



Men's Basketball Report

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St. Cloud State 88, Minnesota Duluth 69

St. Cloud, Minn. — St. Cloud State's Adam Sullivan scored a career high 30 points to lead the Huskies to an 88-69 victory over the Minnesota Duluth at Halenbeck Hall.

Sullivan scored 19 second-half points to break open a game the was closely contested throughout the first half. He finished the game 13 of 17 from the field, including four of seven from three-point range. He also had five rebounds and four assists. David Dreas also scored in double figures for the Huskies with 26 points and a game high nine assists. Craig Coenen led the team in rebounding with six boards.

The Huskies shot an incredible 74.1 percent from the field in the second half, making 20 of 27 field goals, and finished the game with a 63.8 shooting percentage. The Huskies went to the free throw line eight times in the game.

Minnesota Duluth was led by Bryan Foss who collected a double double with 23 points and ten rebounds. John Vaudreuil and Jordan Nuness each had 18 points for the Bulldogs. UMD out rebounded the Huskies 32-28, and had 14 offensive boards. The Bulldogs shot 44.8 percent from the field.

North Dakota 75, Nebraska-Omaha 72

Grand Forks, N.D. -- There wasn't a lack of drama this afternoon as North Dakota won its first North Central Conference game. The Fighting Sioux knocked off Nebraska-Omaha 75-73 in front of a crowd of 3,052 at Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

Trailing 72-69 UND's Harry Boyce stole the ball from Omaha's Josh Vanderslice at midcourt. He then dishd to Emmanuel Little, who was streaking up the court, for an easy lay-up.

Omaha's Zac Robinson missed a three-pointer on the next Mavericks possession, giving the Sioux the opportunity for the lead. They took it. Little grabbed Robinson's rebound, one of his game-high 17. The Sioux worked the offense and Mike Gutter hit a jumper for 73-72 lead with 1:06 remaining.

Vanderslice was called for traveling on Omaha's next possession, turning the ball over to the Sioux. Little was fouled, but missed the first free throw of the one-and-one opportunity.

Mark Kruse was there for the rebound, however, tracking the ball down in the corner. He was fouled, missed his first free throw, but hit the second one, giving the Sioux a 74-72 lead with 14 seconds remaining.

On Omaha's next possession, Vanderslice was fouled with seven seconds remaining for the double bonus opportunity. He made the first, but missed his second free throw.

Tyler Koenig grabbed the rebound and was fouled. He missed the first and moments before taking his second shot, the horn inadvertently sounded. Distractions aside, he made the second shot.

The Mavericks had a chance to tie it at the buzzer. Vanderslice drove the length of the court in four seconds and took a shot from the top of the key, but missed.

The teams tied six different times in the second half. And, at one point, the Mavericks had a 71-65 lead with five minutes remaining in regulation. However, the Sioux outscored Omaha 10-2 down the stretch.

Little led all scorers with 22 points and 17 rebounds. Kruse ended with 15, while Josh Doyle came off the bench to score 14.

The Mavericks were led by Keith Price's 19 points off the bench. Michael Jenkins and Denny Johnston scored, 13 and 12, respectively.

Minnesota State 81, Augustana 76

Mankato, Minn. -- Minnesota State earned a 81-76 victory over Augustana in front of 3,244 fans in the Taylor Center. The crowd was the eighth largest to see a game in the building.

The Mavericks found themselves trailing 71-68 with 4:58 remaining in the game before senior guard Tony Thomason took the game over.

Coming out of a time-out, Thomason drilled a three-point basket from the right-wing to knot the game at 71. Augustana answered with a dunk by Matt Paulson to regain the lead at 73-71, marking the last time Augustana would hold a lead in the contest. On the ensuing possession, Thomason hit another three-point basket from nearly the exact spot to give MSU's it final lead at 74-73.

Thomason, who was hampered by foul trouble throughout most of the game, finished with 14 points on 4-of-7 shooting, including 3-of-5 from beyond the arch. Eight of Thomason's 14 points came in the final five minutes of the contest.

Minnesota State iced the game connecting on 7-of-8 free throws in the final two minutes to preserve the victory.

Luke Anderson scored a season-high 27 points on 9-of-19 shooting, in the victory, while senior Paris Kyles added 20 – 15 of which came in second half.

Minnesota State finished the game shooting 46.3 percent from the floor, while Augustana shot 53.6. The Mavericks connected on 10-of-24 opportunities from beyond the three-point line, while limiting the Vikings to an ice-cold 4-of-13 (30.8%) from three-point land.

MSU owned a 31-27 advantage on the glass, including a 10-7 edge on the offensive end. The Mavericks have not been outrebounded in a contest this season.

Jake Morrow gathered a game-high nine rebounds, a mark that ties his season and career high. Anderson added seven rebounds for the Mavericks.

Minnesota State made 26 trips to the free throw line connecting on 21 opportunities.

Augustana was led by Nick Olson's 17 points.

Standings	NCC	Over.
Minnesota State	4-0	18-1
South Dakota	3-0	14-4
St. Cloud State	4-1	15-5
Augustana	2-3	15-5
Nebraska-Omaha	1-3	10-8
North Dakota	1-3	9-10
Minnesota Duluth	0-5	9-11