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Marko Places First at Augsburg Invitational **Mavericks Have Nine Place at Augsburg Invitational**

MANKATO, Minn. – **Kole Marko** left it all on the mat to claim the championship this weekend at the Augsburg Invitational hosted by Augsburg University in St. Paul, Minn. Minnesota State had wrestlers competing in the Gold and Freshmen Brackets this weekend at the Augsburg Invitational, all wrestlers in the Freshmen Bracket wrestled unattached.

Marko, a standout freshman Maverick at 165, went 4-0 at the tournament to finish on top. In the championship match, Marko faced **Cooper Willis** of Augsburg, and won in overtime by a 3-1 sudden victory finish. This win gave Marko his second first place title of the season.

Minnesota State had eight more places at the open tournament this weekend. In the Gold Bracket: **Isaiah Mlsna**, fifth at 133; **Brock Luthens**, fifth at 141; **Drake Hayward**, second at 157; **Payton Kostka**, sixth at 157; **Mike Smith**, fourth at 174; **Shane Gibson**, third at 184; **Mason Askelsen**, third at 197; **Dylan Butts**, fourth at 197. In the Freshmen Bracket: **Caleb Meunier**, fourth at 149.

The Mavericks take the mats again on Saturday, December 3rd at the Jim Koch Open in Kenosha, Wis.

Augsburg Invitational Results for Minnesota State – Gold Bracket

Isaiah Mlsna (133) – 5th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Quarterfinal - Ty Bisek (Concordia Moorhead) won in sudden victory - 1 over Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State Mankato) SV 1 2-6

Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State Moorhead) SV-1 0-0

- Cons. Round 2 - Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State) won by major decision over Tristan Lang (Ridgewater CC) Maj 14-2
- Cons. Semi - Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State) won by fall over Carson Murray (Augsburg) Fall 4:13
- 5th Place Match - Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State) won by fall over Trevor Pearson (UW - La Crosse) Fall 1:16

Brock Luthens (141) – 5th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) won by decision over Aedon Oberdorfer (Augsburg) Dec 3-2
- Quarterfinal - Tate Murty (Upper Iowa) won by decision over Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) Dec 6-0
- Cons. Round 4 - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) won by decision over Cael Cox (Central) Dec 6-1
- Cons. Semi - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) won by decision over Brady Gross (Augsburg) Dec 10-5
- 5th Place Match - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) won by major decision over Sam Kulseth (Concordia Moorhead) Maj 11-0

Drake Hayward (157) – 2nd Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) won by major decision over Reily Dolan (Upper Iowa) Maj 12-3
- Quarterfinal - Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) won by fall over Leo Blawou (Central) Fall 2:19
- Semifinal - Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) won by decision over Blake Jagodzinske (Augsburg) Dec 11-7
- 1st Place Match - Eric Faught (Upper Iowa) won in sudden victory - 1 over Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) SV-1 8-6

Payton Kostka (157) – 6th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Payton Kostka (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Payton Kostka (Minnesota State) won by decision over Juan Diaz (Wartburg) Dec 5-0
- Quarterfinal - Eric Faught (Upper Iowa) won by fall over Payton Kostka (Minnesota State) Fall 6:36
- Cons. Round 4 - Payton Kostka (Minnesota State) won by decision over Ben Foelske (Upper Iowa) Dec 6-1
- Cons. Semi - Payton Kostka (Minnesota State) won by fall over Cade Sundgaard (Concordia Moorhead) Fall 4:23
- 5th Place Match - Chance Thronson (Upper Iowa) won by fall over Payton Kostka (Minnesota State) Fall 1:52

Mike Smith (174) – 4th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Mike Smith (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye

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- Quarterfinal - Mike Smith (Minnesota State) won by decision over Connor Thorsten (Augsburg) Dec 2-0
- Semifinal - Seth Goetzinger (Augsburg) won by fall over Mike Smith (Minnesota State) Fall 4:25
- 3rd Place Match - Scott Kellenberger (Upper Iowa) won by decision over Mike Smith (Minnesota State) Dec 13-9

Brody Nielsen (174)

