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## MSU BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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#### **MSU 88 University of Mary 67**

The starting five for the #22 Minnesota State men's basketball team were firing on all cylinders Friday evening in Taylor Center as they accounted for 80 of MSU's points in its 88-67 win over the University of Mary.

The MSU starting five scored 80 points on the night as they were led by junior Assem Marei, who tallied 21 points to go along with six rebounds. Marei's 9-of-9 showing from the field matched Tim Scharfenberg's mark set against St. Olaf back in 1985.

Junior Zach Monaghan dropped in 17 points and passed out eight assists, while senior Connor O'Brien added 16 points and five rebounds. Seniors Tanner Adler and Gage Wooten each tallied 13 points as well.

The first half saw the Mavericks jump out to a quick 8-0 lead in the first 1:11 of the game. MSU continued to pour it on as it led by as many as 27 points as it took a 52-28 lead into halftime.

MSU's starting five combined for 48 of MSU's 52 points in the opening frame, while shooting 82% (18-of-22) from the field. Marei paced the Maverick offense in the opening session with 14 points, including a 6-of-6 showing from the field. Adler and Monaghan each dropped in 11 points, while Wooten added seven points.

#### **MSU 105 Minot State 95**

The long range game was in full force Saturday evening in Taylor Center, but it was #22 Minnesota State that came out on top with a 105-95 win over Minot State.

The Mavericks and Beavers both utilized their long range shooting as they combined for 31 three point field goals, as the Mavericks set a new single-game record with 17 three point shots made.

Junior Zach Monaghan had a career night as he posted a career-high 31 points and 14 assists for his sixth career double-double. He finished his evening shooting 6-of-12 from behind the arc.

Senior Tanner Adler made his presence felt as well as he dropped in 21 points, while shooting 6-of-8 from three point land. Junior Assem Marei added 18 points and seven rebounds, while senior Gage Wooten notched 11 points.

Minnesota State put on a show from long range in the first half as it connected on 10-of-15 (.667) shots, while shooting 15-of-25 (.600) from the field. The Mavericks also brought down 16 rebounds and passed out 15 assists.



#### **MSU 84 University of Mary 68**

The No. 24 Minnesota State basketball team improved to 14-5 overall and 11-4 on the circuit with an 84-68 win over the University of Mary.

MSU held a 47-43 advantage on the glass, including 19 offensive rebounds, leading to 24 second-chance points. The Mavericks forced 28 Marauder turnovers and were able to net 26 points off of the U-Mary errors.

The Mavericks found themselves in a 4-0 hole after the first minute of play before they found their groove from behind the arc. MSU responded with an 16-4 run, including five straight points by senior Karlee Gengenbacher (Quincy, Ill.) opening up a 16-8 lead with 16:18 to play in the first half.

The Marauders started the second half on a 6-0 run, cutting the Maverick deficit to single digits on several different occasions before MSU pushed its lead back to 15, 69-54 with 7:40 to play, before it went on a 15-5 run opening a 77-59 lead with 4:47 remaining, going on to earn the 84-68 win.

Gengenbacher paced the Mavericks with 15 points and six rebounds, senior Ali Wilkinson (Blue Mounds, Wis.) netted 11 points, while freshman Tyra Johnson (Apple Valley, Minn.) contributed 10 points off the bench. Junior Jamie Bresnahan (Edina, Minn.) finished with a team-high seven rebounds.

#### **MSU 80 Minot State 62**

The No. 24 Minnesota State women's basketball team won its fourth-straight game as it downed Minot State 80-62, improving to 15-5 overall and 12-4 in NSIC action.

The Beavers were unable to solve the Maverick defense, as MSU forced 29 Minot State turnovers, marking the second-straight contest MSU has forced more than 28 turnovers. The Mavericks scored 37 points off of the Beaver mistakes.

All 11 Mavericks that saw the court in the opening frame made their way into the scoring column, led by senior Karlee Gengenbacher (Quincy, Ill.) and freshman Tyra Johnson (Apple Valley, Minn.) who each netted seven first-half points.

The Mavericks started the half on a 6-0 run and did not allow the Beavers to connect on a field goal for almost the first four minutes of the second half and opened up a 20 point lead, 61-41 with 13:40 to play. MSU was unable to solve the Maverick offense as MSU earned the 80-62 win.

Gengenbacher led the way with 15 points and was one of three Mavericks to reach double figures, she was joined by Johnson and senior Ali Wilkinson (Blue Mounds, Wis.) who finished with 11 points and 10 points, respectively.

## PLAYER PROFILES



### #45 McKenzie Hoelmenn

Center | 6-2 | Sophomore | Lakeville, Minnesota

#### Pre-MSU

Played in 28 games, starting 10 for Northern Illinois... Netted 70 points (2.5 per game) and hauled in 63 rebounds (2.3 per game) while registering seven blocks and thirteen steals.

#### High School

Earned three varsity letters for her efforts on the hardwood in addition to being named team captain for her junior and senior campaigns for Lakeville North... Helped the Panthers to three straight conference championships... Received all-conference honorable mention for her efforts during her junior and senior campaigns.

#### Personal

Daughter of John and Kim Hoelmenn... Majoring in nursing.



### #5 Lucas Brown

Guard | 6-5 | Junior | Roseville, Minnesota

#### 2012-13

Played in all of MSU's 33 games... Connected on 54-of-90 (.600) shots from the field... Brought down 81 rebounds... Tallied 22 steals and 16 assists... Scored 128 points for an average of 3.9 points per game... Posted a career-high 12 points at Minnesota Duluth (1/19)... Notched a career-high eight rebounds against Mount Mary (11/24).

#### Pre-MSU

Played in seven games for the Terriers of Wofford University last year before transferring to Minnesota State.

#### High School


Four-year letterman at guard for Roseville Area High School... Averaged 18.5 points per game in 26 games as a senior... Was one of five finalists for 2011 Minnesota Mr. Basketball and honorable mention all-state... As a junior he averaged 17 points per game and earned all-conference and honorable mention all-state honors... Holds school records for points in a game and steals in a season.

#### Personal


Born Feb. 18, 1993... Son of Joel and Ellen Brown... His father Joel played football at the University of Minnesota and his mother Ellen played basketball for the Golden Gophers where she was an All-Big Ten selection.

## UPCOMING GAMES

February 7  
vs. SMSU | 6:00/8:00pm  
Bresnan Arena

Game Presented by:  NATIONAL GUARD

February 8  
vs. Sioux Falls | 4:00/6:00pm  
Bresnan Arena

Game Presented by:  Pizza Ranch

## EVENTS

### It's a Slam Dunk -- Don't Drive Drunk

February 7 & 8

Fans have the opportunity this weekend to make a pledge to NOT drive drunk!

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