

**FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

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## MSU BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

PRESENTED THIS WEEK BY:



### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

[ 18 - 8 ] [ 13 - 7 NSIC ]

FAYETTE, Iowa --- The Minnesota State men's basketball team saw several players make difference in the scoring column Saturday evening as the Mavericks defeated Upper Iowa 88-83 on the road. With the win, the Mavericks improve to 18-8, including a 13-7 NSIC record. With the loss, UIU falls to 14-15, including a 9-10 conference record. The Mavericks also clinched home court advantage for the first round of the NSIC Tournament scheduled for Feb. 24.

A total of five Mavericks reached double-digits in the scoring column against the Peacocks, with sophomore TJ Lake leading MSU with 18 points. Lake finished his night shooting 6-of-10 from the field, to go with a 5-of-6 showing from the foul line. Senior Jalen Pendleton notched 17 points and seven rebounds for the Mavericks as he finished his night with an 8-of-9 performance from the line, while freshman Joey Witthus finished tallied 12 points and eight rebounds. Freshman Cole Harper added 14 points and five rebounds as well, while junior Jon Fuqua notched 11 points and six boards.

As a team, MSU shot 49.2% from the field, to go along with a 26-of-32 (.813) showing from the free throw line. The Mavericks also hauled in 36 rebounds and passed out nine assists. Carson Parker led the Peacock offense with 19 points, while Jimmy Roth notched 16 points and seven rebounds. As a team, UIU shot 51.5% from the field, but it struggled at the line as it connected on 12-of-25 (.462) free throw opportunities. The first half saw MSU control the pace of the game through the majority of the opening 20 minutes. The Mavericks led by as many as 14 points in the opening stanza as they held the lead for a total of 17 minutes. MSU would eventually take a 43-33 lead into the locker room, which included a jumper from Lake in the final seconds of the half.

The Mavericks held the lead throughout the entire second half, but the Peacocks were able to get back within a basket on several occasions. A jumper from Josh Weeber brought UIU within two at 54-52 with 13:04 to go in the game, but the Mavericks would quickly rebuild their double-digit lead. With 4:33 left, the Mavericks led by 10 at 79-69, but the Peacocks would not go quietly as they pulled within three points of the Mavericks twice. UIU trailed 86-83 with 18 second remaining, but Lake hit both of his free throw opportunities with nine seconds left to ice the 88-83 win for MSU.

Minnesota State returns home for its final homestand of the regular season on Friday as it plays host to Sioux Falls. The opening tip-off is scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

[ 8 - 16 ] [ 7 - 13 NSIC ]

FAYETTE, Iowa --- The Minnesota State women's basketball team defeated the Upper Iowa Peacocks in Fayette, Iowa on Saturday evening, 61-56. With the win, the Mavericks improve their record to 8-16 overall and 7-13 in NSIC play. MSU led by as much as 21 points midway through the third quarter over the Peacocks, before UIU made a run on MSU. The Peacocks trimmed their way back into the Mavericks lead to as much as three points with 18 seconds left to play. However that was the closest UIU got the MSU's lead as sophomore Madison Lee [Coon Rapids, Minn.] calmly drained two free-throws to seal the Mavericks road victory.

Junior Britney Scherber [Bloomington, Minn.] paced the Maverick offense in first quarter as she recorded eight of MSU's 16 points in the quarter. The Mavericks held a 16-12 lead over the Peacocks heading into the second. MSU's largest lead in the quarter came at the 2:59 mark, 16-9, as Scherber nailed one of her two three-pointers.

The Mavericks used an early second quarter run to pull away from the Peacocks. MSU began the quarter on a 9-0 run to extend its lead to, 25-12, with about five minutes remaining before halftime. Sophomore Claire Jordan [Green Bay, Wis.] tallied six of her eight first half points during the run. The Mavericks kept things rolling heading into the break as they held the Peacocks to just six points in the second. At halftime MSU led, 33-18, over UIU.

