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Sports

Irwin named Mavs captain for '09-'10

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MANKATO — Senior forward Geoff Irwin has been named captain of the Minnesota State men's hockey team, the Mavericks announced this week.

Irwin, a Victoria, British Columbia, native, finished fourth on the team in scoring last season with 12 goals and 16 assists, both career highs.

"Geoff has done a great job of showing how things need to be done to be successful," MSU coach Troy Jutting said. "I think he's



Geoff Irwin

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going to be a very good leader."

Fellow senior Kael Mouillierat and junior defenseman Channing Boe were named the Mavericks' assistant captains.

Mouillierat is the team's top returning scorer among forwards, compiling 17 goals and 13 assists a year ago. Boe had five points last season before a broken leg caused him to miss the last 10 games of the season.

The Mavericks will play

an exhibition game against Lethbridge, a Canadian college team, at 7:07 p.m. on Saturday at the Verizon Wireless Center.

Preseason polls

Minnesota State was picked to finish seventh or eighth in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, according to two preseason polls released on Tuesday.

In the 39th annual Grand Forks Herald coaches poll, the Mavericks were picked seventh, while the Madison.com media poll put them eighth.

The top six teams were the same in both polls. Denver was picked to win the league, followed by

North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, St. Cloud State and Minnesota Duluth.

To see the complete preseason polls, go to The Free Press' hockey blog at www.mankatofreepress.com/hockeyblog.

Meet the Mavericks

Tickets are still available for MSU men's and women's hockey teams' Face-Off Dinner, which will be held on Thursday at the City Center Hotel in downtown Mankato.

The event begins with a social at 6 p.m. with dinner and program starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth 12 and under.