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**Maverick women win in  
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## College basketball preview

### Minnesota State

The women's team is 6-5 following Thursday's 81-46 victory against Southwest Minnesota State and will play again Tuesday at Minnesota State-Moorhead. The men (7-3) are off until Sunday when they play at Minnesota State-Moorhead, then wrap up the pre-Christmas schedule with a home game Tuesday against Dickinson State.

The women are averaging 72.3 points, near last season's average of 71.2, but the defense is giving up 67.9 points, well below the 72.4 allowed last season. Arin Andrews is averaging 13.3



**MSU's Heather Peterson has at least one point, rebound and assist in every game. She is averaging 9.5 points per game.**

points and 8.1 rebounds to lead the team in both categories. Heather Peterson, who is averaging 9.5 points, 5.1 rebounds and 2.6 assists, is the only Mavericks player to have at least one point, rebound and assist in every game.

For the men, junior Luke Anderson is expected to be in the lineup Sunday. Anderson suffered an ankle injury in the second half of Saturday's victory against Minnesota-Crookston. Anderson is averaging 25.0 points and has scored 20 or more points in each game, one of only three players in Division II to have accomplished that feat. Tony Thomason has raised his scoring average to 10.9 points with a team-high 6.4 assists. Reserve center Eric Mergen could be back in the rotation Sunday after missing five games with a knee injury.