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Official MSU Football Booster Club



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FROM THE SIDELINES: A MESSAGE FROM COACH JAMROG

Greetings Maverick Fans! We are very excited about the upcoming season. We have 13 starters returning from last year's team (6 on offense, 6 on Defense, and 1 kicker). There are 16 returning letterman coming back from the defense and 15 on offense). There are a number of talented redshirts that are ready to make a major contribution to our team next year. We currently have 73 student-athletes working in our winter conditioning program. They have been working out at 6:30 in the morning doing various running and conditioning and then coming back in the afternoon for a strenuous one hour lift and plyometrics session. They have been doing this every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our team is excited about the start of Spring ball on April 1st. Our Spring game will be held on Saturday, April 29.



COACH JAMROG

Recruiting went extremely well as 23 future Mavericks were signed up (see full article later in this edition of the Maverick Stampede). We feel we met our immediate needs as well as providing future depth. Fifteen young men hail from Wisconsin, five from Minnesota, two from Nebraska, and one from Texas. Putting successful back-to-back recruiting classes will allow us to reach our future goals. Our coaching staff did an outstanding job on the recruiting trail.

We look forward to year three in the Maverick program. Our players have dedicated themselves this winter to get back to where we belong in the NCC. Go Mavericks! **TDC** ■

JOIN THE TOUCHDOWN CLUB TODAY AND STAY IN TOUCH

The MSU Touchdown Club is your best way to stay connected to both the university and the football program. In 2004, we had less than 50 members. Over the course of 2005, we grew to over 100 strong. In 2006, we are hoping to get over 200 people as registered members. Family members of current players, former players and the local community make up the membership of our club and we want to grow with all three groups. New to 2005 home games was the Touchdown Club tent, the heart of game day activities in the stadium and a great place to meet and greet other Maverick fans. Joining the club is the only way to gain entrance into this wonderful game day experience.

KICK-OFF LEVEL \$100

- 2 Touchdown Club Tent Passes
- 1 Mav Pack – includes 12 adult or 24 youth General Admission tickets good for all regular season games
- Touchdown Club Newsletter Subscription
- Touchdown Club Decal

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MAVERICK LEVEL \$250

- 2 Touchdown Club Tent Passes

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- 2 Season Tickets
- Touchdown Club Newsletter Subscription
- Touchdown Club Decal

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BIG HITTER LEVEL

\$500

- 4 Touchdown Club Tent Passes
- 2 Season Tickets
- Parking Pass
- 1 Maverick Football Apparel Items
- Touchdown Club Newsletter Subscription
- Touchdown Club Decal

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CHAMPION LEVEL

\$1000 & above

- 4 Touchdown Club Tent Passes
- 4 Season Tickets
- 2 Parking Passes
- 2 Maverick Football Apparel Items
- Touchdown Club Newsletter Subscription
- Touchdown Club Decal

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To join the Touchdown Club, log on to www.msumavericks.com and click on "Support the Mavericks. From there, click Maverick Fan Clubs then Touchdown Club. This is the home page of the Touchdown Club and where you can find the membership form. Otherwise, simply send your check made out to the MSU Touchdown Club to the address located on the bottom of page one of the Maverick Stampede.

TDC ■

Minnesota State head coach Jeff Jamrog has announced the signing of 23 student-athletes to National Letters of Intent to join the Maverick football program for the fall of 2006. All signings are contingent upon admission to MSU and compliance with NCAA rules, including certification by the NCAA Clearinghouse.

"We are extremely excited to announce the 2006 recruiting class here at Minnesota State University," said Jamrog. "We believe these 23 student-athletes will allow our football program to compete at the highest level. "Winning football games is a direct attribute to the type of student-athletes you bring in. We have placed a great emphasis on recruiting young men with character, integrity, work ethic and a burning desire to compete. These student-athletes excelled not only on the field, but in the classroom as well. With this being our second consecutive successful recruiting class, we are anticipating winning football seasons for years to come.

"The bar was set very high last year, as twelve true freshman either started or played a significant role, living up to all expectations. Just as we witnessed a year ago, we expect many of these incoming student-athletes to compete for playing time immediately. "I would like to thank MSU President Dr. Richard Davenport, Vice Presidents Dean Trauger and Dr. Scott Olson and Director of Athletics Kevin Buisman for making the commitment from the university to the football program to allow us to bring in quality student-athletes."

