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MSU BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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MSU 95 Upper Iowa 56

The #9 Minnesota State men's basketball team rolled Friday evening at Taylor Center as it defeated the Upper Iowa Peacocks 95-56.

Junior Assem Marei notched his eighth career double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while senior Tanner Adler dropped in a game-high 18 points, while shooting 4-of-7 from beyond the arc. Seniors Connor O'Brien and Gage Wooten each tallied nine points and 10 rebounds as well.

The Mavericks didn't waste any time building a double-digit lead, as they went up by 11 at 16-5 with 15:25 left in the first half. The Peacocks managed to get back within six, but the Mavericks stormed right back as they took a 52-31 lead into intermission.

The Mavericks did not miss a step in the second half as they outscored the Peacocks 43-25, en route to a 95-56 win.

MSU 75 Winona State 78

It was a hotly contested game Saturday evening in front of 2,016 fans at Taylor Center, but No. 9 Minnesota State came up just short against Winona State as it fell 78-75.

In a game that featured 11 lead changes, MSU found itself holding a one-point lead at 72-71 with one minute to go in the game. A Maverick foul sent WSU to the line where it converted both free throws to take the lead at 75-74.

MSU had a few opportunities to take the lead in the closing seconds but it could not convert as the Warriors held on to the 78-75 win.

The Maverick duo of juniors Assem Marei and Zach Monaghan led MSU as they each posted a double-double in the loss. Marei, who notched his second straight double-double, posted a team-high 15 points and 11 rebounds. Monaghan established a new career-high with 11 assists, while dropping in 10 points.

Seniors Gage Wooten and Connor O'Brien tallied 14 and 12 points, respectively, as well.

The Warrior offense was led by redshirt freshman Riley Bambenek, who posted a game-high 33 points, to go along with nine rebounds. Sophomore Conrad Masberg added 11 points, while senior Taylor Cameron notched 10 points.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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MSU 101 Upper Iowa 66

The No. 13 Minnesota State women's basketball team improved to 5-1 overall with a mark of 2-0 on the circuit with a 101-66 win over Upper Iowa. With the win the Mavericks improved their home winning streak to a program-best 19 games.

The Mavericks jumped out to an early 9-2 lead behind seven points from senior Ali Wilkinson (Blue Mounds, Wis.), but the Peacocks would battle back within three points, bringing the score to 18-15 in favor of the Mavericks with 11:55 to play in the first half.

Freshman Tyra Johnson (Apple Valley, Minn.) sparked a 9-0 run with Wilkinson on the bench with two fouls. Johnson connected four of her five shots during the run, opening up a 27-15 lead with 9:15 remaining in the opening frame.

MSU would extinguish any Upper Iowa hopes of a comeback, as it outscored the Peacocks 24-6 in the first nine minutes of the second half, opening 74-39 lead with 11:09 remaining in the contest.

MSU 67 Winona State 59

No. 13 Minnesota State women's basketball team uses a strong second half to down Winona State 67-59.

Winona state came out firing and took an early 8-0 lead. Minnesota State wouldn't get on the board until the 14:50 mark when Ali Wilkinson (Blue Mounds, Wis.) found the bottom of the net. Wilkinson went on to score the next six points for MSU, and finished the half with 13 points and four rebounds.

The Mavericks were able to find their offensive rhythm in the second half, taking the lead at the 17:57 mark and never looked back. The Mavericks shot 12-of-30 (40%) from the field in the second half and 9-of-21 (43%) from deep.

MSU was led in the second half by Ashley Olson (Blue Earth, Minn.) and Tyra Johnson (Apple Valley, Minn.) who netted eight and nine points respectively. Wilkinson finished with 24 points and nine rebounds, marking the 16th time in her career she has eclipsed the 20-point threshold.

PLAYER PROFILES

PRESENTED THIS WEEK BY:



#22 Hillary Paulson

Guard | 6-0 | Senior | Freeman, South Dakota

2012-13

Finished with 55 points (2.0 per game)... Played in 28 games, recorded 208 minutes (7.4 per game)... Hauled in 39 rebounds and dished out 11 assists.

2011-12

Paulson appeared in 11 games for the Mavericks during her sophomore campaign... Recorded 13 points (1.2 per game), eight rebounds, and shot 4-4 from the free-throw line.

2010-11

Finished with 49 points, 29 rebounds and seven assists while averaging 2.0 ppg in 25 games played... Scored six points on 2-of-3 shooting from the three against Augustana (2/4/11)... Finished with six points on 2-of-7 from deep against Bemidji State (1/21/11)... Grabbed a season-high six rebounds against Dakota State (11/23/10).

High School

Lettered 13 times at Freeman High School, including four in basketball where she was a four-year starter... Averaged 26.5 points per game and 10.6 rebounds per game her senior year... Scored over 1,500 points and collected 876 rebounds in her four years... Scored 40 points in a game her senior year... Helped guide the Flyers to two district and conference championships her junior and senior years... Nominated First Team All-State and Class B Player of the Year in 2009-10... Lettered three times in volleyball and six times in track... Earned a second-place finish in hurdles at state her senior year.

Personal

Daughter of Craig and Kimberly Paulson... Born June 13, 1991... A proposed pre-optometry major.



#24 Tanner Adler

Guard | 6-5 | Senior | Deadwood, South Dakota

Pre-MSU

A 6-5 transfer student out of Black Hills State, Adler finished the 2012-13 season as the Yellow Jackets' leading scorer averaging 17.1 points, to go along with an average 4.3 rebounds in 25 games... Shot 42.4% from the field and 80.8% from the free throw line, en route to receiving Second Team All-RMAC honors... Posted 32 points against South Dakota State in an exhibition contest, which included a 7-of-11 performance from beyond the arc... As a true freshman, Adler helped his team win the Dakota Athletic Conference championship and an appearance in the NAIA Tournament... As a sophomore, he averaged 7.6 points per game, while helping his squad to the "Sweet 16" of the NAIA Tournament.

High School

Was a three sport athlete at Lead/Deadwood High School in football, basketball, and track & field... Earned three All-Black Hills Conference honors in basketball, and was All-State as a junior and senior... Averaged over 20 points per game as a junior and senior.

Personal

The son of Randy and Teri Adler... Majoring in physical education.



UPCOMING GAMES

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GAMES

December 13
at Wayne State | 6:00/8:00pm
Wayne, NE

December 14
at Augustana | 4:00/6:00pm
Sioux Falls, SD

December 21
vs Concordia-St. Paul | 2:00/4:00pm
Bresnan Arena

EVENTS

Hoop It Up With The Mavericks

December 21 vs Concordia-St. Paul

Fans are invited down on the court immediately following the Men's game for 30 minutes. Interact with Men's and Women's Maverick Basketball players, get autographs, take pictures & shoot hoops!

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