MAVERICK WRESTLERS HOST TWO;
THURSDAY WILL INDICATE STRENGTH

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MANKATO, MN -- A dual meet with Southwest State University Thursday night in Mankato will give MSU Wrestling Coach Chris Sones some indication of his team's strength for the Northern Intercollegiate Conference meet in February.

Mankato hosted Gustavus Adolphus College Tuesday night, then hosts the SSU Mustangs Thursday (7:30 p.m.) in Highland Arena. Southwest is usually one of the top four teams in the NIC.

"It will be a tough match," Sones admitted, "and I think we'll find out alot about our kids, one way or another."

Last year Mankato State placed second in the NIC behind UM-Morris, while St. Cloud was third and Southwest captured fourth with a young squad.

Sones' Mavericks enter the week with a 2-1 dual meet record after a stirring 29-16 victory Thursday in Minneapolis over defending MIAC champion Augsburg College. Mankato State's leaders in the match included Bob Mock (Mankato), Rich Keller (Stillwater, MN) Rick Tietz (New Prague, MN), Bob Schmitgen (Blue Earth, MN) and Jerry Washatka (Park Falls, WS) each with lopsided victories.

Saturday Mock captured the 126 pound championship at the Winona Invitational, while Keller (142), Brian Kozitza (134) and Skip Rainford (150) claimed second place showings.

Keller at 11-8 overall and Mock at 10-6 have the top won-loss records for MSU, while Tietz boasts an 8-6 record. All three are 2-1 in dual meet action.

PROBABLE STARTERS

118 - Jerry Washatka (Park Falls, WS)	2-1 duals;	9-7 overall
126 - Bob Mock (Mankato, MN)	2-1;	10-6
134 - Brian Kozitza (Mankato, MN)	1-2;	8-9
142 - Rick Keller (Stillwater, MN)	2-1;	11-8
150 - Bob Schmitgen (Blue Earth, MN)	1-0;	2-6
158 - Paul Kramer (Waterloo, IA)	0-0;	5-3
167 - Rick Tietz (New Prague, MN)	2-1;	8-6
177 - Gary Edwards (Bloomington, MN)	0-1;	0-3
190 - Al Watts (Mankato, MN)	1-1;	4-7
Hwt - Jim Wychor (Worthington, MN)	0-2-1;	5-8-1