



# Sports

## MSU wrestlers fourth at NWCA National Duals

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### CEDAR FALLS, IOWA —

The Minnesota State wrestling team's successful run through the NWCA National Duals came to an abrupt halt on Sunday.

After going unbeaten in two matches Saturday to reach the semifinals, the Mavericks lost twice Sunday and had to settle for a fourth-place finish in the Division II bracket. Third-ranked MSU lost to second-rated Nebraska-Kearney 20-16 and then dropped an 18-15 decision to top-ranked Central Oklahoma.

MSU had three wrestlers go undefeated on the day. No. 2-rated Jason Rhoten went 2-0 at 140 pounds, earning a 14-7 decision over Kearney's Ryan Etherton and delivering a 3-2 verdict over third-ranked Shea Timothy of Central Oklahoma.

The Mavericks' fourth-ranked Andy Pickar (165 pounds) was a 15-3 major decision winner over Kearney's Keenan McCurdy and a 7-6 victor over No. 7 Jason Wood of Central Oklahoma.

Waseca native Ben Janike (197) may have had the best



(From top to bottom) Jason Rhoten, Andy Pickar and Ben Janike were the only three Minnesota State

University wrestlers to go unbeaten Sunday at the NWCA National Duals. MSU lost twice to the Nos. 1 and 2-ranked teams in the country.

day of his career on Saturday. He opened the competition by decisioning Kearney's sixth-ranked Kelsey Empting 6-3 and followed by defeating Central Oklahoma's eighth-rated Heath Jolley 8-4.

Minnesota State (5-2) returns to action Thursday at Minnesota State Moorhead.