



College gameday

St. Cloud State at Minnesota State

6:30 p.m., Blakeslee Stadium, KTOE 1420-AM

The matchup

The Traveling Training Kit is up for grabs tonight as the Mavericks open the North Central Conference schedule with a game against 15th-ranked St. Cloud State. This is the oldest series for the Mavericks, dating back to 1923. The Huskies lead the series 35-30-4, having won the last two games and three of the last four. Minnesota State is 11-6-1 against St. Cloud State at Blakeslee Stadium and have won three of the last four games on the home field. Minnesota State is 122-91-5 in games played at Blakeslee Stadium.

Hall of Fame weekend

Minnesota State will induct nine people and one team into its Hall of Fame & Distinction today. The new hall of Fame members are Tom Anderson (1972, golf), Lori Doffing (1988, softball), Margaret McCue (1990, volleyball), Carlos Proana (1971, tennis) and Cheryl Swanum (1978, swimming and track). The new Hall of Distinction members are Dan Runkle, who coached football from 1981-2001, Dennis Miller, a former football player and CEO of Midwest Wireless, Claudia (Swanson) Pilot, for Minnesota State golfer, and Larry Buendorf, former basketball and track competitor and director of security for the United States Olympic Committee. The 1987 softball team, which placed third at the national tournament, is also being honored. The group will be honored at halftime of today's game.

Hurricane relief effort

Minnesota State and St. Cloud State will team up with Charter Communications tonight for a benefit effort for Hurricane Katrina vic-



Darnell Flannigan

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tims, called "Rivals Reaching Out."

The schools will conduct several cooperative fund-raising initiatives, including a T-shirt sale in which a portion of the \$10 will be donated to the American Red

Cross. A game ball, autographed by players and coaches from both teams, will be delivered to midfield for the opening coin toss and later put up for auction.

Cheerleaders and school representatives will also be posted at entrances and going through the stands to "Pass the Helmet" to collect donations.

Darnell the defender

Senior defensive end Darnell Flannigan has 26 tackles, which ranks third on the team, but he's spending a lot of time in the opposing backfield. Flannigan has a team-high 10 tackles for loss and three sacks. Last week against Concordia-St. Paul, Flannigan made nine tackles, including five for loss and two sacks. Linebacker Jimmie Gunn continues to lead the team with 36 tackles, six more than linebacker Leonardo Enriquez.

Scouting the Huskies

For the third time in four seasons, the Huskies have started 4-0. Senior Matt Birkel ranks second in Division II with 653 yards rushing with eight touchdowns. Quarterback Daniel Kaczor has completed 73 percent of his passes for 920 yards with 10 touchdowns and three interceptions. Ryan Koch has made 24 receptions for 400 yards and seven touchdowns. Linebacker Mark Henderson has 26 tackles, while linebacker Charlie Cosgrove has three sacks and 7.5 tackles for loss. Cornerback Tate Wheeler has made 12 tackles and two interceptions.

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