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# NOTHING BUT NET

## MSU BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

### Congratulations to Maverick Men's Basketball NSIC Regular Season & Conference Champions!



#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

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#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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#### NSIC Tournament - First Round

##### **MSU 76 Minnesota-Crookston 60**

Minnesota State men's basketball team opened the first round of the NSIC Tournament Wednesday in decisive fashion as it defeated the Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagles 76-60.

The Mavericks saw a trio of players reach double figures, including junior Assem Marei, who tallied his 16th career double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds, to go along with five blocks. Senior Tanner Adler notched a team-high 19 points, while senior Gage Wooten posted 14 points and nine rebounds.

As a team, MSU shot 42.4% from the field. The Mavericks controlled the boards as they brought down 47 rebounds compared to 36 for the Golden Eagles. The Mavericks also posted 12 blocks, matching their previous single-game record set against MSU-Moorhead back in the 2004-05 season.

#### NSIC Tournament - Quarterfinals

##### **MSU 78 Augustana 63**

Minnesota State men's basketball team had things working Saturday evening as it defeated Augustana 78-63 for the third time this season in the second round of the NSIC Tournament.

The MSU offense was led by senior Gage Wooten who posted a career-high 32 points, while shooting 13-of-18 from the field. His 32 points are the most by a Maverick in a single game since Jake Morrow tallied 32 points against Minnesota Duluth back in the 2007-08 season.

Junior Assem Marei added 18 points and eight rebounds, while junior Zach Monaghan netted 16 points and passed out eight assists.

As a team, MSU shot 30-of-56 (.536) from the field, to go along with 15 assists and nine steals.

#### NSIC Tournament - Semifinals

##### **MSU 68 Southwest Minnesota State 57**

Minnesota State men's basketball team put together a strong second half Monday evening as the Mavericks defeated Southwest Minnesota State 68-57 in the third round of the NSIC Tournament.

Once again, senior Gage Wooten led the Maverick offense as he notched a game-high 21 points, to go along with nine rebounds. Senior Tanner Adler dropped in 18 points, on a 6-of-13 showing from behind the arc, while Connor O'Brien tallied 14 points and eight rebounds.

Junior Assem Marei brought down a team-high 10 rebounds, while junior Zach Monaghan passed out a game-high 11 assists.

MSU finished the game shooting 39.7% from the field (23-of-58). The Mavericks also made their presence felt on the glass as they outrebounded the Mustangs 44-32.

#### NSIC Tournament - Championship

##### **MSU 75 Winona State 66**

The #14 Minnesota State men's basketball team won its second straight NSIC Tournament championship Tuesday as it downed Winona State 75-66. With the win, MSU improves to 29-4, while WSU falls to 26-7. MSU's 29 wins set a new single-season record for wins in a season.

Three Mavericks received NSIC All-Tournament honors for their efforts including junior Zach Monaghan, junior Assem Marei and senior Gage Wooten. Monaghan received tournament MVP honors as well.

Monaghan led all scorers with 24 points, to go along with five assists. Senior Connor O'Brien notched his 15th career double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds, while Marei posted his 17th career double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

As a team, MSU shot 52.1% (25-of-48) from the field. The Mavericks also brought down 45 rebounds and registered eight blocks.

#### NSIC Tournament - First Round

##### **MSU 106 Minnesota-Crookston 63**

Minnesota State women's basketball made slight work of Minnesota Crookston in the opening round of the NSIC Tournament earning the 106-63 win.

Collectively, the Mavericks finished the game connecting on 52% (35-67) from the field, 50% (13-26) from deep and 85% (23-27) from the stripe and committed 12 turnovers. The Golden Eagles shot 38% (22-58) from the field, 41% (7-17) from deep and 92% (12-13) from the charity stripe. MSU recorded 18 steals and scored 31 points off of the UMC turnovers.

Wilkinson led the Mavericks with a season-high 31 points and seven rebounds and was joined in double figures by Olson and Bresnahan finished with 15 points and 12 points, respectively.

#### NSIC Tournament - Quarterfinals

##### **MSU 95 University of Mary 71**

The No. 19 Minnesota State women's basketball team used a 58 point first half as it downed the University of Mary 95-71, improving to 23-5 on the season and extending its winning streak to 12 games. The Marauders' season comes to an end with a 17-10 record.

