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Minnesota State Downs #24 Southwest Minnesota State 26-18

Mankato, Minn. – The Mavericks went to work this afternoon in Bresnan Arena in their second conference dual against a ranked opponent, getting a 26-18 win over #24 Southwest Minnesota State.

With the win, MSU wrestling head coach **Jim Makovsky** also earned his 300th career win at Minnesota State, making him the all-time most winningest coach in MSU wrestling history, passing the legendary former head coach **Rummy Macias**.

Freshman **Kole Marko**, at 165 lbs., started the afternoon off strong for MSU against SMSU's **Lucas Hodges**. After a slow first period, Marko gained a substantial lead after a takedown and a five-point nearfall in the second period. Marko ended the match with an 11-1 major decision, putting the Mavericks on the board. Following in Marko's footsteps was junior **Mike Smith**, of MSU, at 174 lbs., up against **Elijah Sterner**, of SMSU. Smith had a quick takedown at four seconds into the first period, followed by another takedown and two nearfalls. Winning by a 13-1 major decision,

Smith brought the MSU team total to 8-0.

At 184 lbs., MSU sophomore **Nic Leo** faced SMSU junior **#2 Caden Steffen**. Steffen had two takedowns in the match, and finished with the win over Leo by a 6-1 decision, finally putting SMSU on the board at 8-3. **Tommy Johnson**, of MSU, wrestled at 197 lbs. against **Carter Marx**, of SMSU. After a scoreless first period and a stalling call in the second, Johnson found an escape but was taken down and pinned in the third round at 5:29, giving SMSU the team lead at 9-8. Next up at 285 lbs. was MSU senior **Darrell Mason** and SMSU's **Jacob Dykes**. Dykes got a takedown in the first period, helping give him a 3-1 decision win in the end, putting SMSU up 12-8 in the team score.

Dropping back down to the lower weights, SMSU's **Ben Emrich** won by forfeit at 125 lbs., moving team score to 18-8 for SMSU. Next at 133 lbs., MSU sophomore **Isaiah Mlsna** wrestled against **Hunter Pfantz**, of SMSU. Mlsna capitalized in the first period with two takedowns, an escape and a four-point nearfall to put him up 9-2 at the end of the first. Mlsna went on to win the match by a 9-6 decision, bringing the team score to 18-11 with SMSU still on top.

Sophomore **Max Schwabe**, of MSU, received a forfeit at 141 lbs., narrowing the team score gap to 18-17 SMSU. MSU's **Caleb Meunier** came in hot at 149 lbs., against SMSU's **Tyler Soltau**. After a quick takedown, Meunier got the pin at 1:14, boosting MSU to the top in the team score to 23-18. To finish the dual, sophomore **Drake Hayward**, of MSU, had a hard fought match at 157 lbs. with **Sean Howk**, of SMSU. A scoreless first period led to Hayward receiving two points in the second period from an escape and a stalling call on SMSU. Hayward also got an escape in the third, giving him the 3-2 decision win and finalizing the team score at 26-18 MSU.

To finish the night, MSU's **Shane Gibson** at 184 lbs. wrestled an exhibition match against SMSU's **Kevin Bostwick**. Gibson claimed the win with a 9-5 decision.

The Minnesota State wrestling team is back on the mat on January 21st against St. Cloud State at 2:00 p.m. in St. Cloud, Minn.

Minnesota State 26, Southwest Minnesota State 18

165: **Kole Marko (MSU)** wins via 11-1 major decision vs. **Lucas Hodges (SMSU)** | 4-0 MSU

174: **Mike Smith (MSU)** wins via 13-1 major decision vs. **Elijah Sterner (SMSU)** | 8-0 MSU

184: **Caden Steffen (SMSU)** wins via 6-1 decision vs. **Nic Leo (MSU)** | 8-3 MSU

197: **Carter Marx(SMSU)** wins via fall at 5:29 vs. **Tommy Johnson (MSU)** | 9-8 SMSU

285: **Jacob Dykes (SMSU)** wins via 3-1 decision vs. **Darrell Mason (MSU)** | 12-8 SMSU

125: **Ben Emrich (SMSU)** wins via forfeit | 18-8 SMSU

133: **Isaiah Mlsna (MSU)** wins via 9-6 decision vs. **Hunter Pfantz (SMSU)** | 18-11 SMSU

141: **Max Schwabe (MSU)** wins forfeit | 18-17 SMSU

149: **Caleb Meunier (MSU)** wins fall at 1:14 vs. **Tyler Soltau (SMSU)** | 23-18 MSU

157: **Drake Hayward (MSU)** wins via 3-2 decision vs. **Sean Howk (SMSU)** | 26-18 MSU