The 2006 Minnesota State signing class focused on youth as 22 of the 23 members will be incoming freshman in the fall, with the other one being a junior. Not surprisingly, the Upper Midwest was well represented as the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin produced 20 of the 23 future Mavericks. Two

RECRUITING ENDS WITH
SECOND STRAIGHT
TREMENDOUS CLASS
UNDER COACH JAMROG





recruits from Nebraska and one from Texas round out the 2006 Minnesota State recruiting class.

By position, both sides of the ball ended up with exactly the same amount of players. The class produced 12 offensive players consisting of four offensive linemen, three wide receivers, two running backs and two quarterbacks. Defensively, 11 incoming Mavericks will join the program with the breakdown shaking out with two defensive ends, three additional defensive linemen, four linebackers and two defensive backs. Special teams were also represented as MSU will welcome a placekicker to the fold next fall. Biographical information of the 23 members of the Minnesota State recruiting class of 2006 follows:

2006 MINNESOTA STATE FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS

<i>Student-Athlete</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>High School/Previous School</i>
Omaar Balton	6-1	180	Fr.	WR	Milwaukee, Wis.	University School
Ryan Becker	6-2	225	Fr.	LB	Waukesha, Wis.	Waukesha West
Jake Fabian	6-0	240	Fr.	DL	Coon Rapids, Minn.	Blaine
John Jones	6-0	210	Fr.	LB	Oregon, Wis.	Oregon
Kevin Klug	6-2	195	Fr.	LB	Caledonia, Minn.	Caledonia
Wayland Lathum	6-0	265	Fr.	OL	Omaha, Neb.	Omaha Skutt
Anthony Loew	6-2	265	Fr.	DL	Rice Lake, Wis.	Rice Lake
Brandon Mickelson	6-1	185	Fr.	WR	Champlin Park, Minn.	Champlin Park
Chris Nowlin	6-0	185	Fr.	WR	Alvin, Texas	Alvin
Brandon Pete	6-0	220	Fr.	LB	Millard, Neb.	Millard West
Michael Robinson	6-6	240	Fr.	DE	Wausau, Wis.	Wausau East
Tyler Roebke	6-0	200	Fr.	QB	Menasha, Wis.	Menasha
Grant Smith	6-2	260	Jr.	DE	Farmington, Minn.	Farmington/Rochester Community & Technical College
Ben Spencer	6-2	180	Fr.	K	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall
Eric Spiekerman	6-8	420	Fr.	OL	West Bend, Wis.	West Bend East
Adam Surfus	6-0	185	Fr.	QB	Middleton, Wis.	Middleton
Matt Trinko	6-8	300	Fr.	OL	Oak Creek, Wis.	Oak Creek
Craig Warminski	5-10	190	Fr.	RB	Boyd, Wis.	Stanley-Boyd
Matt Weber	6-4	280	Fr.	OL	Oregon, Wis.	Oregon
Eric Wright	6-2	195	Fr.	DB	Milwaukee, Wis.	Milwaukee Vincent
Laron Wilder	5-8	155	Fr.	DB	Milwaukee, Wis.	Milwaukee Vincent

For more details on the exciting list of new Mavericks, check out the website MSU athletics website at www.msumavericks.com. **TDC** ■

2005 SEASON PRODUCES
TWO MINNESOTA STATE
HONORABLE MENTION
ALL-AMERICANS

Two members of the Minnesota State football program were named as 2006 Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-American honorable mention performers. Senior linebacker Jimmie Gunn (Chiefland, Fla.) and senior all-purpose back Sean Treasure (Baldwin, N.Y.) received the honorable mention recognition after earlier being selected by the publication as All-Northwest Region picks, with Treasure being a first team honoree and Gunn a second team selection.

Treasure was selected to the All-NCC Second Team for the second consecutive season this year as well as being a D2football.com All-Region honorable mention performer after earning a myriad of honors in 2004, including a pair of All-America Second Team selections and being a Harlon Hill Award Regional Finalist. Slowed all year by a heel injury suffered in the preseason, Treasure ranked 18th in the nation in kickoff returns (26.5 ypr), and was fourth in the NCC in rushing (743) and kickoff returns, tied for seventh in touchdown scoring (6.0 ppg), ninth in all-purpose yardage (1,270) and tied for ninth in overall scoring.

