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## Mavericks down CSU-Bakersfield for seventh-straight win

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### BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. —

The Minnesota State University men's basketball team delivered its seventh consecutive victory Thursday by downing California State-Bakersfield 82-70. The win gave the Mavericks the championship of the 2005 Roadrunner Classic and improved their overall record to 11-3.

Junior forward Luke Anderson, who was named the Most Valuable Player of the 24th-annual tournament, scored 17 points to MSU. He also had seven rebounds and

four assists in 34 minutes of playing time.

Junior guard Tony Thomason scored a team-high 18 points for the Mavericks and had four steals. He joined Anderson on the All-Roadrunner Classic Team at the end of the competition.

Also reaching double-digits in scoring for MSU were junior guard Paris Kyles (12 points, five rebounds) and senior forward Rueben Trotter (10 points, four rebounds). Senior center Chris Whitfield added a game-best four blocked shots along with six points and five rebounds.

For the Roadrunners, guard Dwuan Rice led all scorers with 19 points, including making 4 of 10 3-pointers, and dishing out a game-high five assists. Center Demetrius Orme had a double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Forward Antonio Griffin also grabbed 13 rebounds along with 14 points.

MSU limited Cal State-Bakersfield to just 38.7-percent shooting from the floor while making 49.2 percent of its shots. The Mavericks also forced 20 turnovers and committed just 12 themselves. Minnesota State also scored 46

points in the paint, compared to just 18 for CSUB.

Minnesota State is back in action Thursday when it opens North Central Conference play by hosting Minnesota-Duluth. MSU and the Bulldogs will get underway at 8 p.m. in Bresnan Arena.



MSU junior Luke Anderson (left) scored 17 points in the championship game of the Roadrunner Classic in Bakersfield, Calif. Teammate Tony Thomason, also a junior, scored 18 points. Anderson was named tournament MVP and both men made the All-Roadrunner Classic team. The Mavericks defeated California State-Bakersfield for the title.

**MINNESOTA STATE (11-3) 82**  
Anderson 6-19 4-5 17, Trotter 4-5 2-2 10, Whitfield 3-4 0-0 6, Thomason 6-9 5-8 18, Kyles 4-10 4-6 12, Morrow 2-5 2-4 7, Gosson 1-2 0-0 2, Van Cleave 3-3 0-0 7, Corey Easley 1-4 1-1 3. Totals 30-61, 18-26 82.  
**CAL STATE-BAKERSFIELD (6-2) 70**  
Griffin 4-13 4-7 14, Grasmick 2-3 0-0 6, Orme 6-12 5-5 18, Rice 7-19 1-2 19, Harding 3-7 1-3 7, Pardo 2-4 0-0 4, Solo 0-3 0-0 0, Darius 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 24-62 13-19 70.  
**Halftime—MSU 40, Cal State-Bakersfield 35. 3-point goals—MSU 4-14 (Anderson 1-5, Thomason 1-3, Morrow 1-2, Van Cleave 1-1, Easley 0-2), CSUB 9-26 (Griffin 2-5, Grasmick 2-3, Orme 1-3, Rice 4-10, Harding 0-1, Darius 2-2). Fouled out—Orme (CSUB). Rebounds—MSU 36 (Anderson 7), CSUB 43 (Griffin 13, Orme 13). Assists—MSU 15 (Anderson 4), CSUB 16 (Rice 5).**