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Meunier and Marko Place First at Luther Open **Mavericks Have Seven Place at Luther Open**

MANKATO, Minn. – Minnesota State was led by two freshmen, **Caleb Meunier** and **Kole Marko**, this weekend at the Luther Open hosted by Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. The Luther Open hosted two brackets this weekend, the Elite Bracket and the Silver Bracket, both wrestlers competed in the Silver Bracket.

The Wisconsin natives were both paired with opponents from Augsburg University in Minneapolis, Minn. Meunier, at 149, went 5-0 on Saturday and secured his first-place win over **Cole Becker** by a 9-3 decision. Marko, at 165, went 4-0 and had a close match against **Cooper Willis**, winning by a 5-4 decision in the championship round.

Six more Mavericks placed at the open tournament throughout the two brackets: **Drake Hayward**, second at 157; **Mike Smith**, fourth at 174; **Shane Gibson**, fifth at 184; **Brock Luthens**, sixth place at 141; **Dylan Butts**, sixth at 197; **Gavin Christoffersen**, tying for eighth at 184.

Minnesota State is back in action on Saturday, December 3rd at the Jim Koch Open in Kenosha, Wis.

Luther Open Results for Minnesota State – Elite Bracket

Isaiah Mlsna (133)

- Champ. Round 1 - Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Zach Thompson (Wisconsin-Platteville) won by major decision over Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State Mankato) Mai 12-2

Decision over Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State Mankato) Maj 12-2

- Cons. Round 2 - Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State) won by injury default over Jayson Weidman (Loras) Inj. 3:00
- Cons. Round 3 - Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State) won by fall over Christian Kemp (Loras) Fall 2:06
- Cons. Round 4 - Anthony Gallagher (Coe) won by decision over Isaiah Mlsna (Minnesota State Mankato) Dec 9-5

Brock Luthens (141) - 6th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) won by decision over Trevon Wells (Wartburg) Dec 8-2
- Champ. Round 2 - Brady Gross (Augsburg) won in sudden victory - 1 over Brock Luthens (Minnesota State Mankato) SV-1 3-1
- Cons. Round 2 - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) won by fall over Collin Brown (Cornell College) Fall 1:48
- Cons. Round 3 - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) won by major decision over Reis Ginter (Loras) Maj 10-0
- Cons. Round 4 - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) won by fall over Ethan Pogorzelski (Wisconsin-Whitewater) Fall 1:58
- Cons. Semi - Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) won by decision over Brady Gross (Augsburg) Dec 3-2
- 5th Place Match - Trevon Wells (Wartburg) received a bye Brock Luthens (Minnesota State) Bye

Wilson Bastyr (149)

- Champ. Round 1 - Charlie Stuhl (Augsburg) won by tech fall over Wilson Bastyr (Minnesota State Mankato) TF 16-1
- Cons. Round 1 - Wilson Bastyr (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Cons. Round 2 - Wilson Bastyr (Minnesota State) won by fall over Alex Cruz (Augustana (IL)) Fall 0:55
- Cons. Round 3 - Wilson Bastyr (Minnesota State) won by decision over Ryker Pentz (North Iowa Area Community College) Dec 7-1
- Cons. Round 4 - Jacob McBride (Wartburg) won by decision over Wilson Bastyr (Minnesota State) Dec 8-2

Drake Hayward (157) – 2nd Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) won by fall over Blake Jagodzinske (Augsburg) Fall 2:32
- Champ. Round 2 - Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) won by major decision over Daniel Meeker (Loras) Maj 16-3
- Quarterfinal - Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) won by decision over Eric Fauft (Inner Iowa) Dec 7-5

- Semifinal - Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) won by decision over Joe Kelly (Iowa) Dec 6-2
- 1st Place Match - Tyler Shilson (Augsburg) won by decision over Drake Hayward (Minnesota State) Dec 3-2

Mike Smith (174) – 4th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Mike Smith (Minnesota State) won by major decision over Connor Thorsten (Augsburg) Maj 13-4
- Champ. Round 2 - Mike Smith (Minnesota State) won by major decision over Kolton Bartow (Loras) Maj 10-1
- Quarterfinal - Mike Smith (Minnesota State) won by fall over Zeth Gerkenmeyer (Nebraska Wesleyan) Fall 1:48
- Semifinal - Walker Ingham (Rochester Community & Tech. College) won by decision over Mike Smith (Minnesota State) Dec 5-4
- 3rd Place Match - Adam Sylvester (Augsburg) won by decision over Mike Smith (Minnesota State) Dec 12-7

Shane Gibson (184) – 5th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Donovan Corn (Luther) won by decision over Shane Gibson (Minnesota State Mankato) Dec 8-2
- Cons. Round 2 - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Cons. Round 3 - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) won by decision over Clay DeBaillie (Augustana (IL)) Dec 10-5
- Cons. Round 4 - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) won in sudden victory - 1 over Nic Leo (Minnesota State Mankato) SV-1 10-8
- Cons. Semi - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) won by medical forfeit over David Papach (Wartburg) MFF
- 5th Place Match - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) won by decision over Colter Bye (Upper Iowa) Dec 3-2

