

# “Nothing But Net”



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**At a Glance:** Minnesota State (5-10, 4-7 NSIC) travels to Bemidji and Minnesota Duluth Friday and Saturday this weekend in NSIC play.

## **Northern State 62 MSU 49**

The Northern State Wolves used a 15-0 run midway through the first half and never looked back as it earned a 62-49 victory over Minnesota State Friday evening in front of a season-high 1,234 fans in the Taylor Center on the campus of Minnesota State University. “I thought we played with better energy tonight,” said head coach Matt Margenthaler. “We got some good looks in the first half, we just couldn’t the ball to fall through the net.” Minnesota State was led in scoring by Connor O’Brien who finished with 14 points while Steve Kirschbaum added 11. MSU shot 33.3 for the game while Northern State hit on 44.6 of its opportunities. The Wolves outrebounded NSU, 38-37 while MSU outrebounded Northern State, 15-12 on the offensive end. O’Brien added 13 rebounds – including eight offensively recording his fourth double-double of the season and the seventh of his career. He also turned away four shots.

## **University of Mary 73 MSU 78**

Minnesota State senior guard Stephen Kirschbaum scored a career-high 22 points to lead the Mavericks to a 78-73 victory over the University of Mary Saturday night in the Taylor Center on the campus of Minnesota State University. “We needed this one tonight,” said Minnesota State head coach Matt Margenthaler. “We had a lot of different guys step up at key times and make shots for us and it was good to see us so balanced.” Kirschbaum scored his 22 points on 8-of-11 shooting, including 3-of-4 from the three-point line. Jimmy Whitehead also established a career-high with 17 points on 4-of-8 shooting, including a 7-of-8 mark from the free throw line. Travis Meinders tied his career-high with 15 points while Zach Romashko added 12 points and a team-high six rebounds.

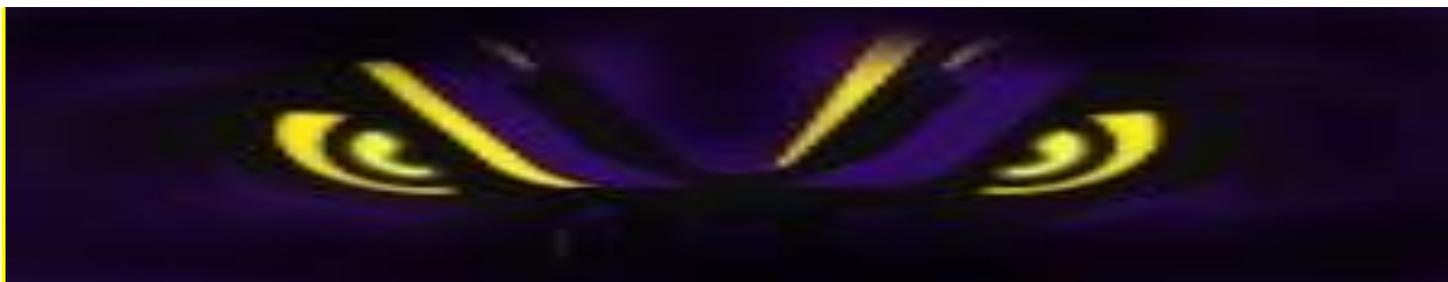
**At a Glance:** Minnesota State (12-3, 8-3 NSIC) travels to Bemidji Friday night and Duluth Saturday night looking for their 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> wins in a row in NSIC play.

## **Northern State 59 MSU 62**

Minnesota State earned its seventh-consecutive victory Friday night at the Taylor Center as the Mavericks defeated the visiting Northern State University Wolves, 62-59. Three Mavericks finished in double-figures with senior forward Laura Weber leading the way with 14 points on 7-of-10 from the field. Jameila Hudnell finished the night with 11 points, including a 6-of-8 performance from the free-throw line, while Jennie Noreen rounded out the trio in double-digits with 10 points on 4-of-7 shooting. Aubrey Davis tied a season-high with eight assists, all in the second half, while adding five points and a steal. MSU was led on the glass by Weber with nine while both Davis and freshman forward Jamie Bresnahan each added five boards.

## **University of Mary 49 MSU 52**

Minnesota State won its eighth-consecutive game Saturday afternoon as the Mavericks escaped with a 52-49 victory over the University of Mary at the Taylor Center. The Mavericks were led offensively by senior guard Jennie Noreen who collected her third career double-double with a 13-point, 12-rebound performance. Joining Noreen in double-digits was Aubrey Davis who finished with 11 points including a 7-of-8 performance from the charity stripe. Jameila Hudnell and senior forward Laura Weber each finished with 10 points as Weber fell one rebound short of her third double-double of the season.



**#20 Kirstin Nelson** 5'9" Guard – Junior    **Hometown:** Oelwein, Iowa

**2010-11:** Tallied 80 points, 30 rebounds and 21 assists while averaging 3.2 ppg and 1.2 rpg in 25 games played...One of four Mavericks to finish with 20 or more three pointers (20-of-60 3FG)...Registered a season-high 17 points including 5-of-9 from three-point land against Winona State (1/28/11)...Finished 4-of-5 from behind the three-point line scoring 12 points against Bemidji State (1/21/11).

**2009-10:** Played in 19 games...Scored ten points and recorded four steals against Dana (11/17/10)...Brought down five rebounds against Southwest Minnesota State (2/20/10)...Averaged 2.1 points per game and shot a .318 field goal percentage...Collected 40 points, 23 rebounds, nine assists, ten steals and two blocks on the season.

**High School:** Lettered 16 times at Oelwein High School, including four in basketball...Four-year starter at guard...All-time assist leader and second all-time scoring leader at her high school...Received Academic All-State honors...Captured Third Team All-State her senior year...Earned three letters in volleyball at middle blocker...Earned four letters in softball at third base.

**Personal:** Daughter of Kent and Tracy Nelson...Born February 11, 1991...Special education major with a minor in athletic coaching



**#21 Alex Hanks** 6'3" Guard – Sophomore    **Hometown:** St. Cloud, Minn.

**The Hanks File:** Saw action in 13 games, the most of any true freshman a year ago.

**2010-11:** Averaged 1.6 points and 0.6 rebounds over the course of 13 games...Scored a season-high ten points in MSU's win over Eureka (11/27)...Hit on 5-of-8 field goals against Eureka...Also hauled in four rebounds against the Red Devils...Played in three games during the NCAA tournament run.

**High School:** Was a three-year starter and letter winner at St. Cloud Tech and helped guide the Tigers to three consecutive Central Lakes Conference titles...As a senior, led St. Cloud Tech to a second-place finish in the state championship and averaged 20 points per game and six rebounds per contest...Was an all-conference pick as a sophomore, junior and senior.

**Personal:** Born May 1, 1991...Son of Robert and Susan Hanks...Undecided on a major at Minnesota State.

