



# Sports

## Pickar leads Mavs to 4th at nationals

**KEARNEY, NEB.** — Andy Pickar turned in a runner-up performance Saturday, leading the Minnesota State University wrestling team to a fourth-place finish at the 2007 NCAA Division II Championships.

In the 165-pound semifinal, Pickar faced Western State College's Zach Lee, the only wrestler to defeat Pickar this season. Pickar's reversal in the second period was enough as he grabbed a 2-1 win. In his first finals appearance, Pickar faced Chadron State's Brett Hunter and was pinned at the 2:37 mark of the first period. Pickar, now an All-American in both his seasons as a Maverick, finished his junior year 23-2.

At 149 pounds, Jason Rhoten (34-9) was pinned in the semifinals but won his next two matches to claim third place. Rhoten earned a 6-4 decision over Michael Delk and claimed an 11-1 major decision victory over Shea Timothy of Central Oklahoma in the third-place match. Rhoten is now a three-time All-American.

Freshman heavyweight Brady Wilson (42-10) earned



MSU's Andy Pickar earned All-American status with his second-place finish in the 165-pound division.

a 9-1 victory over Jason Groller of Shippensburg to grab fifth place.

Four-time All-American Travis Krinkie faced Western State's Charlie Pipher and grabbed a 12-3 major decision to secure a seventh place finish. Krinkie finished his final year 25-11 and became the sixth Maverick to achieve four-time All-American status.

MSU's 157-pound Brandon Girtz started his day with a double-overtime loss but in the seventh-place match Girtz earned a 10-8 decision over Kyle Trout of MSU-Moorhead. It was his first All-American showing.

The Mavericks have now finished in the top five nationally for three straight seasons. It also marks head coach Jim Makovsky's fourth top-five finish at MSU.