He ran 190 times this year for his 743 yards, scoring 11 touchdowns along the way which was tied for the seventh-highest single-season total in MSU history. Treasure also finished the year ranking 10th on the Maverick single-season listings in both all-purpose yardage and kickoff return yardage (398), was 14th in rushing attempts, 19th in rushing yardage and 24th in kickoff returns (15). With 1,944 career rushing



DAN RAGSDALE JOINS COACHING STAFF AS OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

yards, Treasure finished his career ranking ninth on the Minnesota State all-time career rushing yardage list. In other career listings, Treasure finished fourth in kick return yards (1,000), seventh in rushing touchdowns (24), eighth in all-purpose yardage (3,196) and kick returns (41), 11th in rushing attempts (421) and 18th in total offense (1,944).

This year, Gunn led the North Central Conference in tackles and ranks 28th nationally with a career-high 113 stops, with 44 being solo efforts. He also tied for fifth in the NCC with two fumble recoveries. An All-NCC First Team and Daktronics All-Northwest Region Second Team selection, twice this year Gunn was named NCC Defensive Player of the Week, and had four double-digit tackle games to his credit in 2005, including making a career-high 17 halts against then #2 North Dakota on Oct. 22. Gunn also had a pair of interceptions against Minnesota Duluth while accumulating 16 tackles on October 1st. Gunn was also named to the d2football.com All-American team as an honorable mention this year. **TDC** ■

Coach Jamrog has announced the addition of Dan Ragsdale to the Maverick coaching staff. Ragsdale will assume the title of offensive coordinator with his duties beginning immediately, and enters into a situation very similar to his previous position of offensive coordinator at North Central Conference member Minnesota Duluth. Prior to Ragsdale's arrival, UMD ranked at or near the bottom of most offensive categories in the NCC, but under his watch became one of the more potent offenses in the league.

"Personally, I feel great that we were able to pull off a hire of this caliber; someone with North Central Conference ties who has had major success in the area," said Jamrog. "I was very impressed with what he did against NCC defenses last year without a single all-conference player. The turnaround he had at UMD last year is one of the best I've seen since I have been involved in coaching. One of the things that impressed me most is that when we played against his offense last year, he kept us off-balance with his use of the running game, and also that his offense allowed the fewest sacks in the NCC last year."



COACH RAGSDALE

This move comes following the departures of former offensive coordinator Garin Higgins, who left MSU to take the same position at Northeastern State University, a NCAA Division II school in Tahlequa, Okla., and former defensive line coach Brian Mohnson, who departed Minnesota State for the University of Buffalo.

"The freshman class that played at MSU last year is widely known to include some of the most talented players in the area," said Ragsdale. "This is a great opportunity for me and my family. I enjoyed my time at Minnesota Duluth, but I am looking forward to even more success at Minnesota State. The Maverick fans will find our offense to be very exciting next year, and we will put the ball in the air."

Last year, Ragsdale served as the offensive coordinator at Minnesota Duluth, and helped UMD post an 8-4 overall record and finished in a four-way tie for the NCC title with a 4-2 league mark. In addition, Minnesota Duluth qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs for just the second time in school history with Ragsdale's assistance. Under Ragsdale, the Bulldogs ranked 13th in the nation and second in the NCC last year in passing offense at 280.8 yards per game. He also guided UMD to the 44th-highest scoring offense in NCAA Division II (29.8 ppg), and had three of his skill position players conclude the 2005 campaign ranking in the Top 50 nationally in five different statistical categories.

From May 2002 through July 2004, he worked as the offensive coordinator with three different National Indoor Football League franchises (Bismarck Roughriders, Utah Warriors and Billings Outlaws), with those teams combining for a 46-9 record with Ragsdale on the staff. Not only was Ragsdale the offensive coordinator for those clubs, but was also a player on those clubs, including earning the NIFL's Most



Valuable Player award in 2002 after passing for 1,843 yards and 37 touchdowns while with Bismarck. Before shifting to the NFL, Ragsdale spent the 2001-02 seasons with the New York Dragons of the Arena Football League and started off his professional career with the Iowa Barnstormers of the AFL in 2000.

An accomplished collegiate quarterback, Ragsdale graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors from the University of the Redlands in the spring of 2000, and was a Rhodes Scholar nominee. In the 1999 season, Ragsdale was honored with the Gagliardi Trophy, which stands as the NCAA Division III Player of the Year award. He earned Associated Press Little All-American honors during his senior campaign while ranking second in the nation in total offense and third in passing efficiency as well as bringing home Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors. As three-time CoSIDA Academic All-American, Ragsdale, 29, and wife, Ahnee, are parents of a four-month old daughter, Maddie. He is currently pursuing a master's degree from Stanford. **TDC** ■

MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM TAKES CHARGE OF OFFENSIVE LINE

The MSU family welcomes Michael Cunningham who will assume the title of offensive line coach, with Spence Nowinsky shifting back to oversee the Maverick defensive linemen.

