



# Sports

## Fourth-ranked MSU wrestlers defeat Augustana

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D.** — The Minnesota State University wrestling team picked up three pins Tuesday on the way to a 33-7 North Central Conference win over Augustana at Elmen Center.

Jeff Pfaffinger picked up the first pin at 133 pounds, sticking Adam Schlee in 1:16. Jason Rhoten had the second pin for MSU at 149. He flattened Brandon Kruger in 4:08.

The Mavericks' final pin came at 157. Brandon Girtz needed just 58 seconds to upend Jarred McCarthy.

The closest match of the night came at 165 pounds where reigning NCC Wrestler of the Week Andy Pickar took on Augustana's Aaron Haddorff. The duo battled to a 1-1 tie in regulation before Pickar got a takedown in overtime for the 3-1 triumph.

MSU's Brady Wilson deliv-



Brandon Girtz



Jeff Pfaffinger

ered a win by shutout Tuesday. He defeated Ray O'Connor 5-0 at heavyweight.

The loss drops Augustana to 8-5 overall and 1-1 in the NCC. MSU (13-3,1-0) wrestles against Friday when it hosts Nebraska-Omaha at 7 p.m. at Bresnan Arena.

### Minnesota State 33, Augustana 7

125—Wick Smith (MSU) def. Chris Trampe 3-2;  
133—Jeff Pfaffinger (MSU) pinned Adam Schlee 1:16;  
141—Mike Long (AUG) dec. Brian Ayala 13-2; 149—  
Jason Rhoten (MSU) pinned Brandon Kruger 4:08;  
157—Brandon Girtz (MSU) pinned Jarred McCarthy 58;  
165—Andy Pickar (MSU) dec. Aaron Haddorff 3-1 (OT);  
174—Tim Matheson (MSU) dec. Cody Henriksen 4-3;  
197—Nate Buys (AUG) dec. Ben Junike 6-0; HWT—  
Brady Wilson (MSU) dec. Ray O'Connor 5-0.