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The event is free and is open to the public, and will feature remarks from Director of Athletics Kevin Buisman, Maverick head coach Matt Margenthaler and several Minnesota State men's basketball players. The highlight of the festivities will be the traditional "cutting down of the nets," a time honored basketball tradition used to celebrate big wins, and the Mavericks will use this opportunity to share that experience with fans and supporters of the program.

Minnesota State Mankato is currently ranked 14th in NCAA Division II and holds the fourth spot in the North Central Regional rankings with its 21-6 overall record. The Mavericks clinched the program's second-ever North Central Conference title last weekend, and the first for the team since 1975-76, after finishing league play with a 9-3 record. With the outright championship, which was the first for the program since joining the NCC, MSU earned the #1 seed in the upcoming Wells Fargo Finals and received a bye in the quarterfinal round.

Taylor Center will be the site for the NCC post-season tournament semifinals and championship game on Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5, with Minnesota State Mankato's first game taking place at 4 p.m. Saturday against the winner of Wednesday's Minnesota Duluth versus Augustana contest. Sunday's title tilt is slated for 2 p.m.