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MSU Maverick Basketball Newsletter  December 5th, 2011

Men's Basketball

At a Glance: Minnesota State (2-4, 1-1 NSIC) will host its first home games in a month as it plays Concordia on Friday night and St Cloud State on Saturday night in NSIC play. The Final Four Banner will also be hung on December 9th!

MSU 65 Wayne State 60

WAYNE, Neb. - The Minnesota State men's basketball team opened the 2011-12 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference season with a 65-60 victory over Wayne State College Friday evening. The Mavericks, who trailed 26-24 at half, shot a season-high 45 percent in the win to earn the victory. "I am so proud of this team tonight," said head coach **Matt Margenthaler**, who is now 4-0 in NISC openers. "We executed very well tonight for 40 minutes and got to the free throw line. Now the key is to carry this into tomorrow's win." Freshman post Zach Romashko led MSU in scoring with 16 points, including hitting on all six of his free throw attempts while senior guard **Stephen Kirschbaum** tied his career-high with 15 points, including 11-of-12 from the free throw line. Junior guard DJ Hoskins added 12 points while sophomore post Connor O'Brien recorded his third double-double of the year and the sixth of his career with a 10-point, 10-rebound effort.

MSU 51 Augustana 69

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – A night after earning its first Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference victory of the season, MSU saw its conference record fall to 1-1 as the Mavericks fell, 69-51 on the road against Augustana College. Sophomore guard Jimmy Whitehead led the Mavericks with 13 points including a perfect 7-of-7 from the free-throw line. Sophomore forward Connor O'Brien and Meinders led MSU with seven rebounds apiece while freshman forward TJ Okafor led the Mavericks with four blocks. The Mavericks committed 11 turnovers compared to just six by Augustana while also shooting just 30.6 percent from the field compared to 39.3 percent by the Vikings.

Women's Basketball

At a Glance: Minnesota State (4-2, 0-2 NSIC) hosts Concordia Friday night and St Cloud State Saturday night as well in NSIC play.

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WAYNE, Neb. – The Minnesota State Mavericks would get its first taste of defeat Friday night, falling to the fourth-ranked Wayne State Wildcats, 78-60. The Mavericks were led offensively by Ali Wilkinson who finished with 19 points on 6-of-14 from the field. She also finished the night with nine rebounds, one shy of her fourth double-double of the season. Also scoring in double figures for MSU was senior forward Laura Weber who added ten points on 4-of-9 shooting.

MSU 57 Augustana 62

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The Minnesota State Mavericks were unable to overcome 25 turnovers and a tough night from the foul line as they fell, 62-57 against Augustana College Saturday afternoon. A key difference in the game was the production from the free-throw line by Augustana. The Vikings connected on 24-of-27 (88.9 FT%) while MSU hit just 12-of-22 (54.6 FT%). The Mavericks finished the night with a 36.5 shooting percentage compared to just 29.5 percent from the field by Augie. MSU also finished with 11 more rebounds than Augustana (47-36) but committed 14 more turnovers (25-11) which led to 13 Viking points. Jennie Noreen led the Mavericks with 19 points and 12 rebounds earning her first double-double of the season. She shot 7-of-9 from the field including 4-of-5 from behind the three-point line. Also finishing in double-digits for the Mavericks was freshman forward Jamie Bresnahan who finished with 12 points on 4-of-7 from the field. Noreen's ten rebounds tied for the game-high while Bresnahan and senior forward Laura Weber each finished with nine rebounds.

PLAYER PROFILES

#24 Jimmy Whitehead

6-1 • Sophomore • Guard • LaCrosse, Wisconsin

2011-2012 Season to Date:

Avg. 9 points/game

2.8 assists/game

18-22 from Free Throw Line 81.8%



The Whitehead File: Saw action in 32 of MSU's 33 games a year ago. **2010-11:** Scored a career-high 17 points in MSU's win over Eureka hitting on 7-of-12 shots...Scored 10 or more points in four games a year ago...Hauled in a season-high six rebounds against Winona State (3/6)...Passed out a season-best four assists against Southwest Minnesota State (1/8)...Gathered a season-high three steals against Eureka (11/27). **2009-10:** Redshirted **High School:** Averaged 21.3 points per game for Aquinas High School where he was a First-Team All-Mississippi Valley Conference performer and was named the league's Player of the Year as a senior....Was named First-Team All-State by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association and was a Third-Team All-State honoree by the Associated Press...Passed out 2.3 assists per game and shot 54 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free throw line. **Personal:** Born March 23, 1991...Son of Jimmy and Odessa Whitehead...Intends to major in computer science.

#32 Laura Weber

6-2 • Senior • Center • Eden Prairie, Minn

2011-2012 Season to Date:

Avg. 6.3 points/game

6.5 rebounds/game



2010-11: Finished fourth on the team with 234 points, second with 180 rebounds, first with 16 blocks, and added 23 steals and 16 assists...Averaged 9.0 ppg and 6.9 rpg in 26 games played (24 starts)...Second on the team with three double-doubles...Tallied a season-high 16 points and 15 rebounds while recording two blocks against Concordia (12/10/10)...Added 14 points and nine rebounds the second time against Concordia (2/12/11)...Recorded 14 points on 7-of-9 shooting while adding 10 rebounds against St. Cloud State (2/11/11)...Contributed 14 points on 7-of-10 shooting against Winona State (1/28/11)...Scored 14 points while going 6-of-9 from the field and added two blocks against Minnesota Crookston (1/4/11)...Scored another 14 points against Winona State (12/18/10) on 7-of-10 shooting while also grabbing six rebounds...Added a 12 point, 13 rebound performance against Augustana (12/4/10).

High School: Lettered 11 times at Eden Prairie High School, including three in basketball...Named All-Conference and Most Valuable Player her junior and senior seasons in the Lake Conference...Averaged 10 rebounds per game her sophomore, junior and senior seasons...Averaged 14 and 13 points per game her junior and senior seasons, respectively...Named team captain her senior season...Earned four letters in swimming and in track.