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Sports

The Notebook

MSU wrestlers ranked third

The Minnesota State University wrestling team has been ranked third in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association preseason poll.

The Mavericks are just two points behind first-place Central Oklahoma and one point behind second-place Nebraska-Kearney.

MSU received one first-place vote and has seven individuals ranked in the top eight.

The ranked wrestlers include: Nick Smith (2nd, 125 pounds); Jeff Pfaffinger (5th, 133); Efrain Ayala (7th, 141); Jason Rhoten (3rd, 149); Andy Pickar (4th, 165); Travis Krinke (3rd, 184 pounds); and Brady Wilson (8th, 285 pounds).

The Mavericks open their season Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Wisconsin-Stevens Point Open in Wisconsin.

Gusties earn accolades

Two members of the Gustavus Adolphus College men's hockey squad have been named to the 2006-07 All-U.S. College Hockey Online Division III Preseason Team.

Senior defenseman Jon Keseley and senior forward Mike Hosfield were each named to the West First Team.

Keseley led the Gusties in scoring last season with 17 goals and 24 assists for 41 points. He was Division III's top-scoring defenseman. Keseley was a First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-American selection and has 25 goals and 36 assists in his three years on the Gustavus team.

Hosfield was the second leading scorer for the Gusties last year with 19 goals and 17 assists (36

points). His 19 goals led the team and he ended up a First Team All-Conference selection. He has 28 goals and 29 assists in his two-year varsity career.

King recognized

Minnesota State University senior quarterback Ben King has been named the Offensive Player of the Week by the North Central Conference and by D2Football.com.

King's honors come on the heels of a 40-for-63 performance that yielded 505 yards and four touchdowns in the Mavericks' 44-39 victory over South Dakota last Saturday. King set a school record for passes completed, attempted and for passing yards during the game. Nationally, King's 505 passing yards is the highest output this year.

Minnesota State (3-6, 1-5)

is on the road for the final time this season at Ellensburg, Wash., to face Central Washington today.

Mavericks honored

Three members of the Minnesota State University women's volleyball team have been named to the 2006-07 Academic All-North Central Conference squad.

Junior Megan Stroud, an international business major, had the highest grade point average of the three at 3.78.

Senior Mandy Reuter, a sports management major, was also named to the team and was close behind Stroud with a 3.76 GPA.

Senior Cassie Wolpern, a finance major, joined Stroud and Reuter on the squad with a 3.29 GPA.

Selections were based by the votes of the league's sports information directors.