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#20 Mavericks Fall to #11 Marauders

Mankato, Minn. – The No. 20 Minnesota State wrestling team hosted their first conference wrestling dual of the season against No. 11 University of Mary, falling 2-15 to the Marauders.

The dual started at 165 lbs., with **Kole Marko**, a MSU freshman, and **Riley Noble**, a redshirt junior from UMary. Marko had a dominant second period with two takedowns and finished the match 6-2 to give the Mavericks an early 3-0 lead. **Mike Smith**, from MSU, and **#3 Max Bruss**, from UMary, were next at 174 lbs. Smith got an early takedown in the first period at 11 seconds, as the first period ended in a 3-3 tie. Bruss went on to win the match by an 8-5 decision, tying the teams at 3-3. Wrestling for MSU at 184 lbs. was **Shane Gibson**, against **Wyatt Lidberg** of UMary. Lidberg opened the match with a takedown and 4pt near fall in the first period and went on to win the match by a 17-0 tech fall, bringing the team score to 8-3 UMary.

Tommy Johnson of MSU and **#12 Matthew Kaylor** of UMary were next at 197 lbs. After scoreless first period, Kaylor won the match by a 2-0 decision with an escape in the second period and riding time to finish the third period. UMary still led the team score with 11-3. An almost identical match happened next at 285 lbs. between MSU's **Darrell**

115: An almost identical match happened next at 205 lbs. between MSU's **Darren Mason** against UMary's **Luke Tweeton**. Mason won the match by a 2-0 decision after a no score first period, an escape in the second, and riding time throughout the third, with a team result of 11-6 UMary.

Dropping back to the lower weight classes, MSU forfeited at 125 lbs. to **Jaden Verhagen** of UMary, giving UMary a larger lead of 17-6 in team scores. **Isaiah Mlsna** of MSU was next at 133 lbs. against **#14 Reece Barnhardt** of UMary. Barnhardt had takedowns in the second and third period, to help achieve a 6-0 decision win over Mlsna, putting UMary at 20-6 in the team score. Two seniors were up next between **#12 Brock Luthens** of MSU and **Laken Boese** of UMary. After a dramatic third period, Luthens came away with the win in a 6-2 decision. **Caleb Meunier**, a freshman from MSU, and **Lincoln Turmar**, a redshirt senior from UMary, were at 149 lbs. Turmar kept the lead throughout the three periods, finally getting the close win over Meunier with a 6-4 decision, helping UMary pull away in the team score at 23-9. For the last match of the evening, **Drake Hayward** of MSU and **#9 Brandon Huber** of UMary battled at 157 lbs. Neither opponent scored during the first or second period, having it all come down to the third. Huber had an early escape, followed by a takedown by Hayward, before Hayward won via fall at 6:00. This final win for MSU ended the dual, with UMary winning 23-15.

Two exhibitions matches followed the end of the dual. MSU's **Nic Leo** wrestled UMary's **Sam Bruss** with Bruss winning by a 5-2 decision. **Max Villnow** of MSU also wrestled **Jose Reyes** of UMary, resulting in a 14-3 major decision for Reyes.

The Mavericks are back at home in Bresnan Arena on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. against Southwest Minnesota State to continue their conference dual schedule.

University of Mary 23, Minnesota State 15

165: Kole Marko (MSU) over Riley Noble (UMary) Dec 6-2 | 3-0 MSU

174: Max Bruss(UMary) over Mike Smith(MSU) Dec 8-5 | 3-3 Tied

184: Wyatt Lidberg (UMary) over Shane Gibson (MSU) TF 17-0 | 8-3 UMary

197: Matthew Kaylor(UMary) over Tommy Johnson(MSU) Dec 2-0 | 11-3 UMary

285: Darrell Mason (MSU) over Luke Tweeton (UMary) Dec 2-0 | 11-6 UMary

125: Jaden Verhagen (UMary) over Unknown (For.) | 17-6 UMary

133: Reece Barnhardt (UMary) over Isaiah Mlsna (MSU) Dec 6-0 | 20-6 UMary

141: Brock Luthens (MSU) over LakenBoese (UMary) Dec 6-2 | 20-9 UMary

149: Lincoln Turmar (UMary) over Caleb Meunier (MSU) Dec 6-4 | 23-9 UMary

157: Drake Hayward (MSU) over Braydon Huber (UMary) Fall 6:00 | 23-15 UMary

Exhibition Match #1: Sam Bruss (UMary) over Nic Leo (MSU) | Bruss wins 5-2 decision

Exhibition Match #2: Jose Reyes (UMary) over Max Villnow (MSU) | Reyes wins 14-3 major decision

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