

# Minnesota State University, Mankato Wrestling Update

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Mavericks are currently on a six-match win streak. MSU is now 11-1 on the season and have now won 27 out of their last 31 matches the past two seasons, with three of those losses coming to #1 ranked University of Nebraska-Omaha. The Mavericks will travel to Omaha, Nebraska to take on #1 Nebraska-Omaha at Sapp Fieldhouse on Friday night. The Mavericks will then travel to Marshall, Minnesota to tangle with the Mustangs of Southwest Minnesota State on Saturday night. Both matches will start at 7:00 pm.

The Mavericks defeated 12th ranked Minnesota State University-Moorhead 29-6 last Friday night at the Glen Taylor Center. The highlight of the dual was Heavyweight Tim Kraemer's 6-1 victory over 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Chris Tuchsherer. The Mavericks dominated the neutral position outscoring the Dragons 56-8.

## **The Mavericks and Mavericks/Mustangs – National Rankings**

### **MSU-Mankato**

6<sup>th</sup> ranked Nick Smith-125 pounds  
5<sup>th</sup> ranked Zach Stevens-141 pounds  
3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Math Bitz-157 pounds  
3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Andy Pickar-165 pounds  
2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Travis Krinkie-174 pounds  
2<sup>nd</sup> ranked John Koons-184 pound

### **Nebraska-Omaha**

#2 ranked Cody Garcia-125 pounds  
#5 ranked Dan Hilario-133 pounds  
#4 ranked Mitch Waite-141 pounds  
#6 ranked Shane Unger-149 pounds  
#2 ranked Patrick Allibone-157 pounds  
#4 ranked Ross Taplin-165 pounds  
#1 ranked J.D. Naig-174 pounds  
#1 ranked Les Sigman-Heavyweight

**Special K's:** Senior 184 pounder, John Koons has now won ten straight matches. During his current streak, he has outscored his opponents 135-11 including a fall over 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Nate Buys-Augustana College.

Junior Travis Krinkie, 174 pounds, has now won six straight matches. During his current win streak, he has outscored his opponents 76-16 including a fall over 5<sup>th</sup> ranked Dusty Wilking-Augustana College.

**Head Wrestling Coach Jim Makovsky** is in his 13th season at the helm of the Minnesota State wrestling team. As the head coach of the Mavericks, Makovsky has a record of 152-61-2. He recorded his 150<sup>th</sup> win with over West Liberty State on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Shippensburg, PA. His overall record in seventeen seasons as a head coach stands 178-80-4. Makovsky has coached forty-seven All-Americans and seven National Champions and has now had seventeen straight winning seasons. Makovsky is assisted by Brandon Reichel (4<sup>th</sup> season), Mike Engelmann (1<sup>st</sup> season) and Mike Neiczycyk (1<sup>st</sup> season).

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### **Probable line up for Nebraska-Omaha and Southwest Minnesota State**

125-	Nick Smith	Sophomore	19-10
133-	Jeff Pfaffinger	Junior	23-7
141-	Zach Stevens	Senior	21-8
149-	Brandon Girtz	Junior	22-7
157-	Math Bitz	Senior	20-10
165-	Andy Pickar	Sophomore	19-6
174-	Travis Krinkie	Junior	14-2
184-	John Koons	Senior	23-10
197-	Tom Block	Freshman	10-11
HWT-	Tim Kraemer	Senior	21-9