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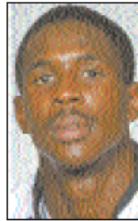
Mankato Loyola cruises
to victory over St. Clair



Minnesota State at Upper Iowa

1 p.m. today, Eischeid Stadium, KTOE 1420-AM: The Mavericks (1-6) play their final nonconference game today at Fayette, Iowa, against Upper Iowa University (2-5), a Division II independent program that will join the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in 2006. Last season, in the first game ever between the programs, Minnesota State won 38-0. The teams have one common opponent, and both lost home games to Minnesota Duluth.

Running back Sean Treasure has scored eight touchdowns, while receiver Tyrell Smith, who made two touchdown catches last week, has seven. With 44 receptions, Smith is on pace to threaten the single-season school record of 74, set by Chad Ellman in 1996. With 17 tackles for loss, Darnell Flannigan has already moved into fourth place on the single-season chart. Linebacker Jimmie Gunn has made a team-high 71 tackles, with three games of 10 or more. The record for tackles for loss is 24 by Andrew Tippins in 2001.



Maverick wide receiver Tyrell Smith has 44 receptions this year and is on pace to threaten the single-season record of 74.

Quarterback Joshua Bryant, who didn't play in two games, started last week's game against South Dakota and completed 15 of 26 passes with two touchdowns, the first of his career. Bryant is expected to start again today.

The Peacocks have allowed just 97.0 yards rushing per game, seventh best in Division II, but have committed seven more turnovers than they've forced. Quarterback Jay Lehman has completed 68 of 141 passes for 855 yards with five touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Linebacker Travis Smith has 66 tackles, while lineman Duran Major has 19 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks. Upper Iowa has had four punts and one kick blocked; the Mavericks have blocked four kicks.