



Sports

Minnesota State

Wrestlers move on at national duals

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA — The third-ranked Minnesota State wrestling squad advanced to the semifinals of the NWCA National Duals on Saturday with a pair of easy victories in the first two rounds.

The Mavericks opened the day with a 29-12 win over Chadron State and collected their second victory by a score of 33-6 win over Fort Hayes State.

Jeff Pfaffinger (133), Travis Elg (141), Jason Rhoten (149), Brandon Girtz (157), Andy Pickar (165), Travis Krinkie (184) and Brady Wilson (285) were all double-winners for the Mavericks. Elg won both his matches by pins.

The top four seeds all advanced to the semifinals with No. 1 Central Oklahoma facing off against No. 4 Nebraska-Omaha and No. 3 MSU taking on No. 2 Nebraska-Kearney today. Both semifinal duals begin at 11 a.m. The third-place meet starts at 3 p.m. and the championship dual is at 5 p.m.

Men's track & field

Five Mavericks earned first-

place finishes Saturday at the Minnesota State University Alumni Open, including Jim Dilling's automatic qualifying mark in the high jump.

Dilling, the returning indoor national champion in the high jump, opened his season with a first-place jump of 7-feet-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Dilling's jump surpassed the automatic NCAA standard of 7-1.

Two ad Mavericks posted national qualifying marks — Jon Mader in the 60-meter dash (6.83) and Lawrence Lipsey in the 60-meter hurdles (8.23).

Four other Mavericks turned in first-place performances. Nate Pieper won the 400-meters (50.90). Sam Lance took top honors in the 500-meters (1:05.98), Pat Lehmann was first in the 800-meters (1:54.84) and Nick Colvin won the long jump (22-6 $\frac{1}{2}$).

The Mavericks return to action Saturday, Jan. 20 at the University of Minnesota's Jack Johnson Classic in Minneapolis.

Women's track & field

The Minnesota State

women's indoor track and field team recorded eight-first place finishes in the 18 events Saturday at the MSU Alumni Open in Myers Field House.

Kali Erlandson won the high jump (5-feet, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inches) to qualify for the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Also winning their events and qualifying for the national meet were Katelin Rains in the pole vault (12-4) and Kami Sweet in the weight throw (53-0 $\frac{1}{4}$).

Freshman Jamie Caauwe captured the 200-meter dash (26.86), while Kaycie Merrihew won the 60-meter hurdles (9.07). Samantha Smith finished first in the 3,000-meters (11:05.31) and Jenny Hoese was No. 1 in the 5,000-meters (18:01.00).

The Maverick's 4x400-meter relay team of Jenny Goesch, Kelsey Leonard, Brittany Henderson and Alissa Kurke teamed for a win with a time of 4:00.09.

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