

JANUARY 26, 2016

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## MSU BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

[ 14 - 6 ] [ 9-5 NSIC ]

STOUX FALLS, S.D. --- The lead changed hands 14 times Saturday evening in Stewart Center but it was Minnesota State that was able to come away with the win over Sioux Falls in the final seconds as it claimed a 70-68 victory. With the win, MSU improves to 14-6, including a mark of 9-5 in NSIC play. With the loss, USF falls to 11-9, including a 6-8 conference record.

The first half saw a close battle as both teams were knotted up at 13 with 11:47 left in the half. The first eight minutes featured five lead changes as neither team led by more than four. The Cougars would go on to hold the lead from the 10:42 mark on as they led by as many as 11 points. An old fashioned three point play from junior Jon Fuqua brought the Mavericks back within eight points of USF at 39-31 before the end of the half. A trio of Mavericks netted seven points in the opening stanza, including freshman Joey Witthus, and seniors Lucas Brown and Snoop Viser.

As a unit, MSU shot 39.1% from the field in the first half, to go with an 11-of-13 (.846) performance from the free throw line. Clint Thomas led all scorers in the first half with 11 points, while Jared Mayes added eight points and four rebounds. As a team, USF shot 45.2% from the field in the first half, including a 6-of-11 (.545) showing from behind the arc. The second half saw the Mavericks gradually chip away at the USF lead. MSU managed to tie the game four times by the 6:33 mark, but each time Sioux Falls reclaimed the lead. MSU finally jumped back in front 57-56 with 3:54 remaining after a layup from Fuqua. Seven more lead changes took place in the next five minutes, including at the 1:01 mark when Jared Myers put USF up 68-67 after hitting a pair of free throws. Each team would miss a layup on their next possession, which left MSU with the ball with 24 seconds remaining.

Senior Jalen Pendleton then drove to the hoop and got his layup to drop, which put MSU up 69-68 with 13 seconds left. The Cougars had a couple of opportunities to retake the lead but each shot was off the mark. Fuqua would grab the defensive rebound and proceeded to hit one of two free throws in the final second to bring the final score to 70-68 in favor of MSU.

Five Mavericks finished the game with 11 or more points, including Pendleton, who notched 18 points and eight rebounds. Fuqua recorded his second double-double of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds as well. Viser and Witthus each finished with 12 points, while Brown finished his night with 11 points and five rebounds. As a team, MSU shot 44.4% from the field. The Mavericks also hauled in 40 rebounds, including 25 in the second half.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

[ 6 - 12 ] [ 5-9 NSIC ]

STOUX FALLS, S.D. --- The Minnesota State women's basketball team fell to Sioux Falls on Saturday evening in Sioux Falls, S.D., 99-76, after a dominate third quarter from USF. At halftime, MSU was down just four to USF, 43-39, but in the third quarter things took a turn. In the third, the Cougars took the momentum in the game over the Mavericks as they outscored MSU in the period, 35-12, to give USF a commanding, 78-51, lead heading into the fourth quarter. In the quarter USF was on fire shooting as it barely missed from the field. The Cougars connected on 14-of-16 of their shots from the field.

In the fourth and final quarter it was more of the same for the Cougars as they kept things rolling and defeated the Mavericks 99-76. In the beginning of the game, MSU found themselves down early as USF mustered off the first nine points of the game, before junior forward Karina Schroeder [Lake Crystal, Minn.] scored the Mavericks first bucket at the 7:05 mark in the quarter. The Mavericks were down, 27-15, after one quarter of play against the Cougars. MSU struggled shooting from the field as they connected on just 31% of its shots while USF finished the first quarter with an impressive 67% from the field. Schroeder and senior center McKenzie Hoelmenn [Lakeville, Minn.] each record four points in the quarter.

The second quarter it was a different story for the Mavericks as they rallied off 13 straight points from the first quarter to the 7:26 mark in the second quarter. MSU trimmed USF's double-digit lead to one, 27-26, as Schroeder added eight points during the run. Throughout the rest of the quarter both teams traded baskets for a majority of the time heading into halftime. Even though the Mavericks were never able to find the lead in the first half, they only trailed by just four at halftime to the Cougars, 43-39.

