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Mavericks basketball team defeats Western State 75-57

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GUNNISON, COLO. — A balanced attack, led by 15 points apiece from Luke Anderson and Paris Kyles, led the Minnesota State University men's basketball team to a 75-57 win over Western State Saturday in the final day of the Comfort Inn Classic.

After a slow start, MSU used a 22-4 run to open a



Mitch Gosson



Atila Santos

22-10 advantage with eight minutes remaining in the

first half. Six Mavericks scored during the run, led by sophomore forward Mitch Gosson's six points.

The Mavericks took a 35-16 lead into the break.

MSU shot 44 percent from the field and converted 12 of 13 free-throw attempts in the first half. Junior center Atila Santos connected on all four of his foul shots.

The Mavericks maintained a double-digit advantage

throughout the second half. Santos finished with a game-high 10 rebounds and Gosson finished with eight points and five rebounds.

MSU made 25 free throws in all, making good on 96.2 percent of its shots from the line.

The Mavericks open a three-game homestand Tuesday night when they host Bethany Lutheran at 7 p.m. at Bresnan Arena.