

SSWO makes a difference at Freezin' for a Reason



Photo by Chelsea Geis

Members of Minot State's Student Social Work Organization (SSWO) (from the left) Jenelle Williams, Shelby Lee, Shelby Bowlds and Brittnee Annetts stand in the cold outside Town & Country Center Saturday. The students collected food for the Minot Area Homeless Coalition.

KMSU Auction airs Dec. 5

by Kryz Zorbaugh
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Department of Broadcasting will air the 15th annual KMSU Auction live Thursday, Dec. 5, on public access Channel 19 at 6:30 p.m., with a preshow starting at 5 p.m. Bids will be accepted by phone at (701) 858-4019 during the auction.

From the humble \$1,400 raised the first year, to more than \$14,000 last year, the KMSU Auction continues to grow! This annual event brings the excitement of a live auction into the comfort of viewers' homes as they call in and place bids on-air, during an allotted period of time,

with the highest bid winning the package.

This unique television auction is planned, organized, produced and promoted by Minot State University broadcasting students.

"The event is an excellent opportunity for students to gain real-life experience while giving back to others," Neil Roberts, associate communication arts professor said.

The KMSU Auction raises funds for scholarships and equipment for the MSU broadcasting program. Charitable causes receive 10 percent of all funds raised. This year, that por-

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Campus Players to present 'A Christmas Carol' Dec. 12-14

by Kryz Zorbaugh
Staff Writer

Minot State University's Campus Players invite everyone to get into the true spirit of the holiday season with Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 12-14 at 7:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Doors open at 7 p.m.

"A Christmas Carol," dramatized by Kevin Neuharth, MSU associate communication arts professor, is a celebration of the classic novella by Dickens. It is a tale of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge's ideological, ethical and emotional transformation result-

ing from supernatural visits from his former business partner, Marley, and the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future.

MSU theater major and senior Joshua Snyder directs a cast of more than 20 in this year's annual Campus Players holiday production.

"The greatest reward of putting together a student-run production is finding out what challenges me as a director and getting to learn more about my peers," Snyder said. "I get to see what challenges them as actors

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Fun and folly at 24-hour Play Festival



Photo by Courtney Holman

MSU seniors (from the left) Grey Wallstrum and Jordan Crawford perform in "Economics," one of four plays in Saturday's 24-hour Play Festival in Aleshire Theater. "Economics" was written by theater major Daniel Johnson and directed by theater major Corie Burck.

News in Brief

Global Sights Photo Contest winning entries on display

Winning entries in the Global Sights Photo Contest at Minot State University are on display Nov. 21-22 on the second floor of the Student Center near the Beaver Creek Cafe from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The MSU Office of International Programs organizes the contest for MSU students, faculty, staff, retirees and alumni as part of International Education Week.

O'Keefe to present at Math Talk today

Minot State University mathematics and chemistry major Kowan O'Keefe will present "Identification Problem in PK/PD Model for Treatment of Type II

Diabetes Mellitus Using Metformin, Part I" at this month's Math Talk Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. in Model Hall 330. The talk is free and open to everyone.

MSU Life fleece tie blankets Friday

Come to the Beaver Dam Nov. 22 at 9 p.m. to make a snuggly tie fleece blanket. Materials and tools provided. MSU Life sponsors the event. It is free to all students with a current MSU ID.

Bearded Men to perform improv Nov. 23

The hugely popular Minneapolis improvisational theatre troupe, Bearded Men, will perform long-form improv Saturday in Aleshire Theater from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event, sponsored

by MSU Campus Players, is free and open to the public.

President's open forum Nov. 26

Join President Fuller for a campus-wide open forum on Tuesday. Fuller will provide updates on the budget, findings of the Planning & Budgeting Council's recent focus group sessions and campus initiatives. The interchangeable forums will take place at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Percussion Ensemble concert Nov. 26

The MSU Percussion Ensemble and Marimba Ensemble, under the direction of Avis Veikley, will perform Tuesday in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Thanksgiving holiday university hours

No Minot State classes Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. The university will be closed all day Nov. 28, but will reopen Nov. 29.

Band concert Dec. 2

Devin Otto will direct the MSU Band Concert Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Admission is free.

