

Get ready for the best time to be a sports fan on campus – and the Spring Sports Preview

This past weekend was one for the books. Saturday, I was at Ryan Fieldhouse, covering Northwestern Lacrosse's national title rematch with Boston College. Sunday, I shifted gears to Welsh-Ryan Arena to see the men's basketball team host Nebraska. In between, I squeezed in a phone call with players and coaches from the softball team, who were busy playing five games down in Louisiana while I navigated my hectic weekend in Evanston.

As I look back on what's been my busiest week as sports editor, I can't help but realize it's also been the most rewarding. There's a special time each year when Northwestern's winter and spring sports overlap, and I consider it a privilege to cover this chaotic, exciting period. It's been a true joy to write, edit and read the incredible stories our talented team at the sports desk brings to life as we dive into the programs that define this university.

I'm excited to present our Spring Sports Preview, where you'll get a sneak peek at how Northwestern's lacrosse and softball teams are looking to make another postseason run, how baseball is hoping to build on its first season-opening series victory since 2008 and how both the men's and women's tennis teams continue to push forward in what's already shaping up to be successful seasons. There's so much more to discover about these teams, but I hope our preview gives you a taste of what's ahead for the 'Cats this spring.

Thank you to our wonderful team of reporters, photographers, editors and designers who made this preview possible. We couldn't have done it without you.

— Audrey Pachuta, Sports Editor