



# Sports

## No. 3 MSU rolls to win against Northern State

Maverick wrestlers jump out to 18-0 lead en route to 36-9 triumph

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**ABERDEEN, S.D.** — The Minnesota State University wrestling team won its second straight dual meet Sunday, downing the Northern State Wolves 36-9 at Wacshs Arena.

The Mavericks, ranked third in the nation in Division II, jumped to an 18-0 lead after the first three bouts and cruised to the easy victory. Fourth-ranked Andy Pickar started things off for MSU by pinning Shawn Lewis in 2:05 at 165 pounds.

Teammate Tim Matheson followed with a fall in 56 seconds over Brunau Augustin at 174 pounds and third-ranked Travis Krinkie picked up a win by forfeit at 184. After Todd Naasz put Northern State on the board with a 4-2 decision over Tom Block at 197, MSU's third-ranked Brady Wilson stuck Jared Little in 1:10 at heavyweight.

The much anticipated 125-pound bout between Northern State's seventh-ranked Chas Welch and MSU's second-ranked Nick Smith never happened. Smith tweaked his ankle in practice last week and was held out of the meet. Welch was awarded a win by forfeit.

Leading 24-9, MSU won out the rest of the way. Both Travis Elg (141) and seventh-ranked Brandon Girtz (157) won two-point decisions for the Mavericks.

The loss drops Northern



Minnesota State wrestlers Andy Pickar (top), Tim Matheson (middle) and Brady Wilson each delivered pins on Sunday during a nonconference dual meet at Northern State University in South Dakota. Matheson had the fastest fall of the meet, sticking his man in 56 seconds at 174 pounds. The Mavericks improved their record to 2-0 after posting a 36-9 win over the Wolves.

State to 1-3. The Wolves wrestle a nonconference dual at St. Cloud State on Saturday.

MSU improves to 2-0 and competes in the National Duals at Cedar Falls, Iowa, the same weekend.

"We had some guys with nagging injuries that we held out," Mavericks coach Jim Makovsky said. "We want to be as healthy as we can for the national duals.

"But the back-ups we had in there wrestled pretty well for us. That's a good sign our depth is coming along."