Jazz Ensemble performs Dec. 3

The MSU Jazz Ensemble, directed by David Otto, will perform Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Choirs seasonal concert set for Dec. 10

The MSU Concert Choir, directed by Kenneth Bowles, the Women's Chorus, directed by Lukas Graf and the MSU Singers, directed by Rebecca Petrik, will perform Dec. 10 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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LGBTQS club making headway in community awareness

by Jamie Council
Staff Writer

There is no doubt that the world is changing. There is no doubt Minot is changing. One student group represents the changing society and Minot itself. A group on the Minot State University campus provides a support system once not even considered in Minot in previous years. LGBTQS, which stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, or Questioning Support, has gained some momentum on campus.

"[The club exists] to extend a helping hand to those of the LGBTQS community as well as publicize that we are here to help," junior computer science major and club vice president Noah Rothermund said.

Sexual orientation doesn't matter for LGBTQS, which has been in existence for more than two school years. It is mainly just a support system for those of the LGBTQS community and a formal group for people to show support for equal rights.

"We're just saying we're here and we're here for support," Rothermund said. "Because we have an older demographic in North Dakota, this topic gets overlooked. I feel like there's not much support in North Dakota for the LGBTQS community. We push for equal rights and acceptance as well as support. It's just sexual orientation. They aren't asking to sleep with you or anything."



LGBTQS member Christopher Hodgson displays an informational board at the Club Fair in August.

Photo by Michelle Holman

This support and awareness group has participated in events around campus such as the Homecoming block party. The group had coloring sheets and markers at their table for participants to color. Being such a controversial issue, the group makes sure they are going about the awareness the right way.

"We try to come out to almost every event to publicize that we are here," Rothermund said. "It's not an outrageous, eccentric blast in your face. We aren't overzealous with it. If you're here to accept us, you're here to accept us."

LGBTQS is looking to expand its campus involvement in the future. They hope to put "safe zones" across campus.

Advisers, teachers, or possibly even students will be available to talk to or provide a shoulder to lean on about issues dealing with sexual orientation. They are also looking to bring a speaker to campus to talk about gender and sexuality.

"It all depends on funding," Rothermund said. "We need to get someone to train the 'safe zone' personnel."

They hope to have those two projects in full motion by the end of the spring semester. Meetings are every other Tuesday in Hartnett Hall room 320. Meetings last an hour, but if someone can't attend meetings, there is a Facebook group.

Spring Break service trip planned for Portland

What are your plans for Spring Break 2014? Join a group from Minot State University as we travel to Portland, Ore., to work with the organization, Bridgetown Inc.

Bridgetown works with the homeless and those that are in need in downtown Portland by building relationships and loving people, because people matter.

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To hold your spot, a \$100 deposit is due Dec. 4.

For more information about the trip, visit <http://bridgetowninc.org>. For questions, call 833-2221 or email kari.williamson@minotstateu.edu.

— Kari Williamson, Lutheran Campus Ministry

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tion will go to Mike Bunce to defray medical expenses. Bunce, an MSU broadcasting graduate, works in the department in addition to his full-time roles at WGO and The Zoo radio stations.

"Mike's dedication and hard work within the department really strengthens our commitment to him in his fight with cancer," Audra Myerchin, MSU assistant communication arts professor said.

The KMSU Auction is also a unique opportunity for the entire community. It promotes local businesses through various media in exchange for donations and then organizes them into packages to be auctioned off in a QVC-meets-eBay-style format. From gift certificates to clocks, jewelry, tools, video games, airfare and vacation packages, the KMSU Auction has seen it all and this year will prove to be no different.

Early promotion of this year's packages can be found on the website at www.kmsuauction.com.

For questions, contact KMSU Auction advisors Janna McKechnie at janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu or Candace Brekke at cbrekke@odney.com, or visit the website at www.kmsuauction.com.



More 24-hour Play Festival

Photo by Michelle Holman
MSU students (from the left) Abby Dunn, Ari Hackett, Christopher Hodgson and Allyssa LaRose perform in "The Sugar Plum Hit Squad," at the 24-hour Play Festival last weekend. The play, written by Krys Zorbaugh and directed by Ashley Nilsen, is a tale about a group of feisty elves who try to convince people on Santa Claus' "naughty list" to have a change of heart before Christmas.