With improved shooting in the second quarter, MSU finished off the first half with a 40% field goal percentage, while USF concluded the half with a 50% field goal percentage. Each team recorded seven turnovers apiece in the half, while USF was able to outrebound MSU on the boards, 21-16.

Schroeder led the way for MSU in first half with 12 points and three rebounds, while junior point guard Britney Scherber [Bloomington, Minn.] tallied nine points, three rebounds and two assists. Overall, MSU ended the game with a 37% field-goal percentage, while USF finished the game with a very impressive 55% field-goal percentage. From beyond the arc, MSU shot 5-of-19, while USF shot 53% from three, 9-of-17. The Cougars outrebounded the Mavericks, 47-32, and also controlled the paint as they outscored MSU, 52-30, in points in the paint. Schroeder set a new season-high with 17 points in the game and also added a team-high seven rebounds. Scherber finished with 15 points and four rebounds, while sophomore guard Madison Lee [Coon Rapids, Minn.] added nine points and three rebounds.

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### PLAYER PROFILES

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## #44 Claire Ziegler

Forward | 6-0 | Sophomore | Mankato East, Minn.

### 2014-2015

Competed in 19 games for MSU... Averaged 4.7 minutes a game... Shot 48% (10-21) from the field... Tallied 30 points, 24 rebounds, five assists and two steals.

### High School

Was an all-conference selection in basketball, volleyball and track and field out of Mankato East High School...Received all-state honorable mention honors in basketball for the past two seasons. Scored 1,131 points and hauled in 768 rebounds (18.1 points, 10.8 rebounds per game) heading into her senior season and she is the school record-holder in both the shot put and the discus.

### Personal

Claire is the daughter of Bruce and Paula Ziegler.

## #10 TJ Lake

Guard | 5-11 | Sophomore | Peosta, Iowa

### 2014-2015

Played in all 32 games, while starting in 31...Led the Mavericks with 68 three point field goals and shot a team-leading 51.9% from behind the arc...Scored a season-high 20 points against both Eckerd College and Southwest Minnesota State...Averaged 9.2 points and 2.7 rebounds per game...Shot 50.3% from the field...Tallied 10 or more points in 17 games...Passed out 35 assists and notched 17 steals...Hauled in nine rebounds against Winona State.

### 2013-2014

Redshirted.

### High School

Three-year starter during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons at Western Dubuque High School...Helped his team to a record of 65-10 record during the three seasons he started, including a 22-1 record his senior season...Averaged 8.5 points per game his sophomore season and was named second team all-conference...Named first team all-state and first team all-conference during his junior and senior seasons...Averaged 17.8 points per game his junior season and was named to the state all-tournament team...Tallied 19.6 points per game his senior season and finished his career with 1,117 points.

### Personal

The son of Jeff and Colleen Lake...Born September 23, 1994...Currently undecided on a major.



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## UPCOMING GAMES

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**January 29, 2016**  
vs. Northern State | 6:00pm/8:00pm  
Bresnan Arena

**January 30, 2016**  
vs. MSU-Moorhead | 4:00pm/6:00pm  
Bresnan Arena

February 5, 2016  
at U. of Mary | 6:00pm/8:00pm  
Bismarck, N.D.

February 6, 2016  
at Minot State | 4:00pm/6:00pm  
Minot, N.D.

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## UPCOMING PROMOTIONS

**January 29th**

\*Wells Fargo Sponsor Night

"It's a Slam Dunk, Don't Drive Drunk" Awareness Weekend

**January 30th**

\*Men's Basketball Alumni Night (JAR open to Alumni) - Halftime Recognition

\*FREE popcorn to the first 1,000 fans compliments of First National Bank

\*"It's a Slam Dunk, Don't Drive Drunk" Weekend

\*Kids vs. Cancer Night

**February 20th**

\*WHITE-OUT NIGHT!!!!





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