



Week of December 13, 2010

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MSU Maverick Basketball Newsletter

Men's Basketball



Women's Basketball

Quick Glance: Minnesota State (7-1, 3-1 NSIC) concludes the calendar year with two road games this weekend. On Friday night, the Mavericks will take on Upper Iowa (2-5, 1-2 NSIC). They will then travel to face the Warriors of Winona State (6-1, 2-1 NSIC) on Saturday night.

St. Cloud St. 85, MSU 83:

St. Cloud State senior guard Taylor Witt hit a jumper with four seconds remaining to break an 83-83 tie and propel the Huskies to an 85-83 win over #21 Minnesota State Saturday afternoon in Halenbeck Hall on the campus of St. Cloud State University. Minnesota State senior guard Marcus Hill – who poured in 22 points in the loss – saw his jumper from the left wing as time expired fall short, securing the Husky victory. The Mavericks – who had trailed by 11 points with 7:20 remaining – used a 17-7 run over the course of five minutes and 15 seconds to tie the game at 78. Both teams would trade baskets or free throws in the final two minutes – with Hill scoring all seven of MSU's points in the waning moments, setting up Witt's heroics. The game – which played like most games between the two rivals, fast, physical and entertaining – opened with both teams getting up and down the court. Hill finished the game with a 9-of-16 effort to go with four assists. Mason – who also added 22 points – finished with a double-double as he hauled in 12 rebounds. O'Brien added 14 points and narrowly missed his second straight double-double as he finished with nine rebounds. Minnesota State finished the night shooting 47.4 percent from the floor and 75.9 (22-of-29) from the free throw line. St. Cloud State hit on 52.5 percent of its opportunities and was 18-of-20 from the free throw line (90 percent).

MSU 95, Concordia 82: The Minnesota State men's basketball team – behind four players in double-digits – used a season-high 11 three-point field goals en route to 95-82 victory over Concordia University in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference action Friday evening in downtown St. Paul. Senior guard Marcus Hill led the Mavericks offensively with a career-high 28 points while passing out seven assists, which tied his season-high. The Mavericks continued the torrid shooting pace through the first half as it finished the first 20 minutes shooting 64.5 percent from the floor en route to opening a 49-42 advantage. Concordia used defensive pressure to cut the lead to seven late in the game however MSU sank eight free throws in the final 90 seconds to secure the win. Hill finished the night connecting on 8-of-13 shots, including 6-of-8 from down town. Mason added 17 points and nine rebounds while O'Brien recorded his second double-double of the year, and the second this year by a Maverick with a 13-point, 13-rebound effort. Senior guard Cameron Hodges also contributed double-figures in the scoring column as he finished with 17 points. The Mavericks shot 56.9 for the night from the floor while CU hit on 46.4 percent. The Mavericks finished the night with 18 assists compared to just 12 turnovers.

Quick Glance: The Mavericks (4-4, 1-3 NSIC) will wrap up the 2010 portion of their schedule with a road trip to Upper Iowa (0-7, 0-3 NSIC) on Friday night and Winona State (6-1, 2-1 NSIC) on Saturday night.

MSU 54, St. Cloud State 51:

Minnesota State senior guard Andrea Walsh drilled a three-point field goal from the right baseline as time expired to break a 51-all tie and propel Minnesota State to a 54-51 victory in front of 901 fans in Halenbeck Hall on the campus of St. Cloud State University. The Mavericks were paced offensively by sophomore post Ali Wilkinson who finished with a 15-points and 11-rebounds, marking her second consecutive double-double and her fourth of the season. Walsh added nine points in the win, collecting five rebounds and passing out a game-high five assists. Junior Laura Weber led MSU in rebounds with 12. Minnesota State finished the night shooting 38.3 percent from the floor, including just 4-of-17 (17.4) percent from beyond the three-point line. The Huskies were limited to 31 percent shooting, including 20 percent from downtown.

Concordia 79, MSU 64: The Minnesota State women's basketball team met Concordia in St. Paul Friday evening with both teams searching for their first Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference victory. It would not be a good night for the visitors however as the host Golden Bears – who never trailed – came away with a 79-64 victory despite a 16-point, 15-rebound effort by MSU junior forward Laura Weber. At the end of the half, Minnesota State found itself down 29-45. Weber and Ali Wilkinson each recorded a double-double but that wasn't enough. Weber's second double-double was her second of the season, while Wilkinson's 11-point, 10-rebound effort marked her third double-double of the year.

On the Schedule...

December 17

WBB at Upper Iowa, 6:00 p.m., Fayette, IA

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December 18

WBB vs. Winona State, 4:00 p.m., Winona, MN

MBB vs. Winona State, 6:00 p.m., Winona, MN

January 1

WBB vs. MSU Moorhead, 4:00 p.m., MSU

MBB vs. MSU Moorhead, 6:00 p.m., MSU

January 2

WBB vs. MN Crookston, 2:00 p.m., MSU

MBB vs. MN Crookston, 4:00 p.m., MSU