On Music



by **Ward Lamon**
Staff Writer

The one about Miley Cyrus

specifically to any of Miley Cyrus' singular performances, be it her introductory VMA performance or her most recent weed-smoking EMA performance, would be among my worse decisions as a music columnist. Knowing that, it was three weeks prior to her public succession of publicity explosions that I knew I would - at some point - have to address her as the topic in one of my columns.

For the majority of Miley's casual fans, they seem to have thought that Miley went directly from innocent Disney tween star to edgy pop music star. If that is the extent of the change people had to accommodate to all at once upon seeing her VMA performance, then a widespread public outcry of "Miley gone rogue" would be entirely understandable.

Those who kept even half an eye on her should not have in any way been surprised by her performance. Three years ago there was a video of her partying and drinking from a bong, a year ago was a picture of her mock-licking a penis-shaped cake, there were also a host of other controversial photos through the years. Near the end of 2012, she collaborated with Borgore in his song, "Decisions," and also performed a cover of Billy Idol's "Rebel Yell," which was basically her VMA performance minus the twerking and the foam finger.

As if her past shenanigans weren't indicative enough, she continued trying to remove herself from her former Disney-dominated image. With a renewed vigor for her new album, she

upped her antics to the next level and started releasing singles and music videos from her album, "Bangerz." These started to garner widespread attention and, more importantly in an industry ultimately run by money, sales as people bought into her campaign. Increased sales led to her landing a spot on the VMAs and that performance officially cemented her as a changed person in the perspectives of the masses.

The most popular conversations post-VMAs usually take one of two different paths. The first path veers towards a direct reactionary dialogue which revolves around people discussing whether they support or oppose her decision to have done said action. They voice their opinions and each leave with a deeper level

of allegiance to their respective ideals and Cyrus leaves having gotten that many more people to talk about her.

The second path of conversation introduces a new stance where one party takes a stab at assessing the situation as a whole. They commend Miley Cyrus for having succeeded in her marketing campaign and that she has been trending all over as of late. This would be a good stance to take, but it could only be rightfully justified by tangible, solid proof, not simply as a general, "everyone is talking about her."

From a sales standpoint, she sold about 270,000 units in the first week, which made for her fifth number-one album of her own and also slotted her as the

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On Movies



'Thor: The Dark World'

Russo, and Anthony Hopkins. Alan Taylor directs the movie that has a PG-13 rating for intense action, mild language and minor suggestive content.

The God of Thunder, Thor (Hemsworth), has managed to keep Asgard and the other nine realms at peace. His step-brother Loki (Hiddleston) is imprisoned by their father and king of Asgard, Odin (Hopkins), for his actions on earth (as seen in "The Avengers.").

All seems well with Asgard, as Thor is accompanied by his fellow warriors, his father and his mother, Frigga (Russo). However, he feels distant from his home as he misses his friends on earth, including his love, Jane Foster (Portman).

This peace is not about to last as a rare event known as the convergence brings a deadly new threat, not only to Asgard, but to the earth as well. They are known

as the Dark Elves, an ancient and evil race led by Malekith (Eccleston). Malekith plans to find and use a powerful weapon called the aether to spread darkness upon all of the nine realms. With the entire odds stacked against him and his loved ones in danger, Thor has no choice but to ally himself with Loki in a chance to save the universe.

I was never a huge Thor fan myself. Before the 2011 film of

"Thor", I just never saw what the big deal with him was. When I saw that movie though, I instantly became a fan of the story and the character. Since sequels sometimes tend to not do better than their original counterpart, I was afraid that "Thor: The Dark World" may not live up to its standards. I was proven wrong as the movie definitely was entertaining

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Canned goods for a good cause



Photo by Chelsea Geis

MSU students Sherry Chan (left) and Shelby Pederson take a quick break from collecting canned goods Saturday for Freezin' for a Reason. The annual event, hosted by SSWO, inspired the Minot community to donate canned goods and other nonperishable food items for the Homeless Coalition.



CORRECTION

In the Nov. 14, 2013, issue of the Red & Green, the names in the above photo were misidentified. The caption should have read: The band Japaniel Flatsen, comprised of MSU students drummer Daniel Johnson (left) and guitarist Jake Flaten, won first place at the Battle of the Bands last Thursday in the Beaver Dam. Japaniel Flatsen won \$500 for its performance.

