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# Sports

## MSU attendance on record pace

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**MANKATO** — In Mick Berge's four seasons with the Minnesota State men's hockey team, he has seen average attendance in his home rink grow by more than 25 percent.

"Our barn," Berge said, "is probably one of the best atmospheres in the league when it's a packed house. ... It gets better every year."

On Friday night, a record 5,201 fans were squeezed into the Alltel Center for the Mavericks' game against Minnesota. The number topped the old record — set on Nov. 9, 2007, also in a game against the Gophers — by five people.

"I looked up and saw fans standing on the stairs, and there weren't even stairs open," Berge said. "It definitely gives you some butterflies and makes the hair stand up on your neck."

The Mavericks defeated the Gophers 6-2 that night and polished off the sweep the next night at the 10,000-seat Mariucci Arena.

"The crowd gave us a boost," junior forward

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Rylan Galiardi said.

With three home games remaining in the regular season, the Mavericks' average attendance is 4,481 this season, 212 higher than last year's record and 916 more than 2005-06, Berge's freshman year.

Minnesota State has had five official sellouts (4,704) this season. Since first moving into the civic center 14 years ago this month, it has hit the 5,000-fan mark 10 times.

The Mavericks' remaining home games include Wisconsin on Feb. 27-28 and St. Cloud State on March 7.

### Road show

Saturday night's game between the MSU women and St. Cloud State will be played in Buffalo, Minn.

The game, a home game for the Huskies, will showcase players from the Buffalo/Monticello area.

Mavericks junior defenseman Kathleen Rosso and Huskies seniors Brita Schroeder are both Buffalo

High School graduates.

### Luck of the Irish?

Notre Dame had its national-best 20-game unbeaten streak snapped Friday when it lost at home to Michigan 2-1.

The Irish bounced back on the road the next night and beat the Wolverines 3-2, but they dropped to No. 2 in both national polls.

Boston University, the country's only other 20-game winner besides Notre Dame, moved up to the No. 1 spot.

### One-timers

The MSU men are off this weekend and return to action Feb. 13-14 at North Dakota. The Sioux are also idle this weekend. ...

Minnesota State received votes in both national polls after its sweep of Minnesota but did not make the USCHO.com top 20 or the USA Today top 15. ... The Gustavus Adolphus men's hockey team is idle this weekend. The No. 1-ranked women will play a home-and-home series against St. Catherine Friday and Saturday. Saturday's game will take place in St. Peter.