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at Lynx game

# Sports

## Mavericks to be recognized at Lynx game

**MANKATO** — The Division II national champion Minnesota State women's basketball team will be recognized at a Minnesota Lynx game on Friday, Aug. 7.

The Mavericks, who completed the 2008-09 campaign with a 32-2 record and won its first NCAA D-II championship March 27, will appear at the Lynx game vs. Connecticut. It is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

The contest will feature

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a special recognition ceremony for the MSU team and coaching staff on the court.

The Lynx are offering a special ticket package for the game with a \$30 lower level game ticket for \$15 per person. Add an Old Home meal deal featuring hot dog, chips, pop, and Pom100 yogurt for a total cost of \$20 per person.

For a complete seating chart and additional Lynx information, log on to

lynxbasketball.com.

### Collins cancer benefit

The friends and family of Matt Collins and Teresa (Rohlfing) Collins are planning a benefit for 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 26 at the Le Center American Legion.

Matt Collins, a 2009 Le Center High School graduate, was diagnosed with Pre B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on Feb. 19. Since then Matt and Teresa have been either at Methodist Hospital or the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.

To help defray costs and lost wages, the benefit has been planned in his honor. Many local businesses have helped by providing silent auction items, big drawing items. A goodwill dinner will be served with silent auction and drawings held throughout the event.

Matt has been accepted at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter to play football this fall.

There will be three live auctions at 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. For a complete list of donated prizes go to [www.cityoflecenter.com](http://www.cityoflecenter.com) and click on the Matt Collins Benefit link.

To read about Collins go to his [caringbridge.org/visit/mattcollins](http://caringbridge.org/visit/mattcollins) site at [caringbridge.org/visit/mattcollins](http://caringbridge.org/visit/mattcollins).

### MoonDogs rated 13th

National recognition has come for the Mankato MoonDogs as they are enjoying perhaps the best summer in franchise history. The MoonDogs are ranked 13th in the latest Perfect Game-Crosschecker summer college rankings that were released last week.

The MoonDogs were one

of three Northwoods League teams ranked in the top 25, as La Crosse came in at ninth and Rochester came in at 14th.

The MoonDogs won the first half and qualified for the Northwoods League playoffs. The 'Dogs will also send six players to this week's all-star game in Thunder Bay.

Those players include Ryan Demmin (UW-Oshkosh), James Wise (Washington State), Tim Griffin (Rollins), Danny Miller (Minnesota State), Kyle Knudson (Minnesota) and KC Serna (Oregon).