

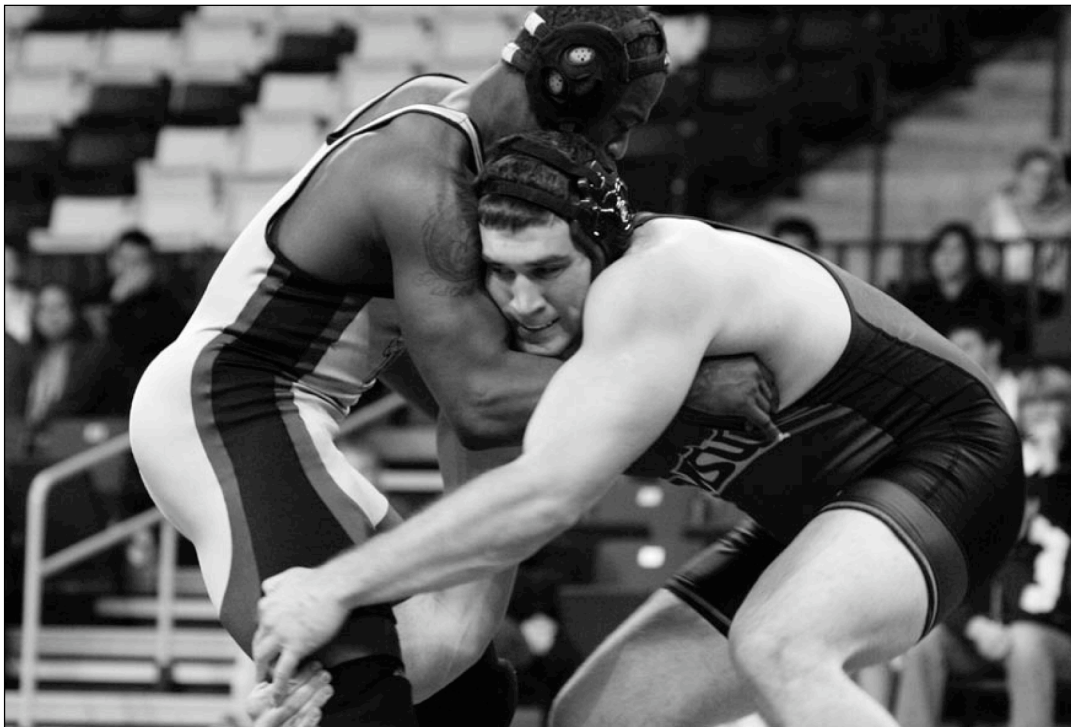
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Mavericks take third in National Duals

Behind a 36-10 win over Gannon State, MSU turns heads in Iowa



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Senior Brady Wilson had a 2-1 victory against third-ranked Elijah Madison in MSU's third place match.

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The Minnesota State wrestling team saw their season heat up over the weekend when they had their first dual match of the season. The No. 12 ranked Mavericks traveled to Cedar Falls, Iowa to compete in the NWCA National Duals where they would take on four opponents. MSU was able to come away from the tournament with three team victories leading to a third place finish in the tournament.

Mavericks coach Jim Makovsky said earlier in the year that it may

take this group until January to show what kind of team they are going to be. The Mavericks proved they are a resilient group but still have a ways to go before they can match

with a team like Nebraska-Omaha who handed MSU their only defeat of the tournament.

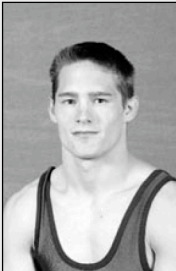
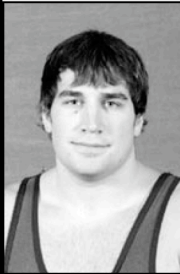
“Omaha has a great program,” said Makovsky. “We have a great rivalry with them.”

If the Mavericks are going to contend with Nebraska-Omaha this year they will need to improve at many key spots. The middle weights struggled against Nebraska-Omaha losing five straight matches. One of the few bright

spots of the match was the performances by Seniors Travis Elg and Brady Wilson.

The two returning All-Americans continued to show why they are among the country’s best. Elg won at 149 pounds getting the Mavericks their first points. Wilson defeated No. 3 ranked Elijah Madison 2-1 to close out the match. Wilson is the top ranked heavy weight and is making a strong case that this could be his year to be a National champion.

Despite a tough loss, the Mavericks showed they can bounce back after losing their first match of the season and

MAKING A NATIONAL IMPACT	
125 POUNDS	
ANDY FORSTNER	
FOURTH IN NATION	
5-4 RECORD	
	285 POUNDS
	BRADY WILSON
	FIRST IN NATION
	7-4 RECORD
<i>The Mavericks (4-1) are ranked No. 12 in the nation</i>	