volcy (12)
2/17 W Northwood* 94-80 Volcy (34) Volcy (12)
2/24 W Michigan Tech* 55-34 Volcy (19) Volcy (11)
2/27 W Michigan Tech** 77-54 Volcy (29) Volcy (8)
3/2 L Grand Valley State** 87-88 Volcy (22) Kaiser,Volcy,
                  Warner & Washington (8)

*Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Game
**Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Game

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NMU Team Honors

Chairman of the Boards
Ricky Volcy

Newcomer of the Year
Jerard Ajami

Most Valuable Player
Ricky Volcy

Free Throw Award
Chris Warner

Kip Taylor Memorial
Courage/Leadership Award
Will Washington/Ricky Volcy

Defensive Demon
Will Washington

Sixth Man
Tyler Kazmierski
2006-07 North Division Standings

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2006-07 North Division First Team

Callistus Eziukwu       Grand Valley State
Jason Jamerson          Grand Valley State
Ryan Kuhl               Lake Superior State
Radayl Richardson       Michigan Tech
Ricky Volcy             Northern Michigan

2006-07 North Division Second Team

Mike Hall               Grand Valley State
Lawrence Ross           Saginaw Valley State
Terrance Shaw           Ferris State
Tim Strom               Michigan Tech
Will Washington         Northern Michigan

2006-07 North Division All-Defensive Team

Kyle Carhart            Grand Valley State
Callistus Eziukwu       Grand Valley State
Radayl Richardson       Michigan Tech
Martell Summers         Saginaw Valley State
Ricky Volcy             Northern Michigan

Player of the Year
Ricky Volcy             Northern Michigan

Freshman of the Year
Marcus Parker           Findlay

Coach of the Year
Ron Niekamp             Findlay

2006-07 South Division Standings

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2006-07 South Division First Team

Dorian Bass            Findlay
Geg Emmons             Ashland
Avi Fogel              Mercyhurst
Kris Krzyminske        Wayne State
Frank Phillips         Findlay

2006-07 South Division Second Team

Josh Bostic            Findlay
Shelby Chaney          Mercyhurst
Vahn Knight            Ashland
Brent Schnipke         Findlay
Aurimas Truskauskas    Gannon

2006-07 South Division All-Defensive Team

Josh Bostic            Findlay
Rob McRae              Ashland
Marcus Parker          Findlay
Jason Saddler          Wayne State
Brent Schnipke         Findlay

2007 GLIAC Tournament

Saturday, Mar. 3
GLIAC Tournament Championship
Croy Gym, Findlay, Ohio (Hosted by Findlay)
Championship Game
#1 Findlay 71, #2 Grand Valley State 61

Friday, Mar. 2
GLIAC Tournament Semifinals
Croy Gym, Findlay, Ohio (Hosted by Findlay)
Semifinal #1
#1 Findlay 77, #4 Mercyhurst 40
Semifinal #2
#2 Grand Valley State 88, #3 Northern Michigan 87 (OT)

Tuesday, Feb. 27
GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals
at (2S) Mercyhurst 59, (3S) Wayne State 54
at (2N) Northern Michigan 77, (3N) Michigan Tech 54
at (1S) Findlay 70, (4S) Ashland 54
at (1N) Grand Valley State 72, (4N) Ferris State 59

2007 GLIAC Men's Basketball All-Tournament Team
MVP - Frank Phillips, Findlay
Marcus Parker, Findlay
Josh Bostic, Findlay
Dorian Bass, Findlay
Mike Hall, Grand Valley State
Callistus Eziukwu, Grand Valley State
Northern Michigan Campus Life

The University: A regional public, coeducational university founded in 1899, Northern offers learning opportunities to approximately 9,500 undergraduate and graduate students. Each full-time student is issued a notebook computer as part of tuition and fees.

Location: NMU is located in an environment unrivaled by any other, on the south shore of Lake Superior in Marquette, Michigan, voted one of “America’s Most Livable Communities,” with breathtaking vistas and 20,000 lucky residents.

Campus: Named one of the “Most Unwired” campuses in the United States, we’re completely connected with the latest technology. We’re large enough to offer scenic spaces and 50 quality facilities. There are high-end specialty computer labs, a learning resource center, a theater, a speech and hearing clinic, a student art gallery and university art museum, a student radio station, public radio and TV stations, the Jacobetti Center for technical programs, an ice rink, a swimming pool and diving tank, a rock climbing wall, an all-events center and the Superior Dome, the largest wooden dome in the world. But we’re still small enough to keep everything within walking distance, which is especially nice in the winter.

Faculty: NMU has talented faculty members and a low student-to-faculty ratio of 22-to-1. Our average class size is 23, our average lab size is 16 and our average seminar size is 10. Of all entry-level courses, 70 percent are taught by career faculty.

The Superior Edge: Learn to live a life that matters. Other universities have leadership programs, but NMU is the only university in the country that packs leadership, community engagement, diversity awareness and real-world experience into one life-changing program. In the Superior Edge, students design their own volunteer, work and learning activities (up to 400 hours). Any NMU student regardless of class status or major is eligible to participate for free. Each Superior Edge graduate receives a student achievement transcript along with their academic transcript. NMU grads with proven experience, initiative, ethics, integrity, multicultural awareness and motivation to make a difference gain an edge in the job market and admission to grad schools.

