

FEBRUARY 26, 2014

# NOTHING BUT NET

## MSU BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

[ 25 - 4 ]

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

[ 21 - 5 ]



#### **MSU 103    Sioux Falls 101**

It turned out to be a close encounter between #17 Minnesota State and Sioux Falls Friday evening but it was MSU that came out on top with a 103-101 victory.

The Maverick starters provided the bulk of the offense as they accounted for 95 of MSU's points. Senior Connor O'Brien notched a career-high 27 points, including a 10-of-12 showing from the field, to go along with eight rebounds, while junior Assem Marei notched his 15th career double-double with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Junior Zach Monaghan added 21 points and nine assists, while senior Tanner Adler notched 15 points. Senior Gage Wooten dropped in 11 points, while junior Zach Romashko notched eight points off the bench.

The second half saw the Mavericks maintain the lead throughout as they led by as many as 13 points. With just under two minutes to play, MSU led by nine at 99-90, but the Cougars put together a rally and pulled within one of MSU at 102-101 with 15 seconds left.

Adler went to the line for the Mavericks and hit one of his two shots to give MSU a 103-101 lead with seven seconds left. Ward brought down the rebound on Adler's second attempt and ran down court to try and tie it with a lay up, but his shot rattled out to give MSU the victory.

#### **MSU 78    Southwest MN State 66**

The #17 Minnesota State men's basketball team won its second straight Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference regular season championship Saturday as it downed Southwest Minnesota State 78-66. Minnesota State has now won four NSIC regular season championships since joining the conference back in the 2008-09 season.

Senior Tanner Adler led the MSU offense with 22 points, including a 4-of-8 showing from downtown. Junior Assem Marei added 16 points and six rebounds, while junior Zach Monaghan notched 15 points, seven assists and six rebounds. Senior Gage Wooten posted 13 points and eight rebounds as well.

The first half remained close through the first 10 minutes as the Mavericks held a five point lead at 18-13. The Mavericks built upon their lead as the led by as many as 13 points before taking a 39-29 lead into the locker room.

The Mavericks continued to control the tempo throughout the second half as they led by more than six points during the entire stanza. The Mustangs managed to get within seven of the Mavericks at 68-61 with 4:04 left in the game, but MSU held firm as it finished the game with a 78-66 victory.



#### **MSU 82    Sioux Falls 72**

The No. 20 Minnesota State women's basketball team erased a 10 point deficit at halftime to earn its 20th win of the season, prevailing 82-72 over the University of Sioux Falls.

The Mavericks jumped out to an early 13-6 lead five minutes into the contest before the Cougars embarked on a 15-2 run, opening up a 21-15 USF lead with 11:33 remaining in the first half. The Mavericks used a 9-2 run to hold a brief 24-23 lead before USF outscored them 20-9 to end the half, taking a 43-33 lead into intermission.

The Mavericks came out of the locker room firing in the second-half outscoring the cougars 32-13 in the first 10 minutes of second half to open a 65-56 lead with just over nine minutes to play. USF would come within four points, 73-69 but the Maverick offense proved too powerful as MSU was able to capture the 82-72 win.

Wilkinson paced the Mavericks with a team-high 20 points on an 8-11 (72%) showing from the field, including a 2-of-3 showing from behind the arc. Fellow senior Karlee Gengenbacher netted 16 points and Bresnahan finished with 10 points and nine rebounds.

As a unit, the Maverick shot 44% (31-71) from the field, 36% (8-22) from deep and 55% (12-22) from the charity stripe. The Cougars connected on 39% (27-69) of their shots from the field, 33% (8-24) from behind the arc and 59% (10-17) from the stripe. MSU forced 19 USF turnovers and recorded seven steals in the process.

#### **MSU 89    Southwest MN State 58**

#20 Minnesota State used an early 20-0 run to end the regular season on a 10-game winning streak as it downed Southwest Minnesota State 89-58.