- Champ. Round 1 - Brody Nielsen (Minnesota State) won by decision over Emmanuel Zepeda (Nebraska Wesleyan) Dec 5-3
- Quarterfinal - Scott Kellenberger (Upper Iowa) won by decision over Brody Nielsen (Minnesota State) Dec 3-1
- Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Simon (UW - La Crosse) won by medical forfeit over Brody Nielsen (Minnesota State) MFF

Shane Gibson (184) – 3rd Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Quarterfinal - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) won by decision over Ross Meskimen (Ridgewater CC) Dec 10-4
- Semifinal - Bentley Schwanebeck-Ostermann (Augsburg) won by fall over Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) Fall 4:04
- 3rd Place Match - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) won by decision over Connor Chloupek (Concordia Moorhead) Dec 6-5

Mason Askelsen (197) – 3rd Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Mason Askelson (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Quarterfinal - Mason Askelson (Minnesota State) won by fall over Johan Rodvik (Ridgewater CC) Fall 4:25
- Semifinal - Parker Venz (Augsburg) won by fall over Mason Askelson (Minnesota State) Fall 0:16
- 3rd Place Match - Mason Askelson (Minnesota State) won by medical forfeit over Dylan Butts (Minnesota State Mankato) MFF

Dylan Butts (197) – 4th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Quarterfinal - Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) won by major decision over Richard Jones (Ridgewater CC) Maj 13-2
- Semifinal - Gabriel Zierden (Concordia Moorhead) won by fall over Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) Fall 2:17
- 3rd Place Match - Mason Askelson (Minnesota State) won by medical forfeit over Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) MFF

Max Villnow (285)

- Champ. Round 1 - Walter West (Luther) won by decision over Max Villnow (Minnesota State) Dec 3-1
- Cons. Round 1 - Max Villnow (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Cons. Round 2 - Michael Douglas (UW - La Crosse) won by decision over Max Villnow (Minnesota State) Dec 5-2

Augsburg Invitational Results for Minnesota State – Freshman Bracket

Caleb Meunier (149) – 4th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) won by fall over Seth Littrell (Nebraska Wesleyan) Fall 1:05
- Quarterfinal - Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) won by tech fall over Taedon Nichols (Ridgewater CC) TF 16-1
- Semifinal - Lucas Jagodzinske (Augsburg) won by fall over Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) Fall 2:21
- 3rd Place Match - Clayton McDonough (Luther) won by decision over Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) Dec 6-4

Kain Sanders (149)

- Champ. Round 1 - Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Clayton McDonough (Luther) won by decision over Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) Dec 6-0
- Cons. Round 2 - Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Cons. Round 3 - Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) won in sudden victory - 1 over William Rude (Central) SV-1 10-8
- Cons. Round 4 - Brady Holien (Ridgewater CC) won by major decision over Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) Maj 20-6

Jett Thoreson (157)

- Champ. Round 1 - Cooper Larson (UW - La Crosse) won by decision over Jett Thoreson (Minnesota State) Dec 5-2
- Cons. Round 1 - Dorian Vaughns (Central) won by fall over Jett Thoreson (Minnesota State) Fall 2:41

Kole Marko (165) – 1st Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Kole Marko (Minnesota State) won by fall over Pierrson Czaplinski (UW - La Crosse) Fall 2:48
- Quarterfinal - Kole Marko (Minnesota State) won by fall over Dylan Schultz (Luther) Fall 1:52
- Semifinal - Kole Marko (Minnesota State) won by decision over Lawson Losee (Upper Iowa) Dec 5-3
- 1st Place Match - Kole Marko (Minnesota State) won in sudden victory - 1 over Cooper Willis (Augsburg) SV-1 3-1

Mason Teaser (165)

- Champ. Round 1 - Mason Teaser (Minnesota State) won by fall over Timothy Thurman (Northland CC) Fall 4:18
- Quarterfinal - Elijah Lucio (UW - La Crosse) won by fall over Mason Teaser (Minnesota State) Fall 3:45
- Cons. Round 2 - Thomas McBride (Nebraska Wesleyan) won by fall over Mason Teaser (Minnesota State) Fall 1:51