



**NOTHING BUT NET**

**January 26, 2005**

***MAVERICK MEN STAY ON TOP OF NCC  
FROM COACH MARGENTHALER***

We are pleased with our first two full weekends of NCC action. We went 3-1 and enter this weekend's half way point tied for the lead in the league at 4-1 record. We are 18-2 overall. Two weeks ago we won over St Cloud State 101-98 (OT) and UMD 91-62. This past weekend we earned a split on the road by dropping a close one at North Dakota 75-72 and coming back to beat Augustana 93-80. This was a great way to start the conference race. Our kids have gained a tremendous amount of confidence and are playing at a very high level. Our next four games will provide a good measure of where we can expect to finish in the league as they will come against three of the top five teams.

Our conference home opener with St Cloud State couldn't have been more exciting for basketball fans. For the team it was just good to stop the Huskies winning streak against us. Before that overtime win we had lost nine straight against them. As coaches, we would have preferred a convincing win and to have avoided overtime. But this experience against a top team will help us down the road. Andy Moeller led us with 24 points and 7 assists including his two free throws with 1.9 seconds left in overtime. Luke Anderson's 21 points and 8 rebounds were also key to the win. The next night our defense was better. It allowed us to get some easy baskets in transition and also opened some things up on the offensive end. Additionally, we out-rebounded the Bulldogs by 15, consistently preventing them from getting second and third opportunities. Jamel Staten's 27 points, 9 rebounds, and 5 steals were all game highs. We also got 14 points each from Luke and reserve guard Gameli Ahelegbe.

This past weekend we lost a heartbreaker to North Dakota. We led by five at the half, but the Sioux hit some quick three point shots in the second half and eventually took the lead in a very close game. We had a couple of shots at the end to take the lead and win, but couldn't get them to go down. Jamel again led us with 25 points and 12 rebounds. He also broke the 1,000 point barrier as a Maverick. Chris Whitfield became MSU's all-time career block shots leader. We regrouped and beat Augustana on Saturday. We were very sluggish in the first ten minutes of that game, but a 23-0 run ignited us and we didn't look back. We were able to get out and run in transition and get some high percentage baskets. Jamel and Luke were high scorers with 28 and 21 points. Andy tallied 14 points and 5 assists, while Joe Williams contributed 10 points.

**MAVERICK WOMEN REMAIN COMPETITIVE AGAINST TOP COMPETITION  
FROM COACH LORI FISH:**

After a disappointing weekend at home against St. Cloud and Minnesota Duluth, the girls did a great job of bouncing back and competing against two nationally ranked teams. Thursday night we fell to 13th-ranked North Dakota by a score of 66-60 and on Saturday to 19th-ranked Augustana with a score of 74-68. Our team has learned that we are able to compete with any team in the league. We had a solid performance in the game against a very talented UND team. We were to overcome a significant deficit and pull within one with 14:04 remaining in the period. But North Dakota responded with a run of their own and kept the lead for the rest of the game. We would get as close as 64-60, however it was not enough. Heather Peterson finished with 23 points on 9-of-16 shooting, including two-of-four from beyond the three-point line. Arin Andrews finished with 11 points, while Stacie Johnson added 10 points and six rebounds. We out-rebounded North Dakota 40-33, including 16-10 on the offensive glass. We got off to a slow start in both halves against Augustana. In the first half we cut a 16 point lead to 10 at the half. In the second half they had a 23 point lead before we outscored them 41-24 in the final 10 minutes. With 6 seconds left in the contest we were able to work the lead down to four, but never got any closer. We were led by Peterson's 18 points; she was 5-of-15 from the floor, including 4 of 5 from the beyond the three-point line. Jamie Kienitz added 12 points (4 of 5 3-point attempts). Arin Andrews added 11 rebounds. MSU won the boards by 7, including a 21-9 advantage on the offensive glass. Our 21 offensive rebounds was a season-high.

**HOOPS CLUB NEWS:**

- ◆ **Fan Bus??** The Hoops Club is considering arranging for a bus to transport members and other fans to the St. Cloud game on Saturday, February 5. If you are interested in participating, please call Cindy Hobbs at the MSU Athletic Office (389-5351) and let her know of your interest.
- ◆ Hoops Club meets every Friday noon at Pub 500. Bring your friends, have lunch, hear from the coaches and players, or just talk hoops!
- ◆ Help fill Bresnan arena for the last four home games:  
Saturday, January 29 vs. University of South Dakota (6:00pm/8:00pm)  
Saturday, February 19 vs. Augustana College (6:00pm/8:00pm)  
Thursday, February 24 vs. University of North Dakota (6:00pm/8:00pm)  
Saturday, February 26 vs. University of Nebraska at Omaha (2:00pm/4:00pm)

Special ticket packages at good prices are available for these games.  
Call the Athletic Office (389-6111).