The Mustangs raced out to an early 9-5 lead on senior night before the Mavericks ignited, going on a 20-0 run opening up a 25-9 lead with just over 10 minutes to play in the opening stanza. MSU forced 18 first half turnovers, recording 10 steals and scoring 18 points off of the SMSU miscues, as it took a 47-23 lead into halftime.

The Mavericks connected on 49% (27-55) if its shots from the field, 41% (9-22) from deep and 87% (26-30) of their shots from the free throw line. The Mustangs shot 43% (20-47) from the field, 42% (5-12) from deep and 81% (13-16) from the stripe. SMSU committed 24 turnovers allowing 28 Maverick points from the errors.

Gengenbacher recorded her sixth straight double-digit game, netting a team-high 16 points, while Delzotto added 12 points, five rebounds and five steals. Davis was the only other Maverick to reach double-figures, finishing with 10 points.



## PLAYER PROFILES

### #21 Tyra Johnson

Forward | 6-0 | Freshman | Apple Valley, Minnesota

#### High School

Finished third place at the Minnesota AAAA State Tournament at Eastview High School...Averaged 17 points, 5.8 rebounds, 3.1 steals, 3.1 blocked shots and 2.9 assists per game...Selected to the AAAA All-Tournament Team... Member of the North Tartan AAU basketball team, placed second at the USJN Windy City Tournament in Chicago, Ill.

### #1 Jaymeson Moten

Guard | 5-11 | Sophomore | Spicer, Minnesota

#### 2012-13

Played in 33 games for the Mavericks...Scored 105 points and passed out 37 assists...Shot 34-of-73 (.466) from the field, including a mark of 30-of-62 (.484) from beyond the arc...Tallied a career-high 14 points and five rebounds against Mount Mary (11/24)...Passed out a career-high six assists against Bethany Lutheran College (11/10).

#### Pre-MSU

Started his basketball career at the University of Texas - Pan America before transferring to Minnesota State in the winter of 2011.

#### High School

Was a three-time letterwinner in basketball and football and also earned two letters in track...Was named all-area, all-conference and all-section as a senior as well as all-state honorable mention...Was the Most Valuable Player of the MSHSL Class AA championship game.

#### Personal

Born March 18, 1993...Son of William Lacy and Shilice Doty...Intends to major in business.



## UPCOMING GAMES

# NSIC 1<sup>st</sup> Round MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women 6pm | Men 8pm



VS.



**\$0** 5 & under   **\$2** Students   **\$8** Seniors   **\$10** Adults

# WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

Johnson Alumni Room will be open for Hoops Club Members

## NCAA Central Regional Rankings

(as of Wednesday, February 26)

### Men

Rank	School	In Region	Overall
1	<b>Minnesota State (NSIC)</b>	<b>20-3</b>	<b>21-4</b>
2	Central Missouri (MIAA)	18-3	18-4
3	Northwest Missouri State (MIAA)	17-5	17-6
4	Missouri Southern State (MIAA)	14-5	16-5
5	Winona State (NSIC)	19-5	19-5
6	Fort Hays State (MIAA)	19-5	19-5
7	Arkansas Tech (GAC)	16-7	16-7
8	St. Cloud State (NSIC)	16-7	16-7
9	Central Oklahoma (MIAA)	13-7	13-7
10	Minnesota State - Moorhead (NSIC)	15-7	15-7

