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Subject: Men's Wrestling

Maverick Wrestling Opens the Season with Split Squads at Yellow Jacket and Pointer Opens **Mavericks Have Eleven Placers at First Two Opens of the Season**

Mankato, Minn. – Minnesota State newcomers **Tanner Gaffey**, a 285-lb. red-shirt freshman, and **Brian Thilges**, a 184-lb. freshman, placed second at the Yellow Jacket Open today in Rochester, Minn.

Gaffey started the open with a 2-0 record before losing in sudden victory to Malcolm Allen (Unat. Augustana) in the final match.

Starting the season with three falls, Thilges entered the final match 3-0, losing by tech fall to Tyler Dormanen (Wisconsin-La Crosse).

Other Mavericks to place in the tournament were **Jett Thoreson** (157-lbs.) placing 5th, **Lucas Ryan** (133-lbs.), **Aden Welcome** (157-lbs.), and **Kain Sanders** (149-lbs.) placing 6th, and **Evan Farley** (165-lbs.) and **Grant Cook** (184-lbs.) placing 3rd.

All wrestlers were unattached in both brackets.

At the Pointer Open in Stevens Point, Wis., Minnesota State had three wrestlers place.

Max Schwabe, at 133-lbs., and **Trayton Anderson**, at 141-lbs., placed third at the Pointer Open. Schwabe went 5-1 for the day, with Anderson holding a record of 4-1.

Isaiah Mlsna and **Joshua Piechowski** also wrestled in the open. Mlsna placed 5th in the 149-lb. bracket, and Piechowski finished with a 3-1 record.

From head coach Jim Makovsky after today's performances, "Each group did a great job

of progressing and getting prepared for the season. Definitely had some encouraging performances to build on. We had some gritty performances and our guys did a fantastic job of making adjustments as the tournaments went on. I was encouraged by how the guys responded to adversity and bounced back from some tough losses."

The Mavericks are back on the mat Nov. 11th at the Luther Open in Decorah, Iowa.

Yellow Jacket Open Results for Minnesota State – Open Bracket (Unattached)

Kain Sanders (149) - 6th Place

- Quarterfinal – Kain Sanders (Unat. Minnesota State) won by major decision over Joe Penchi (Wisconsin-La Crosse) (MD 17-9)
- Semifinal – Justice Hefley (Unat. Iowa Central Community) won by decision over Kain Sanders (Unat. Minnesota State) (Dec 4-2)
- Cons. Semi – Cooper Larson (Wisconsin-La Crosse) won by fall over Kain Sanders (Unat. Minnesota State) (Fall 2:26)
- 5th Place Match - Joe Penchi (Wisconsin-La Crosse) won by decision over Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) (Dec 14-10)

Jett Thoreson (157) – 5th Place

- Champ. Round 1 – Jett Thoreson (Unat. Minnesota State) received a bye
- Quarterfinal –Blake Legred (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Jett Thoreson (Unat. Minnesota State) (Dec 2-0)
- Cons. Round 2 – Jett Thoreson (Unat. Minnesota State) received a bye
- Cons. Semi – Jett Thoreson (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Cameron Jacobs (Wisconsin-La Crosse) (Fall 3:00)
- 5th Place Match – Jett Thoreson (Unat. Minnesota State) won by major decision over Jan Hernandez-Soto (UW-Eau Claire) (MD 15-6)

Tanner Gaffey (285) – 2nd Place

- Quarterfinal – Tanner Gaffey (Unat. Minnesota State) won by major decision over Farouk Shaaban Unat. Harper CC) (MD 9-0)
- Semifinal – Tanner Gaffey (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Edward Hajas (Augustana) (Dec 5-2)
- 1st Place Match – Malcolm Allen (Unat. Augustana) won by sudden victory over Tanner Gaffey (Unat. Minnesota State) (SV-1 4-1)

