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High-scoring Senators  
decimate Wild



## Mavs finish second at national duals

**CEDAR FALLS, IOWA** — The Nos. 1 and 2 teams in NCAA Division II battled for the championship Sunday at the NWCA National Duals.

No. 1-rated Nebraska-Omaha took on second-ranked Minnesota State University with UNO grabbing a 20-10 victory. Nebraska-Omaha won seven of the 10 matches.

The most decisive win of the meet came at 184 pounds where MSU's sixth-rated senior John Koons trounced fifth-ranked Nate Oviatt for an 11-0 major decision. All the other matches were decided by regular decision.

MSU's first win came at 165 pounds with sophomore Andy Pickar slipping past No. 3-



The Mavericks' Andy Pickar (left) and John Koons were the only two-time winners Sunday in the semifinals and finals of the NWCA National Duals in Cedar Falls.

ranked Ross Taplin 9-7. Minnesota State's final win came at 197 where junior Ben Janike of Waseca shutout Nick

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Edmonds 5-0.

MSU lost three other matches by one point. Blue Earth native Jeff Pfaffinger dropped a 3-2 decision at 133 pounds, Travis Puig lost an 8-7 decision at 149 and Matt Bitz came out on the short end of a 1-0 score at 157.

The MSU loss followed a 21-15 win over sixth-ranked Ashland in the semifinals. Minnesota State won six matches in the dual.

The MSU winners were Pfaffinger at 133, Brandon Girtz at 149, Bitz at 157, Pickar at 165, Koons at 184 and Tim Kraemer at 285.

Pickar had the most decisive MSU win, pinning Eric Lalka in 1:52.

Minnesota State (5-1) is back in action Saturday at the East Coast Duals in Shippensburg, Penn.

### SEMIFINAL

Minnesota State 21, Ashland University 15  
125—Mike Compton (AU) pinned Nick Smith 6:02; 133—Jeff Pfaffinger (MSU) dec. Jesse Emery 7-2; 141—Zach Melssner (AU) dec. Zach Stevens 10-4; 149—Brandon Girtz (MSU) dec. Marcus Gordon 7-4; 157—Matt Bitz (MSU) dec. Pete Cambud 0-3-1; 165—Andy Pickar (MSU) pinned Eric Lalka 1:52; 174—Clint Carmony (AU) dec. Tim Matheson 9-5; 184—John Koons (MSU) dec. Matt Allen 6-2; 197—Ryan Kirst (AU) dec. Ben Janike 7-6; 285—Tim Kraemer (MSU) dec. Josh Chi 3-2.

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Nebraska-Omaha 20, Minnesota State 10  
125—Cody Garcia (UNO) dec. Nick Smith 6-1; 133—Dan Hirano (UNO) dec. Jeff Pfaffinger 3-2; 141—Mitch Waite (UNO) dec. Zach Stevens 9-3; 149—Shane Unger (UNO) dec. Travis Puig 8-7; 157—Patrick Allbone (UNO) dec. Matt Bitz 1-0; 165—Andy Pickar (MSU) dec. Ross Taplin 9-7; 174—J.D. Walig (UNO) dec. Tim Matheson 9-3; 184—John Koons (MSU) dec. Nate Oviatt 11-0; 197—Ben Janike (MSU) dec. Nick Edmonds 5-0; 285—Les Sigman (UNO) dec. Tim Kraemer 5-1.