

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Volleyball, soccer and football highlight the MSU fall season and they all have high expectations to do one thing — win.

Football

It has been nearly two weeks since the Minnesota State football team began training camp. On Monday, the Mavericks were able to enjoy their first day off, something that head coach Todd Hoffner said his guys deserved.

“It’s been a tough camp,” said Hoffner. “We’ve worked the players pretty hard.”

Hoffner likes the competitiveness he has seen from his players early on. That is always important when filling voids from starters who graduated last year.

There is no questioning the talent of the 98 players who stepped on the field Aug. 12 for

the first day of practice. This makes many position battles interesting, as each player is trying to make it impossible for the coaches not to send them to the field on game day.

“All positions are always open on a competitive basis,” Hoffner said.

There are a few positions that will be interesting to keep an eye on before the Mavericks’ first game Sept. 2. A lot of these positions will revolve around the offense, since the Mavericks have lost 10 starters from last season.

Hoffner said he has been pleased with the play of the quarterbacks so far in practice. Senior Steve Pachan proved he could put up big numbers last

season and he was named to the All-NSIC honorable mention team for it. Pachan then had a strong spring and that seems to have carried over to this summer.

The Mavericks are looking to see who can fill the backup slot behind Pachan and possibly take over after this season. Will Brogan is a gifted quarterback who may see some playing time this year if Pachan struggles. The Mavericks also have freshman Jon Wolf, who has been impressive throughout camp. Wolf has shown flashes of incredible athleticism and is one of a couple newcomers who Hoffner says could see playing time this year.