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Sports

MSU's Gohl named DII Coach of the Year

MANKATO — Minnesota State's interim head coach Pam Gohl has been named the Molten/Women's Division II Bulletin coach of the year, by smallcollegehoops.com.

Gohl led the Mavericks to a 32-2 record and the NCAA national championship. Minnesota State was ranked No. 1 in Division II for two weeks and earned its first conference championship since the 1985-86 season.

Minnesota State was rated first in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference preseason poll, with senior guard Heather Johnson being named the preseason player of the year. Johnson was also named to the All-Northern Sun team, along with senior forward Alex Andrews and senior guard Jo Noreen. Johnson was named the Northern Sun's most outstanding player, while Gohl was named the conference's coach of the year.

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Andrews, Johnson and Noreen were named to the All-Central Region team and All-Elite Eight team, with Johnson garnering the most valuable player award for both tournaments.



Pam Gohl

Johnson and Noreen also earned All-American honorable mentions. Minnesota State set many records this season, including most wins and longest winning streak to

open a season (17). The Mavericks also set records for points scored (2,763) and points per game (81.3).

Euerle to Hall

Retiring Mankato West athletic director Sharon Euerle has been selected for the Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame. Euerle has been the activities

director at West since 1989 and has won numerous awards, including the Marie Berg Award for Excellence and Education, the Minnesota State Athletic Directors Distinguished Service Award, the Region 2AA and State AA Athletic Director of the Year Awards.

Euerle is already in the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Mavericks become 'Dogs

Junior pitcher Josh Castanza and sophomore outfielder Danny Miller from the Minnesota State baseball team will be playing with the Mankato MoonDogs of the Northwoods League this summer.

Castanza, a left-hander from Safety Harbor, Fla., is returning for his third summer with the MoonDogs. He holds the team record for most games pitched with 55.

Last season for the MoonDogs, Castanza appeared in 23 games,

finishing with a 2-0 record, one save and a 2.12 earned-run average over 34 innings. Opposing batters hit .183, and he had 34 strikeouts. At Minnesota State, he's 0-2 with a 10.38 ERA in seven relief appearances.

Miller has started 22 games for the Mavericks, batting .371 average with five doubles, two triples, two home runs and 13 RBI.

The MoonDogs' home opener is scheduled for Friday, May 29.

GA's Klein honored

Gustavus Adolphus senior outfielder Emily Klein has been named the MIAC co-player of the week in softball.

Klein hit .447 with five doubles and stole six bases to help the Gusties post an 8-2 record of 8-2 on their spring-break trip. Klein had at least one hit in all 10 games with five multiple-hit games.

Klein leads the team in batting average (.479), slugging percent-

age (.750) and on-base percentage (.519) in 14 games. The Gusties are 11-3.

Klein shares the award with St. Thomas outfielder Alison Wright.

Hollerman keeps rolling

Rose Hollerman, a seventh-grader from Elysian Middle School, played on two wheelchair basketball teams from the Courage Center that each won their respective national championship in Denver, Colo., last week.

The first team, the Jr. Rolling Timberwolves of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, won their second straight NWBA Varsity Division Championship by defeating the San Diego Hammer 51-50.

The second team, the Rolling Rowdies, won the championship in the prep division, which includes players ages 6-12. Hollerman was named the female most valuable player of the prep division.