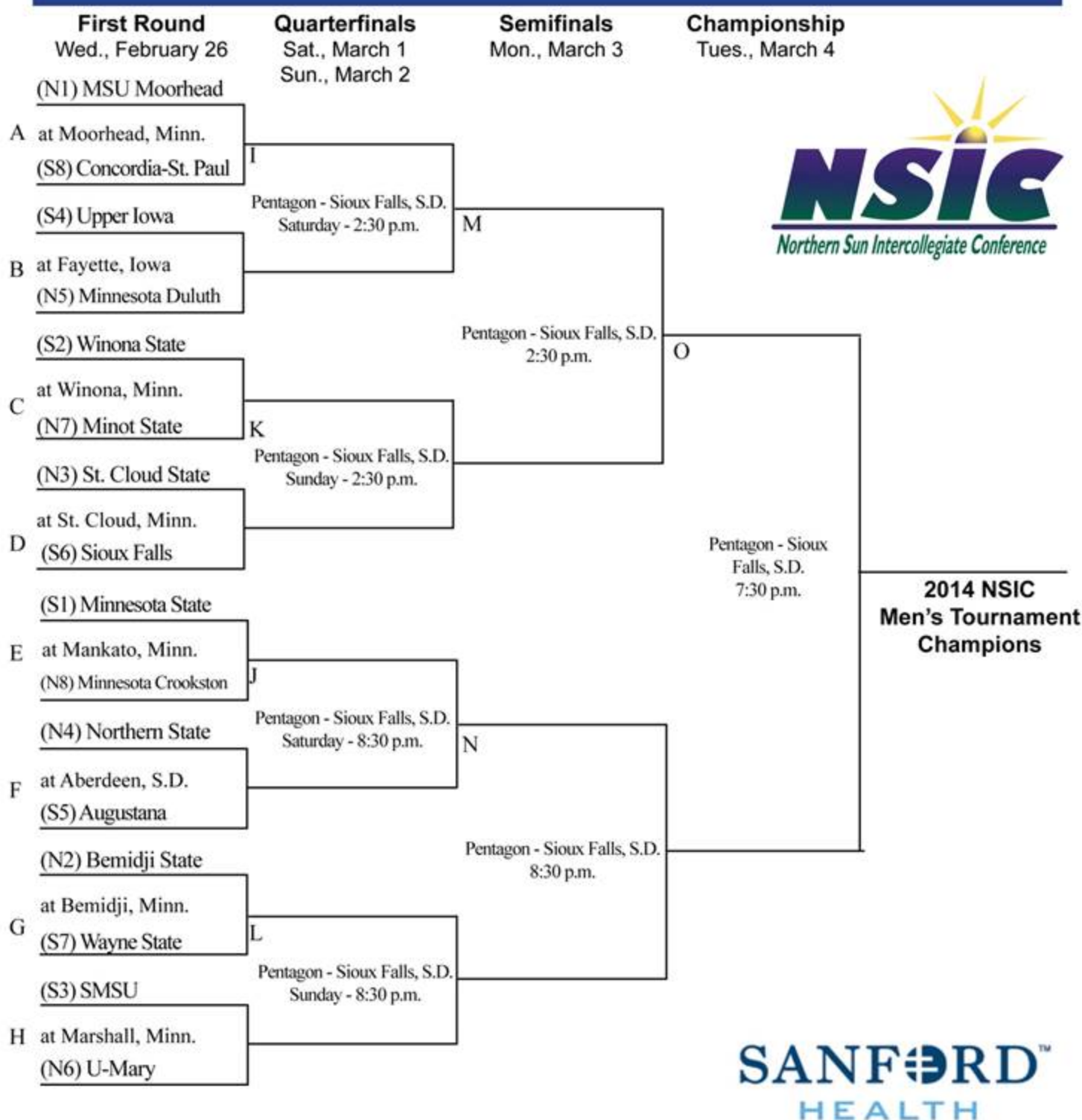
### Women

Rank	School	In Region	Overall
1	Emporia State (MIAA)	20-2	22-2
2	Harding (GAC)	21-1	24-1
3	Central Missouri (MIAA)	18-3	20-3
4	Wayne State (NSIC)	23-3	24-3
5	Pittsburg State (MIAA)	19-4	20-6
<b>6</b>	<b>Minnesota State (NSIC)</b>	<b>18-5</b>	<b>20-5</b>
7	Northern State (NSIC)	19-5	19-5
8	Concordia-St. Paul (NSIC)	19-8	20-8
9	Minot State (NSIC)	15-8	15-8
10	Fort Hays State (MIAA)	14-7	14-7



## UPCOMING GAMES

### 2014 NSIC / SANFORD HEALTH MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



### 2014 NSIC / SANFORD HEALTH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

