

“NOTHING BUT NET”



MSU Maverick Basketball Newsletter  February 2nd, 2012

Men's Basketball

At a Glance: Minnesota State (7-12, 6-9 NSIC) is finally at home for a weekend as it hosts Augustana on Friday night and Wayne State Saturday night. Friday night will be a WHITEOUT for fans.

MSU 63 Winona State 85

The sixth-ranked Winona State Warriors shot 69.8 from the floor en route to a 85-63 victory over Minnesota State Friday evening in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference men's basketball action. The loss comes despite a trio of Mavericks reaching double-digits in the scoring column, led by sophomore guard Jimmy Whitehead who scored a team-high 15 points. "We have to start playing defense," said head coach Matt Margenthaler. "We gave them way too many easy looks tonight." Whitehead scored his 15 points on 6-of-15 shooting while Romashko added 13 points on 6-of-10 shooting. Sophomore forward Connor O'Brien added 12 points off the bench to go with a team-high seven rebounds.

MSU 98 Upper Iowa 93 OT

The Minnesota State men's basketball team tickled the twine at a 63 percent clip Saturday evening en route to a 98-83 overtime victory over Upper Iowa in Dorman Gymnasium on the campus of Upper Iowa University. The win marked MSU's first overtime road victory since earning a 90-83 win at Minnesota Duluth on Dec. 2, 2000. Sophomore forward Connor O'Brien led the way for the Mavericks as he finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds, registering his fifth double-double of the season and the eighth of his career before fouling out. Senior guard Stephen Kirschbaum and freshman forward Zach Romashko each added 26 and 23 points respectively. Kirschbaum's 26 established a new career-high while Romashko tied his career-best. "We didn't make it easy," said head coach Matt Margenthaler. "But we will take it. I am so proud with how hard our guys played down the stretch."

Women's Basketball

At a Glance: Minnesota State (13-6, 9-6 NSIC) is finally at home for a weekend as it hosts Augustana on Friday night and Wayne State Saturday night. Friday night will be a WHITEOUT for fans.

MSU 55 Winona State 67

Minnesota State dropped its third consecutive game Friday night falling to the Winona State Warriors, 67-55. Minnesota State was unable to comeback from its ten-point deficit in the first-half as Winona State was led by three players who reached double figures. Despite shooting 50.0 percent from the field in the second half, MSU was never able to cut the lead to single digits in the second half. MSU saw two players reach double digits including Weber who finished with 15 on 7-of-13 from the field and freshman forward [Jamie Bresnahan](#) who added 11 points and a team-best nine rebounds.

MSU 76 Upper Iowa 72

The Minnesota State Mavericks put an end to its three-game losing streak Saturday night as they fought off a late comeback attempt ensuring the 76-72 victory over Upper Iowa University. The Mavericks were led by Laura Weber's third double-double of the season as she finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds. The 23 points ties Weber's career high as she finished 10-of-14 from the field. Jennie Noreen connected on 3-of-5 attempts from long range en route to her 16-point performance while she also contributed six rebounds. Also finishing in double figures for MSU was Jamie Bresnahan with 15 and Ali Hoefler with 10. Aubrey Davis tied a season-high with eight assists as she also contributed eight points and three rebounds.

PLAYER PROFILES

#44 TJ Okafor

6-6 • Freshman • Forward • Brooklyn Park, Minn.



The Okafor File: Was a finalist in the Midnight Madness slam-dunk contest.

High School: Okafor averaged 16.2 points per game and 9.5 rebounds while shooting 52 percent from the field and 35 percent from downtown as a senior... Additionally, he averaged 2.8 blocks per game for the Rebels, which finished 21-5 and was the Section 5AAAA champions...Is the cousin of former UCONN standout Emeka Okafor.

Personal: Born on March 3, 1993...Son of Emeka and Patience Okafor...Majoring in Business with a Psychology minor.

#44 Alyssa Van Klei

6-0 • Junior • Forward • Stillwater, Minn.



2010-11: Finished with 10 points, 12 rebounds, four blocks and five steals while averaging 0.6 ppg and 0.8 rpg in 16 games...Tallied three points against both Wayne State (12/3/10) and Upper Iowa (12/17/10).

2009-10: Saw action in five games...Scored four points and pulled down three rebounds against Dana (11/17/10)...Shot a .400 field goal percentage on the season...Tallied six points, six rebounds, three steals and one assist.

High School: Lettered seven times at Stillwater Area High School, including three in basketball...Two-time All-Conference Honorable Mention in the Suburban East Conference her sophomore and senior seasons...Named team captain her senior season as well as the Most Valuable Player...Earned three letters in volleyball playing right side and middle blocker, while starting her final three seasons.

Personal: Daughter of Lonnie and Deb Van Klei...Born May 22, 1990...A math-education major.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Women's & Men's
Maverick Basketball
Augustana
Friday - 6 / 8 PM**

Game Sponsored by: **SUBWAY**

WHITE OUT
First 450 students will receive free t-shirt.
First 200 students will receive a slice of pizza!

Pizza courtesy of: **Toppers**

**Wayne State
Saturday - 4 / 6 PM**

Game Sponsored by: **Charter**

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Friday, August 3rd vs. Augustana



Saturday, August 4th vs. Wayne State