"I am very excited about Mike Cunningham joining our staff," said Coach Jamrog. "I have known Mike since I recruited him to play for New Mexico State University back in 1997, and I have seen first-hand what a quality individual that the MSU program is getting as well as a tremendous teacher and motivator.

"Mike brings toughness and passion to our football program. He tutored under Barney Cotton (current offensive coordinator at Iowa State University) in his coaching days at New Mexico State. The last two years, he has had outstanding success with the offensive line at Concordia-St. Paul, and I fully expect that success to continue here at Minnesota State."



COACH CUNNINGHAM

Cunningham arrives at MSU after spending the past two seasons as the offensive line coach at Concordia University-St. Paul. Under his watch, the Golden Bears produced three All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference selections on the offensive line and two all-region honorees. The CSP line also paved the way for quarterback James McNear earn All-American honors in 2005, and the Golden Bear offense not only led the NSIC in rushing and total offense, but ranked in the Top 20 in NCAA Division II as well.

"I am excited to join the staff at Minnesota State and to be part of the program as we progress to the next level," said Cunningham. "The group of men we have on campus right now, along with the new recruits we have coming in, makes me believe that we will continue to improve to the point that we will be one of the best offensive lines in the North Central Conference."

A 2001 graduate of New Mexico State University, Cunningham started his coaching career with the Aggies as a student assistant from 1998 through 2001 after his playing career concluded in 1997, and he moved up to be an offensive graduate assistant from 2002 through 2004. The Milford, Neb., native is expected to complete his master's degree from NMSU this summer. **TDC** ■



THE 2006 SCHEDULE FOR THE MAVERICKS

The Mavericks again face the tough North Central Conference schedule next year along with some very challenging non-conference contests.

Week 1	Thursday	8/24/06	Truman State	6:30 p.m.	Home
Week 2	Saturday	9/2/06	Northwest Missouri State	1:00 p.m.	Away
Week 3	Saturday	9/9/06	Wisconsin Oshkosh (Hall of Fame Game)	6:30 p.m.	Home
Week 4	Saturday	9/16/06	Augustana	TBD	Away
Week 5	Bye				
Week 6	Saturday	9/30/06	Nebraska-Omaha (Homecoming)	TBD	Home
Week 7	Saturday	10/7/06	University of North Dakota	TBD	Away
Week 8	Saturday	10/14/06	Minnesota-Duluth (Family Weekend)	1:00 p.m.	Home
Week 9	Saturday	10/21/06	St. Cloud St.	TBD	Away
Week 10	Saturday	10/28/06	University of South Dakota	1:00 p.m.	Home
Week 11	Saturday	11/4/06	Central Washington	TBD	Away
Week 12	Saturday	11/11/06	Western Washington	12:00 p.m.	Home
Week 13	Saturday	11/18/06	Playoffs		

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2ND ANNUAL MINNESOTA STATE TOUCHDOWN CLUB GOLF FUNDRAISER SET FOR JUNE 16TH

After a tremendous success in its inaugural event, the 2nd annual Touchdown Club Golf Fund Raiser will be held at the beautiful Refuge Golf Club in Oak Grove, Minnesota, just north of Minneapolis. With over 70 in attendance in the summer of 2005, the Touchdown Club is hoping to fill the entire course this year with former Mavericks, coaches and supporters. Last year the event raised nearly \$20,000 for the program thanks to new memberships, purchases of Maverick jerseys, an unbelievable silent auction and a live auction that brought out some big spenders thanks to some wonderful donations.



More details on the June 16th event will be coming soon but save the date today! **TDC** ■

WE NEED YOU!

We need former Mavericks to sign up to support the Touchdown Club and serve on sub-committees of the board. Roles we need you to fill include making phone calls, helping with the golf outing, creating local Touchdown Club's, helping at the game tents, etc.

Currently, the leadership structure of the club is made up of 5 people:

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AT LARGE	Darryl Wills	Chaska, MN	darrylwills@ingenix.com

Feel free to email any of us with suggestions and/or ideas. To find out more about the group, please contact Greg von der Lippe at 847 454 9587 or gdvdl@wowway.com. Go Mavericks! **TDC** ■