



NOTHING BUT NET

January 11, 2005

MAVERICK WOMEN GET STRONG START IN NCC FROM COACH LORI FISH:

On January 6th the Mavericks picked up a conference win on the road against one of the pre-season conference favorites, 22nd ranked UMD, 75-71. It was an exciting way for the Mavericks to open the conference season and should give the girls much needed confidence as they head into a very competitive North Central Conference season. The first weekend of conference play showed to be an exciting one as many of the favored teams fell in their opening games. The conference is very balanced from top to bottom and, all teams have to come ready to play every night.

Senior forward Hannah Stolba (Cedar Rapids, Minn.) and junior center Arin Andrews (West Concord, Minn.) each tallied 23 points to pace Minnesota State. The win was the first over a ranked opponent since Dec. 7, 2002, and was also the first conference opening win since the 2001-02 season.

Andrews 23 points (her season high) was accomplished on nine-of-ten shooting, including five-of-five from the free-throw line. She also added 12 rebounds, picking up her 15th career double-double and her third of the season. The nine-of-ten performance from the field ties a school record for single-game field goal percentage, a record she shares with Lisa Walters (1984-85 season) and freshman center Anna Voltmer (Decorah, Iowa) who equaled the mark earlier this season against Minnesota State-Moorhead. Stolba's 23 points was also a season high. She connected on eight-of-eleven attempts from the floor and seven-of-eight from the free-throw line. Senior guard Kelli Freeman (West Des Moines, Iowa) added 13 points in the victory as well. Freeman, who finished the game shooting three-of-nine from the three-point line, became MSU's career three-point field-goal attempts leader with 544. The Mavericks finished the game shooting 26-of-49 (53.1%) from the floor, and 20-of-26 (76.9%) from the free throw line.

MAVERICK MEN KEEP ON TRUCKIN! FROM COACH MATT MARGENTHALER

January has arrived and with it a start to the conference portion of our schedule. As usual The North Central Conference appears to be very competitive league from top to bottom once again. We expect the conference champion will not be determined until

the last couple of weekends. We entered last weekend's openers with three teams having only one loss (MSU, UNO, & USD), one with two losses (St Cloud), and one with three losses (UND). Not only has our conference fared well during the first two months of the season, but we have also been recognized nationally with Nebraska-Omaha ranked #5, MSU #7, and South Dakota #18.

I am pleased with the progress our guys have made this year and even though we are 15-1 we know we can continue to improve each day. We know that we have the opportunity to be a very special basketball team. At the same time we recognize that our start will mean nothing if we don't continue to get better and to do the things we've done to be successful. Our seniors have shown great leadership and this will need to continue throughout our conference play.

We had a solid performance in our conference opener at UMD (88-70) last Thursday. We shot the ball better than we had in a long time and got back to running the floor and making some things happen in the transition game. I thought our defensive effort was pretty good after the first ten minutes and it allowed us to get up and down the floor and speed the game up. We really did a great job of making their better shooters work for their points and not giving them any second opportunities. Individually, Jamel Staten had one of the best games of his career by scoring 41 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Luke Anderson helped out by adding 26 points and 5 rebounds, while Andy Moeller had 12 points.

On Saturday we played our last non-conference game with Upper Iowa and got a 95-47 win. After a slow first half we came out with more energy and focus and were able to run away from them. Jamel led us with 27 followed by Luke's 20. We also got 12 points from Tony Thomason on 4 of 4 shooting from three point range. We will continue NCC action this weekend with rival St Cloud St on Friday and our second contest with UMD on Saturday.

HOOPS CLUB NOTES:

- « **Next regular Hoops Club meeting** will occur Friday, January 14, at noon at Pub 500. We expect the coaches and some players to be in attendance.
- « **Club use of Johnson Alumni Room.** Snacks will continue to be available for club members in the Johnson Alumni Room (JAR) during games. *But it is not intended that members would watch the games from JAR. Instead, the room will be open during the hours listed below, and closed the rest of the time on game nights:*
 1. One half hour before the women's game.
 2. Half time of the women's game when Matt Margenthaler will speak
 3. Between the two games
 4. Half time of the men's game.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation with this schedule!