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Minnesota State's Luke Anderson (left) and Tony Thomason each scored 19 points in Saturday's 88-86 victory over Northern Michigan.

## MSU edges N. Michigan at tourney

Anderson hits key shot in 88-86 win

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**DULUTH** — Luke Anderson drilled a 3-pointer from the left wing with 2:28 to play, leading the Minnesota State University men's basketball team to an 88-86 win Saturday over Northern Michigan on the final day of the American Family Insurance Classic hosted by Minnesota Duluth.

Northern Michigan trailed 48-40 at halftime but rallied to grab a three-point lead with 8:26 remaining in the game. The teams were tied four different times down the stretch

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before Anderson gave the Mavericks an 85-83 lead on a pair of free throws with 3:15 to play.

Northern Michigan answered with a 3-pointer from Chris Warner for an 86-85 Wildcats' lead. Less than 30 seconds later, Anderson

drained his winning 3-pointer and neither team scored again.

Anderson and senior guard Tony Thomason each finished with 19 points. Thomason was 6 of 12 from the floor, including a 5-of-8 performance from the 3-point line.

Thomason also ended the game with a team-high five steals and game-high four

assists. Teammates Paris Kyles and Jake Morrow finished with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

MSU's sophomore forward and Mankato East graduate Mitch Gossen tied his career-high with eight points and four rebounds. Northern Michigan was led by Ricky Volcy's 31 points.

Minnesota State shot 50 percent from the floor compared to 54.5 percent for Northern Michigan. The Mavericks made 20 of 23 free-throw attempts and edged the Wildcats in rebounding 28-27.

The 19th-ranked Mavericks host Upper Iowa University at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bresnan Arena.