Gavin Christoffersen (184) – 8th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Christoffersen (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Gavin Christoffersen (Minnesota State) won by decision over Colter Bye (Upper Iowa) Dec 4-2
- Quarterfinal - Shane Liegel (Loras) won by tech fall over Gavin Christoffersen (Minnesota State) TF 20-2
- Cons. Round 4 - Gavin Christoffersen (Minnesota State) won by medical forfeit over Braxton Doebel (Wartburg) MFF
- Cons. Semi - Colter Bye (Upper Iowa) won by medical forfeit over Gavin Christoffersen (Minnesota State) MFF
- 7th Place Match - Gavin Christoffersen (Minnesota State) and David Papach (Wartburg) DFF

Nic Leo (184)

- Champ. Round 1 - Nic Leo (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Nic Leo (Minnesota State) won by fall over Alex Witt (Wisconsin-Platteville) Fall 3:56
- Quarterfinal - Bentley Schwanebeck-Ostermann (Augsburg) won by major decision over Nic Leo (Minnesota State) Maj 13-4
- Cons. Round 4 - Shane Gibson (Minnesota State) won in sudden victory - 1 over Nic Leo (Minnesota State Mankato) SV-1 10-8

Dylan Butts (197) – 6th Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) won by decision over Josh Franklin (Rochester Community & Tech. College) Dec 13-9
- Champ. Round 2 - Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) won by decision over Steven Karas (Wartburg) Dec 8-6
- Quarterfinal - Parker Venz (Augsburg) won by fall over Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) Fall 4:56
- Cons. Round 4 - Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) won by forfeit over Derek Venteicher (Loras) FF
- Cons. Semi - Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) won by medical forfeit over Darius Mynar (Wartburg) MFF
- 5th Place Match - Tyler Hannah (Wisconsin-Platteville) won by decision over Dylan Butts (Minnesota State) Dec 7-1

Joshua Piechowski (197)

- Champ. Round 1 - Joshua Piechowski (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Darius Mynar (Wartburg) won by fall over Joshua Piechowski (Minnesota State Mankato) Fall 4:16
- Cons. Round 2 - Joshua Piechowski (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Cons. Round 3 - Derek Venteicher (Loras) won by decision over Joshua Piechowski (Minnesota State) Dec 10-7

Mason Askelsen (197)

- Champ. Round 1 - Mason Askelsen (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Mason Askelsen (Minnesota State) won by major decision over Jaylin Smith (North Iowa Area Community College) Maj 10-2
- Quarterfinal - Kolby Franklin (Iowa) won by tech fall over Mason Askelsen (Minnesota State) TF 15-0
- Cons. Round 4 - Seth Butler (Wartburg) won by decision over Mason Askelsen (Minnesota State) Dec 7-0

Max Villnow (285)

- Champ. Round 1 - Hunter Goroeki (Augsburg) won by decision over Max

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- Cons. Round 1 - Max Villnow (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Cons. Round 2 - Max Villnow (Minnesota State) won by fall over Quinn Wilcoxon (Cornell College) Fall 6:13
- Cons. Round 3 - Jagger Schack (Augsburg) won by decision over Max Villnow (Minnesota State) Dec 5-3

Luther Open Results for Minnesota State – Silver Bracket

Caleb Meunier (149) – 1st Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) won by decision over Karson Casper (Augsburg) Dec 8-2
- Champ. Round 2 - Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) won by tech fall over Brent Meier (Wisconsin-Whitewater) TF 17-0
- Quarterfinal - Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) won by decision over Reese Osborne (Wartburg) Dec 10-4
- Semifinal - Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) won by decision over Clayton McDonough (Luther) Dec 12-7
- 1st Place Match - Caleb Meunier (Minnesota State) won by decision over Cole Becker (Augsburg) Dec 9-3

Kain Sanders (149)

- Champ. Round 1 - Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) won by decision over Seth Littrell (Nebraska Wesleyan) Dec 7-2
- Champ. Round 2 - Lucas Jagodzinske (Augsburg) won by major decision over Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) Maj 9-0
- Cons. Round 2 - Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Cons. Round 3 - Karson Casper (Augsburg) won by decision over Kain Sanders (Minnesota State) Dec 3-2

Jett Thoreson (157)

- Champ. Round 1 - Jett Thoreson (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Champ. Round 2 - Jett Thoreson (Minnesota State) won by fall over Kadin Rednour (Augustana (IL)) Fall 2:41
- Quarterfinal - Luke Schmerbach (Wisconsin-Whitewater) won by major decision over Jett Thoreson (Minnesota State) Maj 11-3
- Cons. Round 4 - Bryce McDonough (Luther) won by fall over Jett Thoreson (Minnesota State) Fall 2:48

Kole Marko (165) – 1st Place

- Champ. Round 1 - Kole Marko (Minnesota State) won by tech fall over William Krueger (Wisconsin-Eau Claire) TF 18-2
- Quarterfinal - Kole Marko (Minnesota State) won by fall over Yoshi Sesoko (Wisconsin-Eau Claire) Fall 2:49
- Semifinal - Kole Marko (Minnesota State) won by decision over Lawson Lopez

- Semifinal - Kole Marko (Minnesota State) won by decision over Lawson Losee (Upper Iowa) Dec 5-3
- 1st Place Match - Kole Marko (Minnesota State) won by decision over Cooper Willis (Augsburg) Dec 5-4

Mason Teaser (165)

- Champ. Round 1 - Terry Smith (Wisconsin-Eau Claire) won by fall over Mason Teaser (Minnesota State) Fall 4:14
- Cons. Round 1 - Mason Teaser (Minnesota State) received a bye () Bye
- Cons. Round 2 - Allen Catour (Loras) won by fall over Mason Teaser (Minnesota State) Fall 4:11

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