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MSU BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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MSU 97 St. Cloud State 77

The 14th-rated Minnesota State men's basketball team did not miss a step in its return to the court Friday evening as it downed the St. Cloud State Huskies 97-77 at Taylor Center.

Several Mavericks made their presence felt all night long including senior Gage Wooten, who established a career-high of 25 points, to go along with five rebounds. He also shot the lights out as he connected on 11-of-12 shots from the field, including a mark of 3-of-4 from behind the arc.

Junior Zach Monaghan dropped in 21 points, to go along with a game-high nine assists and three steals, while junior Assem Marei added 17 points, seven rebounds, while matching his career-high with four blocks.

As a unit, the Mavericks shot 33-of-59 (.559) from the field, including a sizzling 17-of-22 (.773) showing in the second half, which consisted of a perfect 6-of-6 effort from beyond the three point line. MSU also brought down 37 rebounds, passed 20 assists and posted 10 steals.

MSU 89 Duluth 54

The No. 14 Minnesota State men's basketball team kept things rolling at Taylor Center Saturday evening as it surged passed the Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs 89-54.

The Mavericks saw several players make significant contributions on the day as five players notched at least 10 points on the day. Junior Assem Marei recorded his 10th career double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds, while senior Connor O'Brien tallied his 14th career double-double netting 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Senior Tanner Adler led all scorers on the day with a career-high 26 points, which included a 6-of-7 showing from three-point land, to go along with seven rebounds. Freshman Mike Busack dropped in 11 points, while junior Zach Romashko tallied 10 of his own. Junior Zach Monaghan passed out 10 assists and posted eight points as well.

As a unit, MSU shot 51.8% (29-of-56) from the field and drained 22-of-30 (.733) shots from the line. The Mavericks also outrebounded the Bulldogs 52-30, while passing out 18 assists and limiting UMD to just three assists.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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MSU 100 St. Cloud State 66

No. 23 Minnesota State uses its fifth 100 point showing of the season to improve to 8-3 overall and 5-2 in conference action with a 100-66 win over St. Cloud State, which falls to 8-3 overall and 4-3 on the circuit.

The first half saw two major runs, as the Mavericks opened the half outscoring the Huskies 20-5 through the first eight minutes of the contest. SCSU answered with a 13-7 run of its own to cut the MSU lead to 22-18 with just under nine minutes remaining in the opening frame, the Mavericks took a 46-30 lead heading into intermission.

MSU had 11 student-athletes make their way to the scoring column, including four double-figure outings led by Wilkinson who finished with a game-high 19 points. Delzotto contributed 17 points, while Gengebacher and freshman Tyra Johnson (Apple Valley, Minn.) each netted 12 points.

The Mavericks connected on 51% (36-71) of their shots from the field, 42% (11-26) from behind the arc, and 71% (17-24) from the charity stripe. MSU held SCSU to a 43% (24-56) showing from the field, 36% (4-11) from behind the arc and forced 27 Husky turnovers.

MSU 69 Duluth 63

No. 23 Minnesota State overcame a nine-point deficit in claiming a 69-63 win over Minnesota Duluth Saturday.

Minnesota State jumped out to a 12-7 lead, fueled by Karlee Gengenbacher (Quincy, Ill.), who scored the first seven points for MSU. The two teams would then be held without a field goal for over four and a half minutes and despite 15 first half turnovers, the Mavericks took a 31-22 lead into intermission.

The Mavericks were out rebounded 15-6 to start the second half and found themselves in a nine-point hole, trailing the Bulldogs 54-45 with 7:25 to play. That is when Wilkinson took over where she sparked a 9-0 MSU run, tallying four points, an assist and drew a charge to level the score with five minutes to play.

MSU kept the offensive pressure on, as it outscored UMD 6-2 in the final two minutes of the contest to earn the 69-63 win.

The Mavericks connected on 46% (24-52) of their shots from the field, shot 35% (6-17) from behind the arc and 94% (15-16) from the charity stripe. MSU held UMD to a 38% (24-63) showing from the field, 20% (3-15) from behind the arc and forced 20 Bulldog turnovers.

PLAYER PROFILES

PRESENTED THIS WEEK BY:  **Enventis**



#32 Lexie Ulfers

Forward | 6-2 | Junior | Waseca, Minnesota

2012-13

Appeared in 11 games, started one... Netted 56 points (5.1 per game)... Hauled in 37 rebounds (3.4 per game)... Blocked 10 shots.

2011-12

Played in 18 games averaging 5.8 minutes per contest... Scored 34 points (1.9 per game), recorded 32 rebounds (1.8 per game), and shot 10-23 from the field (.435).

High School

Earned 12 letters at Waseca High School with four coming in basketball... Three-time all-conference selection... Two-time all-state selection... Averaged a double-double during career with 18 ppg and 10 rpg... Waseca High School's ninth-leading scorer with 700 career points.

Personal

Daughter of Dave and Sherri Ulfers... Born May 13, 1993... A pre-medical major



#50 Assem Marei

Forward | 6-9 | Junior | Cairo, Egypt

2012-13

Started all 33 games for the Mavericks... Led MSU in rebounds with 240 (7.3 rpg)... Shot 169-of-304 (.556) from the field... Notched seven double doubles, including a streak of three straight games... Tallied a career-high 23 points against Southwest Minnesota State (12/14) and a career-high 14 rebounds against MSU Moorhead (3/2)... Led the Mavericks with 54 blocks... Named to the All-NSIC Second Team... Also named to the NSIC All-Tournament Team and the NCAA All-Central Region Team... Scored at least 10 points in 27 games, including three games where he scored at least 20 points... Named to the 2012 NSIC Winter All-Academic Team.

Pre-MSU

Played for Egypt in the World 19-under championships where he averaged 18.5 points per game while shooting 52.4 percent from the floor and 12.3 rebounds per game... In seven games in during the Pan Arab games he averaged 10.9 points per game while shooting 68.9 percent from the floor and gathering 5.9 rebounds per contest.

Personal

Born June 16, 1992... Son of Ahmed Marei and Zahraa Ali... Currently undecided on a major.

UPCOMING GAMES

PRESENTED THIS WEEK BY:



GAMES

January 10
at Northern State | 6:00/8:00pm
Aberdeen, SD

January 11
at MSU Moorhead | 4:00/6:00pm
Moorhead, MN

January 17
vs. Augustana | 6:00/8:00pm
Bresnan Arena

January 18
vs. Wayne State | 4:00/6:00pm
Bresnan Arena

Game Presented by: COURTYARD
Marriott

Game Presented by: SUBWAY

EVENTS

Autograph Night January 18

Be sure to stick around for team autographs and posters! Autographs will take place following each game in the concourse above section 111.

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