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Mavericks Dole Out Team Awards for 2008-09
Zacharias Named MVP; Mouillierat, Dieter & Bruess Also Feted

Mankato, Minn. — The Minnesota State men's hockey team named the recipients of its team awards for the 2008-09 season. The award winners are listed below.

Most Valuable Player - Mike Zacharias (Sr., Goaltender, Plymouth, Minn.) — In addition to establishing school career records with a .910 save save percentage and 2.71 goals against average, senior netminder **Mike Zacharias** completes his MSU career ranking highly on several other MSU goaltending career lists: career wins (45, 4th), saves (2,765, 3rd), games played (102, tied for 2nd) and career shutouts (6, tied for second). Zacharias, who tied his career high with 47 saves vs. Wisconsin March 13th, stopped at least 30 shots in a game 16 times as a senior. Zacharias was a four-time *WCHA Defensive Player of the Week* during the course of his career. Zacharias was also MSU's MVP in 2007-08.

BW3 Star of the Year Award (most Three Star of the Game selections during MSU home games) and Unsung Hero Award - Kael Mouillierat (Jr., Forward, Edmonton, Alta.) — Junior forward **Kael Mouillierat**, a two-time *WCHA Offensive Player of the Week* in 2008-09, ranked third on MSU's scoring charts with a career-high 17-13--30 in 29 games. Mouillierat totalled 15-9—24 in the last 23 games of the season and led the Mavericks in goals scored. The Edmonton, Alta., native, who finished second in the WCHA in goals scored in conference games with 16, achieved career highs for goals, assists and points in his junior year with the Mavericks.

Most Improved Player Award - Baylor Dieter (Fr., Defense, Bloomington, Minn.) — Freshman defenseman Baylor Dieter, who did not see his first action of his MSU career until Jan. 17 when he picked up an assist in a 7-1 home victory over Alaska-Anchorage, finished this freshman campaign with 0-2--2 in 11 games. The Bloomington Jefferson High School product was +1 with three shots on goal and had five penalties for ten minutes.

Mr. Hustle Award (Hardest Worker) - Trevor Bruess (Jr., Forward, Minneapolis, Minn.) — Now a three-time recipient of MSU's *Hardest Worker Award*, junior forward **Trevor Bruess**, finished with a team-high +13 for the year. Bruess is +38 in his three years with the Mavericks and tied for third on the team in 2008-09 with 12 goals. Bruess, who signed a free agent contract with the NHL's Washington Capitals following the conclusion of the season, racked up 273 career penalty minutes to rank third all-time at MSU.

MSU finished the 2008-09 campaign with a 15-17-5 overall record and completed the Western Collegiate Hockey Association regular season with a 11-13-4 mark.

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