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Mavericks Announce 2008-09 Team Awards **Junior Brady Wilson Named Most Valuable Wrestler**

Mankato, Minn. — The Minnesota State wrestling team named the recipients of its team awards at the annual Wrestling Awards Banquet held Saturday, May 2. The 2008-09 award winners are listed below.

Brady Wilson (Jr., 285, Fairbault, Minn.) --- *Most Valuable Wrestler* and *Maverick Wrestling Coaches Award (Leadership on and off the mat)* --- Wilson capped off his junior season with a 33-4 record and his third All-American honor after placing a career-best, third-place at the NCAA Championships. He entered nationals as the #2-ranked wrestler in the nation after finishing first at the NCAA Super Regional Three. Wilson was named *NSIC Wrestler of the Week*, Dec. 24. He owns a 110-20 career record.

Andy Forstner (So., 125, Medelia, Minn.) --- *Mavericks Hardest Worker, Most Improved Wrestler* and *Co-Purple Heart Award (Exhibits the most courage)* --- Forstner finished with a 30-13 record and earned his first All-American status of his career, closing his first trip to nationals with a sixth-place finish. He entered nationals as the seventh-ranked wrestler in the nation after winning the NCAA Regional. He holds a 40-17 career record.

John Putman (Sr., 141, Oak Lawn, Ill.) --- *Co-Purple Heart Award (Exhibits the most courage)* --- Putman completed his senior season with a 23-9 record and posted a 57-30 career record. He made his second NCAA Championships appearance this season and entered the event as the #7 wrestler in the nation. Putman earned fourth-place (the highest of his career) for his efforts in the national tournament, only losing his first and last matches to the #1 and #2-ranked wrestlers, respectively. His placing earned him his second All-American honor of his career. Putman was named *NSIC Wrestler of the Week*, Feb. 9.

Patrick Mahan (So., 197, Owatonna, Minn.) --- *Top Newcomer Award* --- Mahan completed his first season as a Maverick with a 22-11 record. Mahan made his first trip to nationals this season, posting a 1-2 record. He entered the tournament as the #6 wrestler in the nation after capturing the NCAA Regional title.

Tel Todd (Fr., 165, Bozeman, Mont.) --- *Top Academic Performer* --- Todd posted a 13-12 record in 2008-09, his first season as a Maverick. He excelled in the classroom with a 4.0 grade point average for his third straight semester. He is a human biology major.

The Mavericks completed the 2008-09 season with a 12-4 dual meet record and finished third at the NCAA DII Championships. MSU finished first in the Super Regional Three and were ranked #2 in the country heading into the national meet. The Mavericks were crowned Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference champions with a perfect 7-0 record, marking the 11th conference championship in program history. MSU also finished third at the Cliff Keen National Dual Meet Championship.

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