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top-selling female pop artist of the year until Katy Perry took that position with her album, "Prism," about three weeks later. Her efforts didn't seem to have much staying power, however, as the second week dropped to 70,000 sales and

slumped again to approximately 40,000 in the following week.

Comparatively, the current third-highest sales week of the year from a female artist belongs to Ariana Grande's "Yours Truly" with 138,000 units. On the other hand, overall album sales across the board have been suffering lately, so the decline in sales isn't nec-

essarily based solely off her public image and pop culture presence. Still, it will be interesting to see if her EMA performance will result in any level of a sales rebound.

Miley Cyrus may think she's among those who can't stop and won't stop but, all in all, it's up to her paying listeners who will have the final say in that matter.

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and fun.

First off, the cast made the characters in the film interesting. Chris Hemsworth once again donning the red cape and the hammer does not disappoint, but we do get a sense that the character has changed since his first visit to earth and the battle for New York. I had the feeling that he is taking more careful steps in his actions and that he was definitely different from the brash and cocky warrior of Asgard when we first met him in the first film.

The tough thing about Loki in general is that you either love him or hate him. Tom Hiddleston's performance as the arch-nemesis to Thor

makes us love and hate Loki at the same time. If you have read the comics or seen the previous films, you know not to trust him, but at the same time you get a feeling of pity for the character as we get to see some small measure of regret and sadness within him.

Many cast members including Natalie Portman and Anthony Hopkins also do a great job with their roles as they make their parts important to the film. I noticed there was a lot of action in this movie compared to the first one. The plot, also, while confusing at first, made sense while the movie played.

One could look at the first film

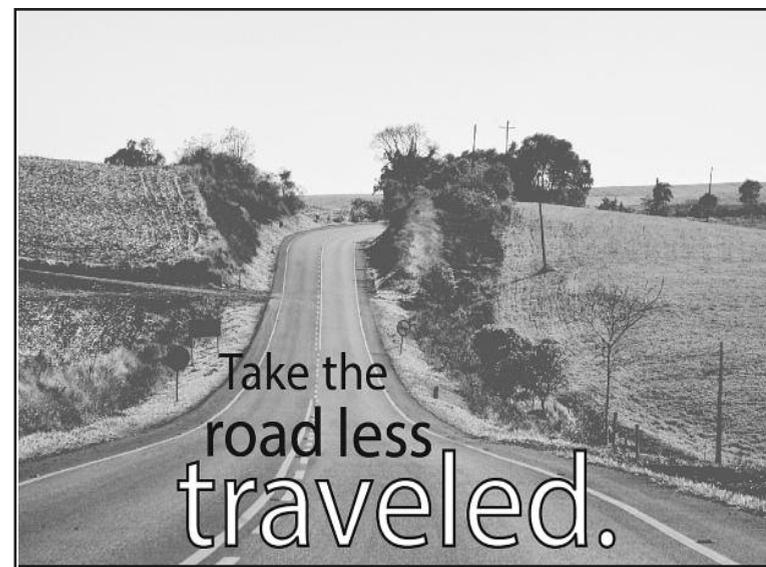
as more of an introductory to Thor while the second one helped pick up the pace. I should mention that it would probably help if the viewers had an understanding of the Thor comics in order to make sense of either the terms or characters featured in the movie. While it is not necessary, viewers in my opinion should at least watch "Thor" and "The Avengers" to understand what is taking place as references are made to those films.

In conclusion, "Thor: The Dark World" is definitely worth the watch whether you are a fan of the Thor comics or not.

I personally rate "Thor: The Dark World" 4 out of 5 Beavers.

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Native American Cultural Awareness club members (from the left) Marina Carrillo and Charla French-McKimmy prepare fry bread tacos at the club's annual sale last week in Old Main as part of Native American Cultural Celebration Week.

... 'Carol' continued from page 1 and help them conquer obstacles. With such a large cast, the reward is definitely magnified."

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students

under 18. Since the event is a Campus Players' fundraiser, MSU students, faculty and staff will not receive free admission. For tickets, contact the theater box office at 858-3172. Reservations are encouraged.

