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MSU BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

14 - 3 [ 9 - 2 NSIC ]

CROOKSTON, Minn. — Buoyed by a strong second half, the 21st-rated Minnesota State men's basketball team earned its second road victory of the weekend as it downed the Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagles 80-50, last Saturday. With the win, MSU improves to 14-3, with a 9-2 NSIC record. With the loss, UMC falls to 6-10, with a 4-8 league record.

The Mavericks shot above 50% for the second straight game as they hit 32-of-59 (.542) shots from the field, to go along with 40 rebounds, including 10 offensive rebounds. Seniors Assem Marei and Zach Monaghan each dropped in 22 points, while Marei hauling in 11 rebounds for his 24th career double-double. Monaghan passed out nine assists as well.

Senior Connor Miller added 14 points, while freshman TJ Lake tallied 13 points and six rebounds. Tim Lubke led the Golden Eagle offense with 11 points, while Kevin Larson added 10 points and four rebounds.

The Mavericks led through the majority of the first half as they led by as many as 14 points. As a team, MSU shot 51.6% from the field, to go along with 19 rebounds and a 6-of-7 (.857) showing from the line. With 10:23 left in the first half, MSU built an 11-point lead after Monaghan drained a shot from behind the arc. Minnesota Crookston managed to get back within six points but it would get no closer in the opening session as MSU carried a 39-28 lead into the break.

Monaghan led all scorers in the first half with 16 points, while Marei tallied 15 points and seven rebounds. Tyler West led the Golden Eagle offense with six points in the first half, as UMC shot 12-of-27 (.444) from the field in the first half.

The Mavericks built a 20-point lead at 57-37 with 12:52 remaining in the second half and they would lead by more than 20 points throughout the remainder of the game as they went on to secure the 80-50 win.

MSU shot 57.1% from the field in the second frame.

Minnesota State returns home for a pair of games at Taylor Center beginning on Friday as they take on Southwest Minnesota State. The opening tip is scheduled for 8 p.m.

CROOKSTON 50

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11 - 5 [ 8 - 3 NSIC ]

Crookston, Minn. – The Minnesota State women’s basketball team lost to Minnesota Crookston on Saturday evening by the score of 75-70 in overtime. With the loss, the Mavericks record falls to 11-5 overall and 8-3 in conference play.

The Mavericks were trailing early to the Golden Eagles in the first half, as MSU was down 8-2 at the 17:17 mark. The Mavericks would quickly take gain control, as MSU went on a 11-0 run to put the Mavericks ahead of the Golden Eagles 13-8, with 13:05 left to play in the first half.

Throughout the rest of the first half, the Mavericks would hold on to a slim advantage over the Golden Eagles, as MSU went into halftime leading over UMC 34-29. The Mavericks shot 37.1% (.13-35) from the field compared to the Golden Eagles 28.1% (9-32).

At the break, senior guard Aubrey Davis led the Mavericks with a team-high 14 points, to go along with her four rebounds and three assists. Senior guard Ashley Olson hit a trio of three-pointers as she ended the first half with nine points and four rebounds. Senior forward Lexie Ulfers also added five points, six rebounds and two blocks in the first half. Coming out of the break, MSU would extend it’s halftime lead back into double digits, 50-35, with 14:04 left to play in the second half. However that would be the biggest lead the Mavericks had the rest of the game, as the Golden Eagles would quickly erase MSU’s 15 point lead. UMC went on 14-1, to cut MSU’s lead to two, 51-49, with 8:12 left to play in the second half. Throughout the rest of the half, MSU and UMC would trade baskets between each other, as the Golden Eagles would eventually tie the game up at the end of regulation, 62-62, to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, the game was still tied at 65-65 with 4:03 left to play, before UMC went on a little 6-1 run, to make the score 71-66 with 2:29 left to play. In the end, the Golden Eagles would hold on to their lead and close out the game over the Mavericks, 75-70. In the second half and overtime, the Mavericks shot a combined 31% field goal percentage compared to the Golden Eagles 46%.

Davis led the Mavericks as she recorded her first career double-double with 23 points and 10 rebounds, to go along with her six assists and three steals. Olson also recorded her first career double-double in the losing effort, as the Blue Earth, Minn. native posted 15 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Sammie Delzotto finished with 14 points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals, while Ulfers tallied nine points, 10 rebounds and three blocks of her own.

The next time the Mavericks play, will be Friday at home against Southwest Minnesota State. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m. at Taylor Center.

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**PLAYER PROFILES**

### #3 Aubrey Davis

**Guard | 5-6 | Senior | Bloomington, MN**

**2013-14**
Compeled in 28 games for the Purple and Gold...Averaged 8.7 points per contest while connecting on 34% (72-210) of her shots from the floor...Accumulated a team-high 91 assists to go along with her 33 steals.

**2012-13**
Started all 31 games she competed in... Averaged 11.2 points per contest while connecting on 42% (102-243) of her shots from the floor... Connected on a team-high 54 shots from behind the arc... Talled 89 assists and 57 steals... Received NSIC All-Conference Second Team honors.

**High School**
Lettered 12 times between Bloomington Kennedy and Eden Prairie High School including five in basketball…Three-time All-Lake Conference and two-time Honorable Mention selection…Five-year varsity starter…Accumulated 1,370 career points…Named team captain for final three years…Helped lead team to Lake Conference championship senior year before falling short in the Class 4A State Championship game…Four-year letterwinner in softball and three-year letterwinner in soccer.

### #34 Zach Romashko

**Forward | 6-8 | Senior | Blaine, MN**

**2013-14**
Played in all 35 games, including three starts...Averaged 7.3 points and 2.9 rebounds per game...Recorded a double-double against Clarke with 20 points and 14 rebounds...Notched a career-high 26 points against Dakota State...Shot 43.6% from the field, including a 39-of-100 (.390) showing from beyond the arc...Dropped in at least 10 points in 10 games.

**2012-13**
Played in all 33 games for the Mavericks...Talled 224 points, 73 rebounds and 21 assists...Shot 81-of-186 (.435) and 24-of-28 (.857) from the free throw line...Scored a season-high 19 points against Bethany Lutheran College (11/10)...Posted at least 10 points in nine games...Shot 38-of-93 (.409) from beyond the arc.

**High School**
Romashko averaged 21.7 points per game last year and 12 rebounds as he helped lead the Tigers to a 19-10 record and a 15-5 record in the Northwest Suburban Conference, good for a third-place finish.

**Personal**
Born September 12th, 1992...Son of Wally and Debra Romashko...Major is undecided.
Upcoming Games

Presented This Week By:

UPCOMING GAMES

January 23
vs Southwest MN State | 6:00/8:00pm
Bresnan Arena

January 24
vs Sioux Falls | 4:00/6:00pm
Bresnan Arena

January 30
at Northern State | 6:00/8:00pm
Aberdeen, SD

January 31
at MSU Moorhead | 4:00/6:00pm
Moorhead, MN

Events

WHITEOUT!
January 23rd vs Southwest MN State
Help WHITEOUT Bresnan Arena as the Mavericks take on the Mustangs! First 500 STUDENTS get a t-shirt but ALL are encouraged to wear white this night!
Bresnan Arena

January 24th vs Sioux Falls
Camper Night and Alumni Association Night! Team Autograph Sessions following both the men's and women's games on the Concourse.

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