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What Lies Ahead: The Mavericks host the Huskies this Thursday, Jan. 16th to continue their dual season against St. Cloud State.

**About Minnesota State:** MSU holds a 6-1 overall record, 3-0 NSIC record. The Mavericks have four ranked wrestlers from the National Wrestling Coaches' Association: No. 13 R-Fr. *Walker Bents* at 149-lb., No. 12 junior *Caleb Meunier* at 157-lb., No. 14 junior *Kole Marko* at 165-lb., and No. 13 R-Jr. *Drake Hayward* at 174-lb.

**About St. Cloud State:** The No. 1 Huskies currently hold a 7-0 overall record, with a perfect 3-0 conference record. St. Cloud State has ten ranked wrestlers, including No. 1 Colby Njos at 149 pounds. Head coach, Steve Costanzo, is in his 18th season with the Huskies and has a overall record of 278-31.

Last Time Out: Minnesota State traveled to North Dakota to face No. 11 UMary and RV Minot State last weekend, upsetting UMary 21-19 and beating Minot State 31-14.

**The Makovsky File:** In his 31st year with Minnesota State, head coach <u>Jim Makovsky</u> holds an impressive 306-136-3 career record, the most in program history. Makovsky has coached 12 Individual National Champions, 96 NCAA All-Americans, and has been inducted into the NCAA DII Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame.

**National Appearances:** Minnesota State made an appearance on the podium in the 2022-23 season with senior Darrell Mason, at 285 lb., finishing third. Mason held a 17-4 record, became a two-time NCAA All-American, and earned the Minnesota State Senior Male Athlete of the Year Honor. Mason was also the national champion at 285 lb. his junior year with a perfect 22-0 record.

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