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Football falls to Bemidji

by Jamie Council
Staff Writer

The Minot State football team (2-9-0) concluded its season with a 35-14 loss to the Bemidji State Beavers (2-8-0). The story of the game seemed to be a lack of offense with the Beavers going for minus-4 rushing yards.

This was the last time 15 of the Beavers would strap on the white helmet at Herb Parker Stadium. Although five of those players(*) decided to continue their education and athletic endeavors at MSU from other colleges, this group is considered the first NSIC recruiting class: Kewon Tapp (DB)*, Josh Weidler (LB), Uepati Fatilua(LB)*, Andrew Torgerson (QB), Jeff Buchert (DB)*, Wayne Peters (WR)*, Logan Jones (DL), Chad Marshall (LB), Kalvin Larson (DL), Luke Artz (DL), Josh Zimmer (DL), Ethan Hall (LB/LS), Kyle Stein (OL), Admir Mujakovic (OL)*, and Bobby Bartz (TE/OL).

A lot of leadership on the field lies within this group. Offensively, Peters is second only to junior kicker Brian Gutierrez in points (38 points) scored. He also broke the school record for receptions and finished off the season with 72 for a total of 799 yards. He also led the team in kick returns averaging about 23 yards per carry for a total of 344 yards on the season.

The biggest overall loss was seen on defense with eight of the top 13 defensemen (statistically speaking) being seniors. Marshall totaled an impressive 100 tackles (44 solo, 56 assisted), Fatilua recorded 64 (36 solo, 28 assisted) and Buchert had 57 total tackles (26 solo, 31 assisted).

Marshall dedicated all four years of his collegiate athletic eligibility to the Minot State football program, appeared in 40 games and recorded a total of 320 career tackles.

This is the Beavers' second year in the NSIC. For more information on the Minot State football program, visit the Beaver Athletic page online or stop by the athletics' office in the Dome.



Photo by William Russell

Running back Randel Barber gains yards for Minot State at Herb Parker Stadium Saturday. Bemidji State won, 35-14.

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MSU guard Amanda Sansaver tries to grab her teammate's attention for a pass in last week's game against Jamestown College. The Beavers defeated the Jimmies, 85-67.

Boag leads Beavers to pair of victories

by Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

The Minot State women's basketball team stretched its unbeaten streak to three to start the season, finishing off convincing victories over Jamestown and Presentation College in non-conference action last week.

On Wednesday, Australian senior Carly Boag blasted 25 second-half points to help the Beavers pull away from the Jamestown Jimmies, 85-67. The forward was able to nab just four first-half points in an uncharacteristically

slow start, but found her stride as the game progressed and shot nine of 13 in the second half.

Neither team was able to pull away in a sloppy first 20 minutes, one that featured 25 total fouls and more turnovers than could be found in a Tim Hortons coffee shop. The score was deadlocked at 32 at the break, before the Beavers finally found their scoring touch. After shooting just 33 percent in the first half, Minot shot 67 percent the rest of the way and

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Beavers defeat Dickinson, Presentation College

by Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

The Minot State Beavers men's basketball team improved its record to 3-0 with a pair of non-conference victories last week. The Beavers captured a 77-52 win over former NAIA rival Dickinson State on Tuesday, then brushed aside the Aberdeen, S.D., based Presentation College Saints, 83-63, on Sunday.

A breakout performance from junior transfer Samuel Johnson and the hot shooting of junior guard Thomas Korf highlighted Tuesday's victory over the Blue Hawks.

Johnson had his first career double, collecting 13 points and 13 rebounds. He also provided the highlight of the night, emphatically putting down a one-handed slam off a rebound.

Korf also had a breakout game, collecting 18 points while going four for six from beyond the three-point line. Chris East continued to dominate opponents on the glass,

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Photo by William Russell

MSU guard E.J. Williams shoots in Sunday's game against Presentation College. The Beavers defeated the Saints, 83-63.

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Boag and Johnson win NSIC player of the week

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State women's basketball's Carly Boag and MSU men's basketball's Samuel Johnson were each named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Player of the Week.

This is Boag's fourth time in the last two seasons to earn the honor. She combined 51 points, 21 rebounds, five assists, five steals and four blocked shots to lead MSU to two nonconference wins last week.