Residence Halls: NMU’s 10 residence halls are organized into living groups called “houses,” which include 40-45 students who actively shape their own living environments. Four students share a suite (two bedrooms and a bathroom) and all residence halls have great locations within five minutes of eating, learning and studying areas.

Extracurricular: There are about 300 clubs and organizations on campus, including academic, service, social, professional, religious and special interest groups. We also have a full program of club and intramural athletics.

Intercollegiate Athletics: NMU is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), and the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA). Varsity teams for women include basketball, cross country, nordic skiing, soccer, swimming and diving, track and field and volleyball. Varsity teams for men include basketball, football, golf, ice hockey and nordic skiing. All sports are NCAA Division II, except men’s ice hockey, which is Division I.

Olympic Education Center: NMU is designated as the only United States Olympic Education Center by the U.S. Olympic Committee. Olympic athletes in five sports train for elite international competitions while pursuing their educations at NMU and Marquette Senior High School.

Accreditation: NMU is accredited by the Northern Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (30 North LaSalle Street, Number 2400, Chicago, Illinois, 60602; 312-263-0456). More than 20 academic programs are accredited by additional professional agencies.
Berry Events Center
The Berry Events Center is in its ninth season as the home of the Northern Michigan University men's basketball team in 2007-08. Opened in August, 1999, the Berry is the newest of Northern Michigan's athletic facilities.

The facility is named after John W Berry, Jr., a 1971 graduate of Northern Michigan University, who donated $2 million to the project. Berry is a long-time NMU supporter. He is the CEO of Berry Investment, Inc., of Dayton, Ohio, Accusport Corporation, Microwave Sensors, Berry Braiding, Inc., and Mad River Sportman's Club. He is also the retired president of The Berry Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bell South Corporation, one of the world's largest publishers of telephone directories.

The nearly $11 million facility provides individual seating for approximately 4,000 fans, in addition to 16 luxury boxes, which includes a president’s suite. Along the perimeter of the arena are four large concession areas as well as standing room for approximately 400 fans.

The Berry Events Center is not only home to the NMU basketball teams, but also the NMU hockey team and the United States Olympic Education Center short track speedskating team.

During the majority of the year, the arena features an Olympic-size ice sheet measuring 200' x 100'. When rigged for basketball, the court is placed on an insulated floor that covers the ice. In addition, seating for 500 fans is placed courtside, as well as a scorer’s table and band area.

The Berry features locker rooms and support areas for the men’s and women’s basketball teams, the men’s ice hockey team, and the speedskating team, along with four general-use locker rooms. In addition, skate rental and changing areas are located on the lower level of the complex.

The arena is also designed to host concerts and university events and is equipped with moveable theatrical rigging and lighting.

Physical Education Instructional Facility
The PEIF, as it is more commonly called, was opened in 1976 and houses the PEIF Pool, home of NMU swimming and diving team, and Vandament Arena, where the nationally-ranked Wildcat volleyball team plays.

Vandament Arena, opened in 1995 and dedicated in 1997, is a 1,500-seat volleyball-only facility. As one of the finest facilities in Division II, Vandament Arena has three practice courts and one match court. Across the hall from the arena is an athletic training room and the volleyball locker room which features locker room facilities and a team meeting room.

The PEIF pool features eight lanes and a diving tank with one- and three-meter springboards, as well as a 20-meter platform.

Superior Dome
The Superior Dome has been home to the Wildcat football team since 1991 and is the finest football facility in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, if not all of NCAA Division II.

The Dome stands 14 stories high, and encompasses 5.1 acres under its roof. Constructed of 781 Douglas fir beams and 108.5 miles of fir decking, the Dome has a permanent seating capacity of 8,000, but the building can hold as many as 16,000 people. The facility features a diameter of 536 feet, and has the ability to withstand 60 pounds per square foot of snow and 80 mile per hour winds.

The Dome features a retractable artificial turf carpet, the largest of its kind in the world. When it is extended, the turf has the ability to accommodate football, soccer and field hockey. Underneath the carpet is a synthetic playing surface that features three basketball/volleyball courts, two tennis courts, and a 200-meter track. The carpet is extended over a cushion of air and by 12 computerized winches and takes 30 minutes to retract. Full setup of the turf is completed in approximately two hours.

Other Facilities
Soccer fields
Four fields are located behind the Superior Dome, along Lake Superior. Two are home to the NMU women's soccer team; the other two are practice fields for the NMU football team. They are equipped with bleachers and a scoreboard.

Cross country skiing
Northern’s men’s and women’s teams have two designated practice locations, with lighted trails: the Al Quaal 3K and 5K ski trails in nearby Ishpeming and the four 5K loops at Blueberry Ridge in Sands, a few miles south of Marquette.

Golf
The official Wildcat course is the Wawanowin Country Club in Ishpeming. The 6,487-yard, 18-hole course has a three-star rating from Golf Digest. It has two practice greens and a driving range.
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