



Sports

MSU Notebook

Schuck earns top D-II honors

MANKATO — Just weeks after MSU head track and field coach Mark Schuck picked-up North Central Conference Men's Indoor Track Coach of the Year honors, members of the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association have voted Schuck the NCAA Division II Men's Indoor Track Coach of the Year.

The award marks the second national honor for Schuck as he was also named the NCAA Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1988 after leading MSU to its first-ever NCAA title when the team tied with Edinboro University. Schuck was named the conference coach of the year after the Mavericks captured the NCC indoor title with 250 points on Feb. 24-25, winning 11 events in the process. Ten Minnesota State men qualified for the national meet.

Also earning hardware Friday was MSU junior high jumper Jim Dilling, who was voted North Central Regional Men's Field Athlete of the Year by Division II coaches. Dilling is currently seeded second in the 15-man field in the

high jump with a 7-feet-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ mark. Dilling and the Mavericks begin competition in the Division II national meet today at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass.

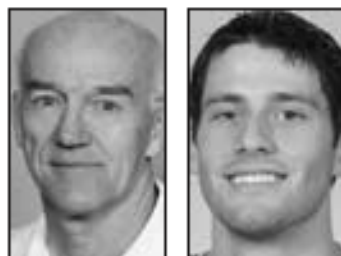
Anderson recognized

Minnesota State junior forward Luke Anderson has been named to the Daktronics All-North Central Region first team for men's basketball.

This is the first all-region honor for Anderson, who has been named to the All-North Central Conference team three times. Anderson will now advance to the national ballot for consideration to the All-America team, which will be announced on March 21.

Anderson is leading Minnesota State with 21.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. He is shooting 45.3 percent from the field, 37.7 percent from 3-point range and 74.4 percent from the free-throw line. Anderson has scored at least 20 points in 21 of 29 games this season. Anderson's 622 points are the fifth-best single-season effort in Minnesota State history.

A starter in 87 consecutive games, Anderson stands in



MSU track and field coach Mark Schuck (left) was voted Division II Coach of the Year by members of the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association. Junior forward Luke Anderson was named to the Daktronics All-North Central Region first team for men's basketball.

fourth place on the school career scoring chart with 1,676 points. Anderson also is second all-time at Minnesota State in both career three-point field goals made (235) and attempted (588) and sixth in field goals made (590).

Minnesota State (23-6) opens play in the North Central Region of the NCAA II tournament today at Winona, taking on Nebraska-Kearney at 8:30 p.m.

Football schedule

The 2006 Minnesota State football team will have six games at Blakeslee Stadium,

five games against teams that claimed a conference championship last year, four games against NCAA Division II playoff teams from a year ago and eight North Central Conference contests for the first time since 2002.

The Mavericks' home schedule begins Thursday, Aug. 24, against Truman State, with kickoff scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Minnesota State then plays at Northwest Missouri State on Saturday, Sept. 2, before hosting Division III Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m..

After an open week, Minnesota State will host its 74th homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 1 p.m. against Nebraska-Omaha. The Mavericks play at North Dakota on Saturday, Oct., 7, then host Minnesota Duluth on Saturday, Oct. 14. The Mavericks are on the road Saturday, Oct. 21, at St. Cloud State and host South Dakota on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m.

To finish the season, the Mavericks play two football-only members of the NCC, visiting Central Washington on Saturday, Nov. 4, then hosting Western Washington on Saturday, Nov. 11, at noon.