The Mavericks are participating in the North Star College Cup at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, MN this weekend. Minnesota State will look to defend its #1 ranking in the nation with Friday night’s match-up against the #17 Minnesota Gophers.

Friday | MSU 2                     Ferris State 1
Big Rapids, Mich. --- Sophomore defenseman Casey Nelson had a hand in both goals as #1-rated Minnesota State outlasted Ferris State, 2-1, in a Western Collegiate Hockey Association contest played in Big Rapids, Mich., Friday. With tonight’s victory, Minnesota State ups its 2014-15 record to 17-4-1 overall, 14-2-1 WCHA and the Mavericks are now 12-1-1 in their last 14 games.

The Mavericks owned a 1-0 lead after the first period of play when sophomore forward Jordan Nelson converted on a chance created after a nice pass from junior defenseman Jon Jutzi at 7:53. The goal is the third of the season for Nelson. It became a 2-0 Maverick advantage at 14:55 of the middle period when Casey Nelson's screen shot from the point found its way past Bulldog netminder C.J. Motte. The goal by Nelson, who ranks amongst the nation's top-scoring blueliners, is his sixth of the year. Nelson, who also assisted on Jordan Nelson's game-opening tally, now has 6-14--20 in 22 games this season. Ferris State made it a one-goal game when Kyle Schempp put the puck past Minnesota State junior Stephon Williams at 7:33 of the third, but the Bulldogs could not find a way to get the equalizer.

Williams, who was credited with 24 saves, boosted his record to 13-2-1 with tonight's decision. The Mavericks were held to a 0-for-4 performance in power play chances, while the Bulldogs owned a 0-for-2 mark with the man-advantage. Minnesota State outshot Ferris State by a 28-25 margin and the game was played in front of 2,249 fans. The two teams close out the two-game league series Saturday night with a 7:07 p.m. face-off scheduled for FSU's Ewigleben Ice Arena. (Highlight's from tonight's game courtesy of Ferris State.)

Saturday | MSU 3                     Ferris State 1
Mankato, Minn. --- #1-rated Minnesota State found itself down a goal heading into the third period, but rallied with three unanswered goals en route to a 3-1 win at Ferris State Saturday night. Combined with Friday’s 2-1 win, the Mavericks earned a road Western Collegiate Hockey Association sweep over the Bulldogs in upping their record to 18-4-1 overall, 15-2-1 WCHA. Minnesota State is now in the midst of an eight-game unbeaten streak and have gone 13-1-1 in their last 15 games. Ferris State took a 1-0 at 2:44 of the opening period when Kyle Schempp beat Stephon Williams for his sixth goal of the season.

Then, following a scoreless second period, the Mavericks went to work with freshman forward Brad McClure scoing on the power play when he directed the puck from the left side off of a FSU skate past Bulldog netminder C.J. Motte. The goal, which came at 6:58 is McClure’s seventh of the season. Sophomore defenseman Carter Foguth got what proved to be the game-winning goal when he scored for the first time of his two-year career at 11:28. Freshman forward C.J. Franklin added an insurance marker to ice the win at 16:58. The goal is Franklin's sixth of his maiden season. Williams, who upped his record on the season to 14-2-1, turned aside 21 shots in the win as the Mavericks outshot FSU by a 33-22 margin in the game. Minnesota State was one-for-six on the power play, while FSU was zero-for-three. Senior defensman Zach Palmquist contribute two assists in the contest.

The Mavericks step outside league play next weekend when they compete at the North Star College Cup presented by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota in St. Paul at Xcel Energy Center. Minnesota State plays Minnesota Friday at 7:00 p.m., before taking on either Minnesota-Duluth or Bemidji State Saturday.
January 20, 2015

Women’s Hockey

Friday | MSU 3               | Minnesota 7

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. --- Minnesota State fell behind 2-0 after one period play and were unable to recover as the second-ranked Minnesota Golden Gophers defeated the Mavericks 7-3 at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis Friday night. Minnesota State’s record falls to 2-18-1 overall and 0-14-1 in Western Collegiate Hockey Association play while Minnesota improves to 20-1-3 and 13-1-3 in the WCHA.

The Gophers took a one goal lead at 7:18 of the first period as Maryanne Menefee took a shot from just inside the left circle that beat junior netminder Erin Krichiver blocker side. Minnesota’s Meghan Lorence added to the lead at the nine minute mark, scoring off a rebound in front, to give the Gopher’s a 2-0 lead after one period of play. In the second period Minnesota scored on the power play just 17 seconds in to take a 3-0 lead, but the Mavericks responded with a goal of their own. Freshman Nicole Schammel was able to find senior Kathleen Rogan who ripped a shot into the upper right corner for her third goal of the season at 2:22 of the middle frame. Redshirt freshman Sara Bustad was also able to tally her first goal of the season after firing a shot towards the net that deflected off the skate of a Gopher defender but not before Minnesota had added another two goals. After the second period the Gophers had a 5-2 lead and led 41-9 in shots on goal lead.

