

MAVERICK MEMOS

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MAVERICK WRESTLERS FACE THREE
AS CONFERENCE MEET DRAWS NEAR

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MANKATO, MN -- With the Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC) meet just two weeks away, the Mankato State University wrestling Mavericks will learn a lot about their prospects when they meet three league teams in three days.

Thursday night the Mavericks visit St. Cloud State University, before returning home to host UM-Duluth Friday night and Bemidji State University Saturday night. The Mavericks will face one more league member - Winona State University - before the NIC Championships in Marshall, MN on February 14.

With a split last weekend, the Mavericks kept their dual meet record even at 4-4, losing to defending NIC champion UM-Morris on Friday before dismantling Moorhead State University on Saturday.

THIS WEEK -- vs. St. Cloud State (Thursday at St. Cloud; 7:30 p.m.)
In nine meetings in the past, Mankato has won three, St. Cloud has won four and two have ended in draws, including a 19-19 battle last year.
vs. UM-Duluth (Friday at Mankato; 7:30 p.m.)
Mankato has never met UM-Duluth in a dual meet.
vs. Bemidji State (Friday at Mankato; 7:30 p.m.)
The Mavericks have won all nine duals with the Beavers, including a 33-12 triumph a year ago.

PLACINGS -- In last year's NIC championships, UM-Morris took the top spot, while MSU edged Southwest State for second place. This week's opponents were fourth (St. Cloud), fifth (UMD) and sixth (Bemidji).

LAST WEEK -- The Mavericks won just four matches, and UM-Morris won three weights by fall in claiming a 29-11 victory Friday.
Saturday MSU won all but two classes in whipping Moorhead 36-6. Paul Kramer (Waterloo, IA) at 158 and Jim Wychor (Worthington, MN) at heavyweight won by pinning their foes.

LEADERS -- Junior Bob Mock (North Mankato, MN) won both of his matches to raise his team-leading record to 14-7 (6-2 duals), while sophomore Rick Keller (Stillwater, MN) kept pace with two wins to go to 14-9-1 (5-2-1 duals). Rick Tietz (New Prague, MN) is next at 13-6 (7-1 duals), followed by Jerry Washatka (Park Falls, WS) at 12-9 (5-3 duals).