



Sports

Mavs go 2-0 to open National Duals

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA — Ahead by a point four matches into the dual, unseeded Minnesota State rattled off four straight wins to clinch a spot in the semifinals of the NCWA National Duals with a 27-11 win against thirteenth-ranked West Liberty State Saturday in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Three of MSU's wins came from Tel Todd (165 pounds), Ben Becker (174) and Aaron Norgren (184) — each of whom won his match in the first-round of a 23-16 victory against seventh-ranked

MSU roundup

Western State.

Todd won a 17-2 technical fall and Norgren got a pin (4:08) in the Western State dual for the 11th-rated Mavericks.

The Mavericks' Andy Forstner (125 pounds) began the West Liberty dual with a 16-1 tech fall and heavy-weight Brady Wilson capped the victory with a pin in 2:59. Robby Fischer earned a 14-1 major decision at 141 pounds.

MSU — which stays undefeated in duals at 3-0 — faces top-ranked and top-seeded Nebraska-Omaha in the semifinals at 11 a.m. today. The winner wrestles for the championship and the loser wrestles for third place. Both matches are at 3 p.m.

Women's basketball

Ana Wurtz scored 28 points as Winona State downed the Mavericks 77-64 in a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference game Saturday at McCown Gymnasium in Winona.

Liz Trauger led MSU with 21 points and shot 53 percent from the field. Tiffany Moe scored 18 points and finished with five assists for MSU.

Laura Weber led MSU's with eight rebounds to go with her eight points. Sarah Wiens finished with six assists.

After a 41-percent shooting performance in the first half, the Mavericks shot just 33 percent from the field and went 3 for 17 from 3-point range after halftime.

The Mavericks (9-5, 4-3) host Concordia-St. Paul

Friday and St. Cloud State Saturday. Both games are scheduled for 6 p.m. starts at Bresnan Arena.

Women's hockey

The Mavericks fell to WCHA opponent Bemidji State 3-0 Saturday in Bemidji, despite outshooting the Beavers 37-29.

BSU got on the board early when Erin Johnson put the puck past MSU goaltender Alli Altmann just 3:17 into the game. Annie Bauerfield put the Beavers up 2-0 on the power play 33 seconds later.

BSU scored another power-play goal in the second period, this time by Keirstin Visser with 32 seconds left.

Altmann finished with 26 saves and stopped all 12 shots she faced in the third period. Ashley Young led MSU's offense with six shots on goal.

MSU (4-11-5, 2-9-5-3 in WCHA) faces Ohio State in a two-game series this weekend at All Seasons Arena. Friday's game starts at 7:07 p.m. and the puck drops at 3:07 p.m. Saturday.