In the final period of play senior Casey Hirsch netted her second goal of the season with freshman Elin Johansson getting credited with her second assists of the year but the Gophers added two goals of their own to win by a final score of 7-3. Krichiver made 54 saves on the night but her record drops to 1-14-1 on the season. The Gophers outshot the Mavericks 61-19 and went 1-3 on the power play while MSU went 0-3.

Saturday | MSU 1               | Minnesota 7

MANKATO, Minn. --- The Minnesota State women’s hockey team lost to No. 2 Minnesota Saturday afternoon in Mankato in All Seasons by a score of 7-1. Minnesota State’s record falls to 2-19-1 overall and 0-15-1 in Western Collegiate Hockey Association play while Minnesota improves to 21-1-3 and 14-1-3 in the WCHA.

Minnesota took the lead at 1:26 of the opening period as Hannah Brandt was able to score for the Gophers. Rachel Bona added another goal at 11:10 of the period to increase the lead to 2-0 while Kelly Pannek added a power play goal at 15:08 to give Minnesota a 3-0 at the end of one period of play.

In the middle frame the Gophers added three more goals to increase their lead to 6-0. Maryanne Menefee, Cara Piazza, and Dani Cameranesi each scored in the period.

The Mavericks lone goal came off the stick of freshman Hannah Davidson at 6:05 of the final period with freshman Nicole Schammel getting credited with the assist. The Gophers added a goal with 1:28 remaining in the game to bring the score to 7-1.

Sophomore Brianna Quade made 41 saves on the evening and falls to 1-5-0 on the season. The Mavericks were outshot by the Gophers 48-12 and went 0-4 on the power play while Minnesota was 2-7 with the extra skater.

Minnesota State will continue WCHA play next weekend as they host the Bulldogs of Minnesota Duluth on Friday at 7:07 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 3:07 p.m.
#26 Dylan Margonari
**Forward | 6-3 | Junior | Greensburg, Pa.**

**AS A MAVERICK**

**2013-14**
Had 3-1-4 in last nine games of season...Had 8-9-17 in 40 games played... Registered 85 shots on goal and was +2 in 2013-14...Finished year with one power play goal and had game-winning goals over UConn (Oct. 18) and Michigan Tech (March 7)... Mavericks were 12-2-0 when he registered a point in 2013-14...A 2013-14 WCHA All-Academic honoree...WCHA Scholar-Athlete honoree (at least 3.50 grade point average).

**The Margonari File**
Spent three seasons with Youngstown (USHL) where he served as team captain in 2011-12...Had 19-11-41 in 51 games in 2011-12 with the Phantoms...Was named USHL Offensive Player of the Week for Oct. 24-30 after scoring four times in two games. Had a hat trick and was +4 in 5-2 win at Omaha Oct. 29...Product of Pittsburgh Hornets midget AAA program.

**Personal**
Born in Pittburgh, Pa. ...Parent's names are Kim and Craig Margonari...2010 Hempfield Area High School grad.

#10 Katie Johnson
**Forward | 5-6 | Junior | Anoka, Minn.**

2013-14
Played in all 37 contests in sophomore season...Toted 2-5-7 with 47 shots on net...Picked up a career-high two assists at Lindenwood on Oct. 12...Scored her first career goal, which proved to be the game-winner, in MSU’s win over then-No. 7 Mercyhurst on Sept. 27 en route to earning WCHA Offensive Player of the Week honors for the first time in her career.

2012-13
Tallied 0-1-1 with 14 shots in 31 games in first season with the Mavericks ... Earned her first career point with an assist Jan. 12 at Bemidji State.

**The Johnson File**
Captained the Anoka Tornadoes to a conference championship with an overall record of 22-3 in 2011-12...As a senior, she was named all-conference and honorable mention all-state with 24 goals and 25 assists in 26 games... She was named also named third team all-metro in her final year at Anoka... Johnson scored 20 goals and 19 assists in 25 games her junior season...Daughter of Steven and Rosanne Johnson...Two sisters, Stacey and Megan Johnson...Born July 29, 1993...Proposed nursing major.
Upcoming Home Games

Men’s Hockey
[ 18 - 4 - 1 ] overall | [ 15 - 2 - 1 ] WCHA

January 23 - North Star College Cup
vs. Minnesota | 7:00pm
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, MN

January 24 - North Star College Cup
vs. Minnesota Duluth/Bemidji State | 4:00 or 7:00pm
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, MN

Women’s Hockey

January 23
vs. Minnesota Duluth | 7:07 pm
Mankato, Minn.

January 24
vs. Minnesota Duluth | 3:07pm
Mankato, Minn.

Events/Promotions

MSU Hockey Trading Card Night/ $5 Kids Night
January 30
Fans old and young are encouraged to bring their personal hockey cards and trade with others. MSU Hockey cards will be available to a select number of fans. Kids admission is $5.

Blue Line Club Pre-Game Hospitality
January 30 & 31
Events Center | 6:00pm

Hobey Baker Award Nominations NOW OPEN!
Three MSU Men’s Hockey players are up for the 2015 Hobey Baker Award: Bryce Gervais, Jean-Paul Lafontaine, and Matt Leitner. Vote now for your favorite Maverick! One vote allowed every 24 hours.

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