Davis paced the Mavericks with 20 points and was one of five Mavericks to net double-digit points. Wilkinson finished the game with 19 points, junior Lexie Ulfers added 15 points off of the bench, Bresnahan added 12 points and nine rebounds, while Gengenbacher rounded out the top-scorers, finishing with 11 points.

As a unit, the Mavericks connected on 44% (34-78) of their shots from the field, 33% (6-18) from behind the arc and 89% (21-24) from the charity stripe. The Marauders connected on 37% (23-62) of their field goals, 31% (6-19) from behind the arc and 70% (19-27) from the free throw line. U-Mary committed 24 turnovers compared to 13 by the Mavericks. MSU recorded 13 steals and scored 28 points off of the Marauder turnovers.

#### NSIC Tournament - Semifinals

##### **MSU 56 Northern State 57**

The No. 19 Minnesota State women's basketball found itself down one point with less than 15 seconds to play, but the Mavericks were unable to score the go-ahead bucket as time expired, falling to Northern State 57-56.

The Mavericks were led by Wilkinson who led the way with 14 points and six rebounds. Bresnahan was the only other Maverick to reach double-figures, finishing with 11 points.

Collectively, the Mavericks connected on 35% (20-57) of their shots from the field, 14% (2-14) from behind the arc and 78% (14-18) from the charity stripe. The Wolves shot 42% (22-53) from the field, 20% (2-10) from behind the arc and 73% (11-15) from the free throw line. MSU was plus five in the turnover column, while NSU held a six rebound advantage on the glass.



## PLAYER PROFILES



### #10 Sammie Delzotto

Guard | 5-10 | Freshman | Eagan, Minnesota

#### High School

Earned a total of six varsity letters in her time at Eagan High School... Two sport athlete, competing in basketball and track and field. Averaged 9.8 points and 4.5 rebounds per game through three full seasons under head coach Liz Carpenter for the Wildcats.

#### Personal

Daughter of Todd Delzotto and Patty Kelly Delzotto... Majoring in exercise science.



### #10 TJ Lake

Guard | 5-11 | Freshman | Peosta, Iowa

#### High School

Was a three-year starter during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons at Western Dubuque High School... Helped his team to a record of 65-10 during the three seasons he started, including a 22-1 record his senior season... Averaged 8.5 points per game his sophomore season and was named second team all-conference... Named first team all-state and first team all-conference during his junior and senior seasons... Averaged 17.8 points per game his junior season and was named to the state all-tournament team... Tallied 19.6 points per game his senior season and finished his career with 1,117 points.

#### Personal

The son of Jeff and Colleen Lake... Born September 23, 1994... Currently undecided on a major.

## NEWS

### NCAA Central Regional Rankings

(as of Wednesday, March 5)

#### Men

<u>Rank</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>In Region</u>	<u>Overall</u>
1	Central Missouri (MIAA)	20-3	20-4
<b>2</b>	<b>Minnesota State (NSIC)</b>	<b>22-3</b>	<b>23-4</b>
3	Missouri Southern State (MIAA)	16-5	18-5
4	Northwest Missouri State (MIAA)	18-6	18-7
5	Winona State (NSIC)	21-5	21-5
6	Fort Hays State (MIAA)	20-6	20-6
7	Arkansas Tech (GAC)	19-7	19-7
8	Washburn (MIAA)	12-9	14-9
9	Minnesota State - Moorhead (NSIC)	17-7	17-7
10	Arkansas-Monticello (GAC)	14-8	15-9

#### Women

<u>Rank</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>In Region</u>	<u>Overall</u>
1	Harding (GAC)	24-1	26-1
2	Emporia State (MIAA)	20-3	22-3
3	Central Missouri (MIAA)	20-3	22-3
4	Wayne State (NSIC)	24-4	25-4
5	Pittsburg State (MIAA)	21-4	22-6
<b>6</b>	<b>Minnesota State (NSIC)</b>	<b>20-5</b>	<b>22-5</b>
7	Northern State (NSIC)	21-5	21-5
8	Concordia-St. Paul (NSIC)	21-8	22-8
9	Fort Hays State (MIAA)	16-7	16-7
10	Missouri Southern State (MIAA)	16-7	16-7

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### Basketball Selection Show

*Sunday, March 9*

The public is invited to the 2014 Basketball Selection Show on Sunday, March 9th. There will be a social hour in Johnson Alumni Room at 8:00pm with food and refreshments, followed by the selection show at 9:00pm in TC-80.