



NORTHERN ILLINOIS

What do Bob Knight, Eddie Sutton and Ray Meyer have in common? Their teams were all eaten alive at the Chick Evans Field House, a.k.a. the Doghouse. The iconic stone structure was replaced by the Convocation Center in 2002, but fans still associate the best of Huskies hoops with the old court.

BEST TEAM: 1971-72 The Huskies started 12-1, including an upset of Knight's No. 5-ranked Hoosiers, to rise to No. 20 in a mid-January AP poll—their first national ranking. Tom Jorgensen's high-scoring lineup, led by frontcourt star Jim Bradley (22.9 ppg, 15.9 rpg) set a school record for wins (now second-best).

BEST PLAYER: F/C JIM BRADLEY (1971-73) With apologies to Kenny Battle, whose above-the-rim theatrics spawned Huskies fans' famed Dunk-O-Meter in the mid-1980s, Bradley takes this crown. In addition to patrolling the paint, the 6'10" big man had a guard's ball-handling and open-court ability. His two triple-doubles and 46 double-doubles say it all. If his college career wasn't cut one season short by academic issues, Bradley would probably own every Huskies record in the book.

BEST COACH: TOM JORGENSEN (1966-73) The former Michigan assistant moved Northern Illinois into D1—and right into the Top 20 in 1972. Fans wore red-and-black "We Love Jorgy" buttons while watching his aggressive, fast-breaking teams.

GAME FOR THE AGES: On Jan. 4, 1972, in its fifth D1 year, NIU rocked Knight's visiting Hoosiers, 85-71—a game that was never in doubt. The Huskies led by 43-33 at halftime and 63-42 with 11 minutes left. Bradley (24 points, 20 rebounds) was unstoppable.

FIERCEST RIVAL: Since its D1 move, NIU has switched conference affiliations three times. Illinois State (two games since 1983) and Southern Illinois (twice since 1997) used to be big showdowns. Unfortunately, the MAC offers no in-state rival, so regional heavyweight DePaul (which owns a 22-6 series lead) has to do.

SEASON REVIEW							
SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	COACH	SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	COACH
1901-48	429-277	Best season, 17-1 in 1926-27		1961-62	11-10		William Healey
1948-49	10-11		George Fekete	1962-63	15-8		William Healey
1949-50	4-17		Gilbert Wilson	1963-64	11-11		Ev Cochrane
1950-51	12-7		Gilman Hertz	1964-65	12-10		Ev Cochrane
1951-52	5-16		Gilman Hertz	1965-66	10-13		Ev Cochrane
1952-53	13-7		Gilman Hertz	1966-67	8-12		Tom Jorgensen
1953-54	5-14		Gilman Hertz	1967-68	10-14		Tom Jorgensen
1954-55	9-11		William Healey	1968-69	13-11		Tom Jorgensen
1955-56	5-14		William Healey	1969-70	13-12		Tom Jorgensen
1956-57	7-13		William Healey	1970-71	13-10		Tom Jorgensen
1957-58	10-12		William Healey	1971-72	21-4		Tom Jorgensen
1958-59	11-11		William Healey	1972-73	17-8		Tom Jorgensen
1959-60	14-7		William Healey	1973-74	8-17		Emory Luck
1960-61	14-8		William Healey	1974-75	8-15		Emory Luck

SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	SCORING	COACH	RECORD
1975-76	5-21	2-14	Matt Hicks 25.0	Emory Luck	21-53 .284
1976-77	13-14	10-6	Matt Hicks 25.3	John McDougal	
1977-78	11-16	9-7	Paul Dawkins 20.6	John McDougal	
1978-79	14-13	8-8	Paul Dawkins 26.7	John McDougal	
1979-80	16-13	9-7	Allen Rayhorn 19.9	John McDougal	
1980-81	17-12	10-6	Allen Rayhorn 18.8	John McDougal	
1981-82	16-14	9-7 ●	Allen Rayhorn 15.3	John McDougal	
1982-83	11-16	8-10	Tim Dillon 18.9	John McDougal	
1983-84	12-15	9-9	Tim Dillon 21.2	John McDougal	
1984-85	11-16	7-11	Kenny Battle 20.1	John McDougal	
1985-86	15-12	10-8	Kenny Battle 19.6	John McDougal	136-141 .491
1986-87	9-19		Rodney Davis 14.5	Jim Rosborough	
1987-88	8-20		Rodney Davis 18.3	Jim Rosborough	
1988-89	11-17		Stacy Arrington 18.1	Jim Rosborough	28-56 .333
1989-90	17-11		Donnell Thomas 17.8	Jim Molinari	
1990-91	25-6	14-2 ●	Donnell Thomas 17.0	Jim Molinari	42-17 .712
1991-92	11-17	7-9	Brian Molis 16.3	Brian Hammel	
1992-93	15-12	10-6	Mike Lipniski 13.9	Brian Hammel	
1993-94	10-17	7-11	Randy Tucker 16.0	Brian Hammel	
1994-95	19-10	7-8	Jamal Robinson 16.0	Brian Hammel	
1995-96	20-10	10-6 ●	T.J. Lux 15.2	Brian Hammel	
1996-97	12-15	6-10	Chris Coleman 17.3	Brian Hammel	
1997-98	10-16	6-12	T.J. Lux 18.6	Brian Hammel	
1998-99	6-20	2-16	Mike Brown 10.9	Brian Hammel	
1999-2000	13-15	7-11	T.J. Lux 19.9	Brian Hammel	
2000-01	5-23	4-14	Leon Rodgers 16.6	Brian Hammel ^a	117-138 .459
2001-02	12-16	8-10	Leon Rodgers 21.3	Rob Judson	
2002-03	17-14	11-7	P.J. Smith 14.7	Rob Judson	
2003-04	10-20	5-13	P.J. Smith 14.5	Rob Judson	
2004-05	11-17	7-11	Mike McKinney 12.6	Rob Judson	
2005-06	17-11	12-6	Todd Peterson 12.1	Rob Judson	
2006-07	7-23	4-12	Mike McKinney 12.6	Rob Judson	74-101 .423
2007-08	6-22	3-12	Darion Anderson 12.2	Ricardo Patton	
2008-09	10-20	5-11	Darion Anderson 16.9	Ricardo Patton	16-42 .276

^a Brian Hammel (1-6) and Andrew Greer (4-17) both coached during the 2000-2001 season.
● NCAA Tournament appearance

THE SCHOOLS

PROFILE

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
Founded: 1895
Enrollment: 24,397 (18,431 undergraduate)
Colors: Cardinal and black
Nickname: Huskies
Current arena: Convocation Center, opened in 2002 (10,000)
Previous: Chick Evans Field House, a.k.a. the Doghouse, 1956-2002 (6,044); Still Gymnasium, 1928-56 (1,500)
First game: Feb. 9, 1901
All-time record: 1,140-1,113 (.506)
Total weeks in AP Top 20/25: 2

Current conference: Mid-American (1975-86, '97-)

Conference titles:
 MAC: 1 (1981 [tie])
 Mid-Continent: 1 (1991)
Conference tournament titles:
 MAC: 1 (1982)
 Midwestern Collegiate: 1 (1996)
NCAA Tournament appearances: 3
NIT appearances: 0

TOP 5

- G **Billy Harris** (1970-73)
- G **Donald Whiteside** (1987-91)
- F **Kenny Battle** (1984-86)
- F **Matt Hicks** (1974-77)
- F/C **Jim Bradley** (1971-73)

RECORDS	GAME	SEASON	CAREER
POINTS	52 Larry Wyllie, vs. Eastern Michigan (Feb. 15, 1958)	695 Paul Dawkins (1978-79)	1,996 T.J. Lux (1995-2000)
POINTS PER GAME		26.7 Paul Dawkins (1978-79)	23.1 Jim Bradley (1971-73)
REBOUNDS	32 Abe Booker, vs. Eastern Michigan (Dec. 17, 1959)	426 Jim Bradley (1972-73)	1,110 T.J. Lux (1995-2000)
ASSISTS	13 Ray Clark, vs. Bowling Green (Dec. 9, 1978)	163 Jay Bryant (1979-80)	367 Jay Bryant (1976-80)