



NOTHING BUT NET

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***WOMEN EXPERIENCE HIGHS AND LOWS!
FROM COACH LORI FISH***

Within this last two week period, we picked up one of our most exciting wins, only to follow it with one of our most disappointing loses.

We had a solid performance on January 29 as we beat the University of South Dakota Coyotes in front of 3,687 fans in Bresnan Arena. At the time, 3,687 fans was the largest crowd in Bresnan Arena history. That mark was surpassed later in the evening during the men's game. A back-and-forth game throughout most of the second half, South Dakota took the lead at 74-72 with 15 seconds remaining. We called two time outs, setting up the game's final possession. Junior forward Heather Peterson missed a jumper; however, Jamie Kientiz hauled in the rebound and floated a jumper into the basket with .6 seconds remaining to tie the game at 74-74. Kientiz was fouled on the shot and the freshman calmly broke the game's 12th tie with a free-throw giving MSU the victory.

Against the Saint Cloud, the Huskies opened the game with a hot hand, pushing an early 31-18 lead, and would never look back as they took a 49-31 lead into halftime. The second half played much like the first as the Huskies quickly opened a 25 point lead and never looked back. St. Cloud State shot a blistering 52.4% from the floor, connecting on 33-of-63 opportunities, including 30-of-38 from the free-throw line. For us, the shots just would not fall. We shot just 28.8% percent from the floor. Heather Peterson led us in scoring with 17 points and 5 rebounds and Arin Andrews added 10 points and 7 rebounds.

We have 5 sophomores on the squad, two of which have been "red-shirted," Tedi Andrews and Kristin Mansky. Last fall we did not intend to red-shirt Tedi and she appeared in four games. However, she developed a fracture in her heal. Allana Wahl, Jessica Stanek and newcomer Jessica Kallio round out the sophomore class. Allana is a 5-9 guard from Lakeville, Minnesota who has started every game this year. Stanek is a 5-7 guard from Tripoli, Iowa. She is one of our most enthusiastic players and can really get our team fired up. Kallio, a 5-10 forward, is from Madison, Ohio where she played for St. Vincents College last year.

***MEN CLING TO TOP OF NCC
FROM COACH MARGENTHALER***

After consecutive one game weekends, we are now tied on top of the NCC standings with the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Our win against the University of South Dakota propelled us to the top spot in the national rankings for the first time in school history. This game also saw the Taylor Center's first sellout crowd to see a Mavericks' basketball game with a record 4,876 in attendance. It was a great environment for a college basketball game and one that we hope to see on a regular basis.

The atmosphere of Bresnan Arena created a lot of excitement and energy for both teams in the opening half. There were six ties and seven lead changes before USD made a late run to take a 47-40 halftime lead. We felt our guys got caught up in all the hoopla of playing in front of a big crowd and came out with too much energy in that first half. We settled down in the second half, made a nice 6-0 run to start the half and got back to playing our style of basketball. We managed to hold the lead for much of the second half. But with 2:07 left the Coyotes tied the game at 78 and that's when senior Andy Moeller came through. Andy hit two big threes and Chris Whitfield came up with a huge block to preserve the 86-78 victory. Jamel Staten probably had his best game as a Maverick with 33 points, 9 rebounds, and 9 assists. Moeller and Tony Thomason helped out with 16 and 11 points, respectively. Our guys did a great job of stepping up and making plays at both ends of the court late in the game to get the win.

It was another good atmosphere this past weekend at Halenbeck Hall in St Cloud when we faced the Huskies for the second time this season. This was a great opportunity to separate ourselves from the rest of the pack in the conference race, but unfortunately it was not to be. We couldn't knock down enough shots and some untimely turnovers caught up to us in the 89-76 loss. The game started with St Cloud taking an early lead, but at the 12:58 mark we jumped in front of them 12-11. This lead would last for about three minutes and would prove to be our only lead of the game. The Huskies went on a 17-2 run midway through the opening half. St Cloud took a four point advantage 38-34 into halftime in large part due to our 42% shooting and 11 turnovers. Jamel Staten scored 19 of our 34 first half points. The second half proved to be a mirror image of the first half as we couldn't get going offensively and turned the ball over at critical times. We were able to cut a 14 point lead to five at the 5:52 mark, but couldn't get any closer as the Huskies hit their free throws down the stretch. Jamel led us with 26 points and 17 rebounds while Joe Williams contributed 12 points.

HOOPS CLUB NOTES:

1. Next regular Hoops Club meeting will occur Friday, February 11, at noon at Pub 500.
2. Saturday 2/19 (Augustana games) will be Alumni Appreciation Night. Thursday 2/24 (UND games) will be Mascot night. Saturday 2/26 the UNO games will start at 2:00 pm and 4:00 and **not** at time previously published. The very popular and talented Alexandria Aces will appear at half-time of the women and men's games that afternoon.