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# Sports

College notebook

## MSU volleyball, GAC soccer teams make postseason

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**MANKATO** — The Minnesota State University volleyball team has qualified for the 2006 North Central Region Championship Tournament which begins today. The tournament will be held at the Gangelhoff Center in St. Paul, hosted by Concordia-St. Paul.

MSU is the No. 7 seed and takes on No. 2 seed Minnesota Duluth at 2:30 p.m. today.

### Gusties host regional

The Gustavus Adolphus

men's soccer team has been chosen to host a four-team regional tournament Saturday and Sunday.

Wartburg College, Loras College and North Park University also will be traveling to St. Peter for the competition.

Gustavus defeated Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival Hamline 2-0 in the finals of the league playoff tournament last week. The Gusties will take on Loras College at 11 a.m. Saturday. If they win they play for the championship at 1 p.m. Sunday.

All games will be played at the Gustavus soccer field adjacent to Lund Center. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students with ID and \$2 for children aged 3-12.

### 11 Mavericks honored

The North Central Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll for volleyball has been released and 11 players from Minnesota State achieved the honor.

Bethany Boelter, Carley Hechmann, Ally Kwikkel, Dana Ostertag, Jill Randall, Amanda Reuter, Stephanie Sandstrom, Megan Stroud,

Courtney VandeVelde, Cassie Wolpern and Danielle Zimmermann all qualified from MSU.

To qualify, athletes must have a minimum of 3.20 grade point average and have completed at least two semesters at their current school and competed against outside competition.

### Four Mavs recognized

Four MSU football players have been selected to the All-Academic North Central Conference football team.

On the offensive side, senior lineman Kory Andersen

(3.50 GPA) made the team. Defensively, lineman Spencer Dickinson (4.00), linebacker Dan Ficcadenti (3.52) and defensive back Nick Wilson (3.66) earned All-Academic NCC honors for the second consecutive season.

### Wolpern earns accolade

MSU's Cassie Wolpern has been selected to the All-North Central Conference volleyball team. Wolpern is a senior outside hitter.

The Belle Plaine native leads the Mavericks with 303 kills and 438 digs this season, and has posted 14 double-

doubles. Wolpern is the fifth player in the school's history to reach 1,000 digs, with 1,156 digs in three seasons.

Cathy Turner was honorably mentioned from MSU.

### Sieling honored

Jared Sieling, a junior linebacker at Gustavus, has been named the MIAC Defensive Player of the Week.

Sieling had seven tackles, an interception and a sack Saturday in Gustavus' 7-0 victory against Concordia-Moorhead.

Sieling has recorded 262 career tackles.