Boag scored 29 points, 13

rebounds and three in assists, blocks and steals as MSU bested nationally ranked NAIA University of Jamestown, 82-67. She had 22 points and eight boards in 19 minutes in an 88-55 win over Presentation College. She was an outstanding 20 for 27 from the floor



Boag



Johnson

and hit 11 of 16 free throws on the week.

Johnson averaged a double-double finishing with 34 points and 22 rebounds in a pair of non-conference wins last week.

He hit a game-high 21 points in an 83-63 win over Presentation College Sunday and a career-best 13 rebounds Tuesday as MSU topped Dickinson State, 77-52. He made 13 of 25 shots from the floor and 8 of 9 foul shots. His average is 12.7 points and 9.7 rebounds for the 3-0 Beavers.

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Carlstrom and Creese earn all-NSIC honors

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State's Taylor Carlstrom was named to the 2013 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Soccer third team and Kelli Creese was named Honorable Mention.



Carlstrom

Carlstrom appeared in all 18 matches for the Beavers in 2013, heading a strong defensive unit that allowed just 1.33 goals per match. She will leave



Creese

Minot State with records for both matches played (72) and minutes played (5,549).

After redshirting in 2012, Creese appeared in all 18 games for the Beavers back line as a freshman. She scored her first career goal in the home finale against Northern State (11/3) and had seven shots on goal for the season.

Dixon named second-team all-NSIC

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State's Jen Dixon was named to the 2013 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Volleyball second team.



Dixon

After sitting out the 2012 season due to injury, Dixon has shined in 2013. She led the Beavers (12-16 overall, 7-11 NSIC) to twice as many wins as a season ago while statistically leading the team in kills (359), digs (321) and service aces (35).

Dixon recorded 15 double-double matches this season and hit for 10+ kills in 22-of-28 matches, including a streak of 11 straight matches. Her best performance of the season came Oct. 4 in a win against University of Sioux Falls where she recorded 22 kills and 17 digs.



Photo by Ayman AlQasem

MSU setter Emily Byrne (No. 2) sets the ball in motion for middle hitter Kelsey Wingo (No. 17) during Friday's game with Augustana College. Minot lost, 0-3.

Reason for optimism as Beavers close season

by Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

In a short season with just 20 conference matches, a five-win improvement is an accomplishment to be proud of. While they may not be satisfied, the Minot State Beavers volleyball team showed they are on the right track to becoming a contender in one of the toughest volleyball conferences in the nation.

Despite dropping their final two matches last weekend, the Beavers improved their 2013 NSIC record by five wins, finishing 7-13 in conference play. The team also finished 12-18 overall, doubling their win total from last year. The club was in contention for a playoff berth until the final two weeks of the season, and finished in 13th place, just three games out of a tournament spot.

It was fitting the Beavers would close their season against two of the strongest programs in the NSIC. Although Minot State failed to defeat a ranked opponent all season, the Beavers showed they could hang with some of the nation's elite programs on multiple occasions.

Friday night was no exception, despite the scoreboard reading a

straight set 25-19, 26-24, 26-24 loss to Augustana College. Although they fell in straight sets, Minot State had multiple chances to extend the game against a tough Vikings squad that had received votes in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll.

After dropping the first set, a huge 14-6 run in set two helped Minot State claw back from a 15-10 deficit to reach match point. The Beavers were unable to complete the comeback; however, as errors helped the Vikings go on a five-point run to capture the set. The Beavers then squandered another chance in set three, allowing a 13-6 lead to slip away and failing to capitalize on another match point situation.

Freshman Lauren Dunkle took charge for the Beavers offensively, providing 13 kills while adding nine digs. Junior Jen Dixon, coming off being named to the NSIC Second Team All-Conference, also contributed 10 kills while leading the team with 14 digs.

While happy with his team's effort, head coach Travis Ward stressed that improving consistency will be crucial to taking the next step forward.

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was able to pull away from a competitive Jimmies squad.

Alisha Jones and Katy Hardy both had solid offensive nights to compliment Boag's efforts. Jones hit for 19 points, while Hardy popped in 15 of her own. Hardy also narrowly missed a double double, finishing the night with nine rebounds.

The Beavers then blew out the Presentation College Saints by an 88-55 score on Sunday night. Minot State was able to establish a balanced offensive attack, finishing with four players reaching double figures in points.

