

Warriors Head South For Spring Rebel Games

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The Wayne State University softball team has packed its gear in preparation for a weeklong trip in sunny Orlando, Florida. However, the Warriors will not be soaking in rays of sunshine on the sandy beaches, but will be battling some of the best teams in NCAA Division II softball in the Rebel Games from March 10-18.

Wayne State opened the season at Southern Indiana Saturday, March 3. WSU lost three contests including a tough 2-0 loss to the defending national champions, North Dakota State. Head coach **Gary Bryce** is still very optimistic about his team and the level he feels they can reach.

“Playing in the Rebel Games will be a great opportunity for us to play in some warmer weather and against some good competition,” said Bryce, who is WSU’s all-time winningest coach with 613 victories. “Last week was not a true assessment of what this team can do. This was the first time we hit the outdoors in months, which made the players quite nervous on the field. The bonus we have now is that we played our first games and now we can build off of what we have done. As we play more games our confidence level will go up and then hopefully we will play at a higher level.”

The Warriors had some great individual performances in the first three games of the season. Junior **Kelly Kashmerick (Flushings, Mich.)** hit .364 with four hits as a leadoff hitter. Sophomore **Katie Pickhover (Fenton, Mich.)** was 2-for-6 with one double and three total bases. Sophomore pitcher **Amy Thiede (Riverview, Mich.)** threw a complete game against North Dakota State allowing two unearned runs and only three hits while striking out nine batters.

The Warriors will play their first home games of the season March 24-25 as they host the WSU Tournament. Northwood, Ferris State and California, Pa. are expected to participate in the tournament.

Below is the Warriors schedule for the week.

Saturday, March 10

3:00 p.m.- Concordia, Minn.

7:00 p.m.- Southern Indiana

Sunday, March 11

3:00 p.m. – Lynn

7:00 p.m. – SIU-Edwardsville

Tuesday, March 13

3:00 p.m. – C.W. Post

7:00 p.m. – St. Cloud

Wednesday, March 14

11:00 a.m. – American International

3:00 p.m. – Southwest State

Thursday, March 15

9:00 a.m. – Tiffin

7:00 p.m. – Adelphi

Friday, March 16

11:00 a.m. – Iona

3:00 p.m. – Minnesota State

Saturday, March 17

3:00 p.m. – C.W. Post

5:00 p.m. – St. Cloud

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