Yellow Jacket Open Results for Minnesota State – Fresh/Soph Bracket (Unattached)

Irie Jackson (125)

- Champ. Round 1 – Chris Compton (Unat. Ellsworth Community) won by fall over Irie Jackson (Unat. Minnesota State) (Fall 1:51)
- Cons. Round 1 – Irie Jackson (Unat. Minnesota State) received a bye
- Cons. Round 2 – Chris Kish (Harper CC) won by decision over Irie Jackson (Unat. Minnesota State) (Dec 5-1)

Lucas Ryan (133) – 6th Place

- Champ. Round 1 – Lucas Ryan (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Adam Pena (Harper CC) (Fall 2:21)
- Champ. Round 2 – Braiden Kort (Unat. Augustana) won by fall over Lucas Ryan (Unat. Minnesota State) (Fall 1:56)
- Cons. Round 2 – Lucas Ryan (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Jamey Bruner (Iowa Central College) (Dec 8-4)
- Cons. Round 3 – Lucas Ryan (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Jackson McCormick (Rochester-CTC) (Dec 13-9)
- Cons. Round 4 – Lucas Ryan (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Rufus Bartee (Rochester-CTC) (Dec 10-5)
- Cons. Semi – Lucas Ryan (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Braiden Kort (Unat. Augustana) (Dec 7-3)
- 5th Place Match – Owen Hansen (Unat. Augustana) won by no contest over Lucas Ryan (Unat. Minnesota State) (NC)

Aden Welcome (157) – 6th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Aden Welcome (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Ibrahim Tafour (Triton Community) (Fall 4:25)
- Champ. Round 2 - Michael Myers (Iowa Central Community) won by major decision over Aden Welcome (Unat. Minnesota State) (MD 11-2)
- Cons. Round 2 – Aden Welcome (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Benny Butler (Harper CC) (Dec 3-1)
- Cons. Round 3 – Aden Welcome (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Traven Wailehua (Ellsworth Community) (Fall 2:35)
- Cons. Round 4 – Aden Welcome (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Victor Perez-Mesa (UW-Eau Claire) (Dec 4-1)
- Cons. Semi – Aden Welcome (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Caleb Durr (Unat. Augustana) (Dec 4-2)
- 5th Place Match – Logan Butzon (Unat. Augustana) won by no contest over Aden Welcome (Unat. Minnesota State) (NC)

Evan Farley (165) – 3rd Place

- Champ. Round 1 – Evan Farley (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Tristan Drier (UW-Eau Claire) (Dec 9-8)
- Champ. Round 2 – Evan Farley (Unat. Minnesota State) won by major decision over Andrew Mulay (Triton Community) (MD 10-2)
- Quarterfinal – Evan Farley (Unat. Minnesota State) won by technical fall over Lincoln Fink (University of Sioux Falls) (TF 18-2)
- Semifinal – Derek Johnson (Unat. St. Cloud State) won by major decision over Evan Farley (Unat. Minnesota State) (MD 16-2)
- 3rd Place Match – Evan Farley (Unat. Minnesota State) won by technical fall over Gavin Gust (Rochester-CTC) (TF 18-3)

Grant Cook (184) – 3rd Place

- Champ. Round 1 – Grant Cook (Unat. Minnesota State) received a bye
- Champ. Round 2 – Grant Cook (Unat. Minnesota State) won by sudden victory over Ali Adel (Harper CC) (SV-1 14-8)
- Quarterfinal – Grant Cook (Unat. Minnesota State) won by major decision over Daevon Vereen (University of Sioux Falls) (MD 21-8)
- Semifinal – Tyler Dormanen (Wisconsin-La Crosse) won by major decision over Grant Cook (Unat. Minnesota State) (MD 12-0)
- 3rd Place Match – Grant Cook (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Trystin Irvin (Iowa Central Community) (Dec 12-11)