In the first half the Mavericks shot an efficient 50% from the field and sunk four 3-pointers, while the Peacocks were contained to 26% shooting from the field. MSU also built a sizeable rebounding advantage as it pulled 23 and UIU grabbed 12 rebounds. Scherber led all scorers at the break with 14 points and shot 3-of-5 from distance. Jordan added eight points of her own and sophomore Claire Ziegler [Mankato, Minn.] did a little bit of everything with six points, six boards and three assists. MSU built its lead even more in the third quarter to as much as 21 at the 5:54 mark with a 43-24 lead over UIU. However, the Peacocks made a run on the Mavericks to finish out the quarter, as UIU ended the quarter on a 13-5 run to cut into MSU's lead. At the end of three quarters, the Mavericks were leading 48-37 over the Peacocks.

To start the fourth quarter the Peacocks kept their momentum as they began the period on a 12-5 run which closed the Mavericks lead to just four, 53-49, with 3:01 left in the game. Shooting from the free-throw helped the Mavericks contain its lead late in the game though, as they shot 6-of-6 from the line in the last 1:22 of the contest. MSU finished shooting 47% from the field and made six three-pointers, while UIU ended the game shooting 37% and sunk six three-pointers as well. The Mavericks rebounded the Peacocks 36-28 and MSU shot 17-of-25 from the free-throw line, while UIU shot 6-of-9 from the line

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### PLAYER PROFILES

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## #32 Mackenzie Dahl

Forward | 6-0 | Sophomore | Minnetonka, Minn.

### Sioux Falls

Played in 22 games for the USF Cougars, including one start...Averaged two points and 1.1 rebounds per game...Tallied a season-high eight points against Dakota State.

### High School

Earned an all-conference honorable mention during her junior season at Minnetonka High School as she averaged 6.6 points, 3.2 rebounds and two assists per game...Competed with the Minnesota Fury AAU team.

### Personal

Mackenzie is the daughter of Mike and Monica Dahl...Born October 12, 1995...Majoring in exercise science.



## #22 Joey Witthus

Guard | 6-6 | Freshman | Chanhassen, Minn.

### High School

A 6-6 guard out of Chanhassen High School, Witthus scored 1,593 points during his high school career...As a senior, he tallied 503 points and finished 20th in the state with 22.9 points per game...Also competed with the Minnesota Basketball Academy 17U Brown team...Witthus is the son of Larry Witthus who played on the Minnesota State men's basketball team from 1979-84.

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## UPCOMING GAMES

PRESENTED THIS WEEK BY:



**February 19, 2016**  
**vs. Sioux Falls | 6:00pm/8:00pm**  
**Bresnan Arena**

**February 20, 2016**  
**vs. SMSU | 4:00pm/6:00pm**  
**Bresnan Arena**

**February 24, 2016**  
**NSIC Tournament Round 1 @**  
**Higher Seed**

## HOOPS CLUB ROOM SPONSORS/FOOD SPONSORS

**February 19th - Room Sponsor**



**MSU College of  
Business**

**February 19th - Food Sponsor**



**February 20th - Room Sponsor**

**MSU College of  
Science,  
Engineering &  
Technology**

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## UPCOMING PROMOTIONS

**February 19th**

**\*Think Pink Night @ Women's Basketball**  
**(First 100 fans receive a FREE pink t-shirt)**

**\*'Recycle Mania' - Bring paper products to get recycled as MSU competes against other schools in the nation!**

**\*BOGO (Buy one ticket, get one FREE) - Must purchase at [MSUMaverickTickets.com](http://MSUMaverickTickets.com)**

**February 20th**

**\*WHITE-OUT NIGHT!!!!**

**(First 500 STUDENTS get a free t-shirt, slice of pizza, cookie/chips and can of pop)**

**\*Senior Night**



## *Mankato Golf Club Membership Drive 2016!*

- *No monthly dues until April, 2016*
- *Waived capital contribution*
- *Special pricing for Regular & Intermediate (35 yrs. younger) golf memberships for 2 years*
- *If joined before April 1<sup>st</sup> - Free custom fit driver personally fit for you by one of our two PGA professionals (up to a \$350 value)*

*OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, March 29th from 6:00 - 8:00*

Mankato Golf Club is a vibrant family-oriented Private Club committed to providing an exceptional experience each and every day where our members and their guests can enjoy golf, swimming and dining in a relaxed social environment characterized by outstanding service.

Established in 1919, Mankato Golf Club features a classic championship 18-hole golf course, an extensive practice facility, outdoor heated swimming pool and spacious clubhouse featuring a food & beverage operation second to none.

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