



# Sports

## Minnesota State

# MSU spikers fall to UNO

**OMAHA, NEB.** — One night after a strong hitting performance, the Minnesota State volleyball team hit just .060, falling in four games Saturday to North Central Conference rival Nebraska-Omaha.

Game scores were 30-15, 30-23, 30-32, 30-24.

Nebraska-Omaha put down 15 kills and had just one error in 25 attempts to win the first game. After Nebraska-Omaha won the second game, Minnesota State battled back in the third game, but offensive futility returned in the fourth game, as the Mavericks totaled 11 attack errors.

Stef Sandstrom finished with eight kills, 15 digs and 33 set assists. Cassie Wolpern had 13 kills and 11 digs. Mandy Reuter added 11 kills and 11 digs.

Nebraska-Omaha's Katie Agnew had 48 set assists and 17 digs. Christina Reicks had 15 kills and 11 digs.

Minnesota State (13-7) plays the last of its three-match road trip Tuesday against Southwest Minnesota State at Marshall.

### Women's hockey

Minnesota Duluth took advantage of Minnesota State's penalties, completing the sweep Saturday with a 6-1 victory at All Seasons Arena.

Noernie Marin's goal at 4:16 of the first period gave the Bulldogs an early lead. After a two-minute major was assessed to Minnesota State,

the Bulldogs' Saara Tuominen scored just before the power-play expired to make the it 2-0.

Tuominen scored again at 8:39 of the second period, and Sara O'Toole netted another goal nearly a minute later to put the Bulldogs ahead 4-0.

The Mavericks scored with just under seven minutes left in the second period when junior forward Kristina Bunker scored on an assist from Christina Lee. Minnesota Duluth added a goal late in the second period and another power-play goal halfway through the final period.

The Mavericks were outshot 49-28. Minnesota State's Britni Kehler tied a career-high by facing 49 shots.

The Mavericks (1-2) play North Dakota on Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22.

### Women's cross country

Freshman Jenny Hoese finished third overall in a four-kilometer time of 15:03 to lead Minnesota State at its own invitational at Land of Memories Park. Team scores were not kept, with Augustana and St. Cloud State also participating.

Samantha Smith placed eighth in 15:25, while Amanda Dettman was 13th in 16:04. Meagan McConnell was 14th in 16:06, one spot ahead of Lindsay Broughten, who finished in 16:13.

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Championships at Vermillion, S.D., on Saturday.

### Men's cross country

Sophomore James Krajsa led the Minnesota State pack, placing seventh at the Minnesota State Open, held at Land of Memories Park. No team scores were kept.

Krajsa turned in a four-mile time of 21:13 to finish seventh, followed by Jesse Merkel at 21:20, Jeff Stuckenbroker at 21:25, Jonathan Stoltman at 21:29 and Dan Ristau at 21:34.

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### Men's golf

The Mavericks lead after the opening round of the three-day North Central Conference Championships being held in Sioux Falls, S.D.

MSU's Branden Loesch finished in second place in the individual scoring with a round of 75, helping his team open the tournament with a conference-leading score of 308. MSU holds a two-shot advantage over the University of North Dakota.

Mitch Olinger also had a top-five finish with a round of 76 and Arron Nelson finished with a score of 78. The leader, Jon Peterson of UND, shot a 74.

Today's second round will be played at Westward Golf Course and Monday's final round will be at the Minnehaha Golf Course.