



NOTHING BUT NET

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From Coach Fish

Early signing was very productive. We are pleased to announce that we were able to sign four players to National Letters of Intent. Additionally, we have an oral commitment from a fifth player. Since we have not yet received the necessary paperwork from her we are not allowed to tell you about her in this edition of NBN.

We are extremely excited about the potential that our '05 -'06 class brings to the future of Maverick basketball. As a group they fit our program objectives perfectly. They all come from strong high school programs and know how to win. They are outstanding players; more importantly, they are wonderful people. The credit for this success belongs to my assistant coaches who have worked endless hours during the past eight months to make this possible.

Jenni Strand is a 6 -1 forward from Alexandria High School, Minnesota. Strand has scored 766 points so far during her high school career. In addition she has collected 554 rebounds in 63 games. She established a school record for points scored in one season when she recorded 418 points last season en route to being named to the Minnesota Coaches Association All-State 3AAA Top Ten team. Jenni can score, rebound and block shots. She is very skilled for her height and has a great feel for the game. Joanne Noreen, a native of Avon, Minnesota, is a two-time Minnesota State Tournament All-Tournament Team member. The 5-8 guard has scored 1,431 points in her four years at Albany High School. This past season, Noreen was a member of the Down Under Hoops Classic Championship squad, where she was named to both the all-tournament team and voted the Most Valuable Player in the Classic. Joanne has the ability to take over the game, and a great knack for putting the ball in the basket. Jenn Lammers is a 5-8 guard from Hartford, S.D., where she is entering her senior season at O'Gorman High School. Last season, Lammers averaged 14.3 points per game and 5 rebounds per game, while she earned the school record for total three-point field goals in a career. Lammers has a 4.0 GPA and is currently ranked #1 her high school class of 139. Jen is very dedicated, determined and unselfish, she makes people around her better. She has great range and understands the defensive end of the floor. Felicia Foster is a 5-9 guard from Pequot Lakes, Minn where she is a four-year letter winner in basketball. In 2003-04 she was named to the All-Area team, and is a career 1,000 point scorer. Felicia is a blue collar type of player and she will never get out worked by her opponent. She is an outstanding defender and can create her own shot on the offensive end.

From Coach Margenthaler

We are also excited about the early signing period, which has just ended. We landed two outstanding high school basketball players. We are elated that these two, young men have chosen Minnesota State and will be joining our program next year.

The first player to commit to us was a local product: Mankato East's Mitch Gosson. Mitch is a 6'7, 210 pound forward who will be able to play both inside and outside. Last year he was named to the All-Big 9 Conference team after averaging 15.0 points, 9.0 rebounds, and 3.0 blocks per game, while shooting 59% from the floor. Mitch is a great competitor and seems to always find himself around the basketball.

Our other signee was Jake Morrow of Wild Rose High School in Wautoma, Wisconsin. Morrow is a 6'4, 185 pound guard who will be able to step in right away and help to replace the loss of our three senior guards. Jake averaged 23.0 points, 10.0 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals per game last season. These statistics helped him earn the Central Wisconsin Conference – Co-Player of the Year, All-Conference, and team Most Valuable Player honors as a junior.

Our team will go into the season with very high expectations both from the coaching staff and the media. We were picked to win the North Central Conference in a pre-season media poll. This will no doubt put a target on our backs and our guys will have to respond to the challenge of everybody's best game, night in and night out. It is a great opportunity for our basketball program to take the next step of winning a NCC Championship and getting to the NCAA tournament.

Upcoming events: We hope to see you at these events!

Regular Friday Noon Hoops Club Luncheons.

Beginning Friday, November 19, the Hoops Club will meet at noon every Friday at Pub 500 starting at noon. On any Friday when either of the coaches are in town they will be our featured speaker(s). On other Fridays there may be outside speakers or open meetings.

Pepsi Tip Off Classic November 19-20.