Boag dropped all nine of her shot attempts in a 22-point performance, while her sister Christina dropped 14 of her own. Jones and Morgan Klose also hit double figures, collecting

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collecting another nine rebounds including three offensive boards.

Head coach Matt Murken explained after the match that an adjustment in the game plan was critical to the team's success against DSU.

"Our game plan the first time we played them was to beat them up on the inside and we didn't do that," Murken told MSU Sports Information, referring to a previous exhibition win over DSU from earlier this month. "Tonight was a different story; we really challenged them on the glass. Chris and Sam were extremely aggressive and when they do that we can be pretty good."

On Sunday, Minot was able to maintain a comfortable lead against Presentation College for most of the game, despite some poor early shooting numbers.

The Beavers shot just 33 percent in the first half, but were carried by another strong performance from Korf. The junior stepped up early and often, scoring 15 first-half points including four 3-pointers. After carrying a 35-27 lead at halftime, the

14 and 10 points respectively.

The blowout gave head coach Sheila Green Gerding a chance to get her entire team out on the floor, with all but one Beaver seeing more than 10 minutes of action.

"It was nice to spread the wealth a little tonight and get a lot of minutes for a lot of players," Green Gerding told MSU Sports Information. "Obviously, when the ball goes in the hole it makes everything look a lot better. We did a nice job of finishing tonight. We had a lot of our players have high percentage shots, and I am pleased with how we not only shared minutes, but shared the ball."

The Beavers have one final tune-up on Sunday before conference play begins at the end of the month. The Dickinson State Blue Hawks will provide the competition, with tip-off at the MSU Dome scheduled for 5 p.m.

Beavers finally found their stride in the second half, shooting over 56 percent. The Saints battled and kept the score within a 10-point spread for most of the night, but Minot was able to pull away in the final few minutes.

Minot State once again took advantage on the glass, collecting a staggering 16-7 advantage in offensive boards. East led the way with 10 boards, while Johnson led all scorers with 21 points. Coach Murken noted that while it wasn't an ideal performance, it was nice to get a commanding win and know there's plenty of room for improvement.

"It's good we've been crashing the boards hard and working hard in that aspect, but we need to finish some of our shots better," Murken told MSU Sports Information. "I told our guys, it's a step in the right direction when you can go out and win by 20 and still be frustrated with how we played. We don't take winning for granted, but we've only scratched the surface of what we can be this year."

The Beavers have one final pre-season tune-up Sunday at the Dome with former NAIA rival Valley City. Tip-off is at 3 p.m.

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"We talk about how consistency wins in this league," Ward told MSU Sports Information. "I'm not taking away anything against Augustana; they played great at the end of those sets in spots where they could have folded. We have to learn to play consistent. I am really proud of the way we played, but we just need to learn from it and move beyond it so we can play consistent."

The competition got even tougher on Saturday, as the Beavers squared off against 20th ranked Wayne State College. Although Minot dropped a 24-26, 25-17, 25-19, 26-24 decision, spurts of extremely strong play left players, coaches and fans with plenty of optimism heading into the off-season.

The Beavers jumped out to a quick 16-10 advantage in set one, and this time were able to hold off a furious comeback attempt by WSC. Minot State held strong and captured a 26-24 set win, marking

just their second set victory over a ranked opponent this season.

WSC's offensive attack proved too much to handle in sets two and three, however, with the Wildcats hitting over .340 in both frames. The Beavers gave a valiant effort while trying to push the game to a fifth and deciding set, but were undone by a combination of costly service and hitting errors in set four.

Four Beavers hit double digits in kill figures, led by Dixon with 18. Dunkle added another 17 kills,

while Mallory Sall contributed 16. Saturday also marked the final game for a pair of MSU seniors, including Twain Harte, CA native Kelsey Wingo and Brandon, MB

native Sara Friesen.

The Beavers now turn their focus to off-season training, while qualifying teams began the NSIC tournament on Nov. 20. Follow the

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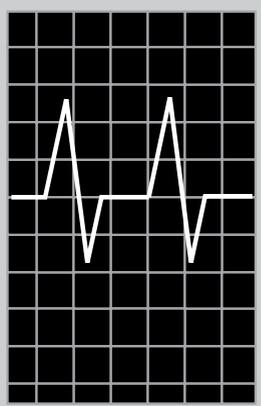
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