Brian Thilges (184) – 2nd Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Brian Thilges (Unat. Minnesota State) received a bye
- Champ. Round 2 – Brian Thilges (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Matt Dobson (Unat.) (Fall 4:54)
- Quarterfinal – Brian Thilges (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Bennett Eichert (Triton Community) (Fall 3:30)
- Semifinal – Brian Thilges (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Trystin Irvin (Iowa Central Community) (Fall 1:48)
- 3rd Place Match – Tyler Dormanen (Wisconsin-La Crosse) won by technical fall over Brian Thilges (Unat. Minnesota State) (TF 17-1)

Pointer Open Results for Minnesota State (Unattached)

Max Schwabe (133) – 3rd Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Max Schwabe (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Ayden Rader (Iowa Lakes CC) (Fall 5:00)
- Champ. Round 2 - Max Schwabe (Unat. Minnesota State) won by tech fall over Quentin Vilmenay (Luther College) (TF 20-5)
- Quarterfinal - Max Schwabe (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Chad Bartschenfeld (Unattached) (Dec 5-3)
- Semifinal - Joshua Robison (North Central) won by decision over Max Schwabe (Unat. Minnesota State) (Dec 11-4)
- Cons. Round 4 - Max Schwabe (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Jad Alwawi (North Central) (Dec 2-1)
- 3rd Place Match - Max Schwabe (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Chad Bartschenfeld (Unattached) (Dec 4-1)

Trayton Anderson (141) – 3rd Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Trayton Anderson (Unat. Minnesota State) received a bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Trayton Anderson (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Justin Fortugno (Wisconsin-Whitewater) (Dec 7-3)
- Quarterfinal - Trayton Anderson (Unat. Minnesota State) won by tech fall over Tristan Day (Luther College) (TF 16-0)
- Semifinal - Pierre Baldwin (Central IA) won by decision over Trayton Anderson

- Consolation 1st - Pierre Barwin (Central (IA)) won by decision over Trayton Anderson (Unat. Minnesota State) (Dec 5-4)
- Cons. Round 4 - Trayton Anderson (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Austin Matheney (Albion) (Dec 9-4)
- 3rd Place Match - Trayton Anderson (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Kayle Bearson (North Central) (Dec 10-6)

Isaiah Mlsna (149) – 6th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Isaiah Mlsna (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Diego Garcia (Luther College) (Dec 6-3)
- Champ. Round 2 - Isaiah Mlsna (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Tyler Starr (North Central) (Dec 3-0)
- Quarterfinal - Isaiah Mlsna (Unat. Minnesota State) won in tie breaker - 1 over Duncan Delzell (Central (IA)) (TB-1 4-3)
- Semifinal - Jordan Craft (Wisconsin-Parkside) won by decision over Isaiah Mlsna (Unat. Minnesota State) (Dec 5-3)
- Cons. Round 4 - Scott Busse (Wisconsin-Whitewater) won by decision over Isaiah Mlsna (Unat. Minnesota State) (Dec 7-2)
- 5th Place Match - Duncan Delzell (Central (IA)) won by decision over Isaiah Mlsna (Unat. Minnesota State) (Dec 6-4)

Joshua Piechowski (197)

- Champ. Round 1 - Joshua Piechowski (Unat. Minnesota State) received a bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Garrett Kilgas (Luther College) won by decision over Joshua Piechowski (Unat. Minnesota State) (Dec 2-0)
- Cons. Round 2 - Joshua Piechowski (Unat. Minnesota State) received a bye
- Cons. Round 3 - Joshua Piechowski (Unat. Minnesota State) won by decision over Joseph Swanson (Wisconsin-Parkside) (Dec 8-3)
- Cons. Round 4 - Joshua Piechowski (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Giovanni Rodriguez (Morton College) (Fall 0:17)
- Consolation 1st - Joshua Piechowski (Unat. Minnesota State) won by fall over Angel Jaimes (Aurora University) (Fall 2:31)

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