

Final Record

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Quarterfinals

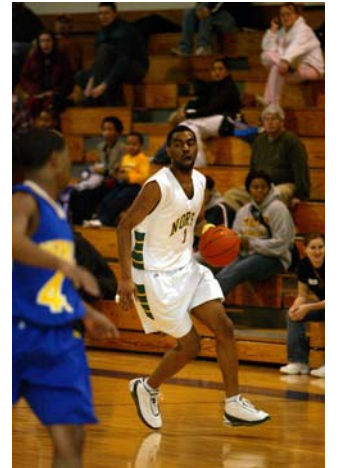
Minneapolis 65
Mesabi Range 76

Semifinals

Ridgewater 69
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Finals

Vermilion 65
Mesabi Range 89



STATE CHAMPS

Norse cap off perfect weekend by capturing state title

MINNEAPOLIS — Mesabi Range Community & Technical College men's basketball coach Tom Stackpool needed his team to play defense. The Norse played solid defense for three games and won the State Championship on Sunday, with a 89-65 win over Vermilion in the title game. The win propels Mesabi Range to the Region 13 tournament, starting on Friday, in Brainerd, at Central Lakes Community College. "I couldn't be happier with the way we played all three days," Stackpool said. "Defensively we were great and on the other end we shot well all weekend." The Norse raced out to a 41-32 lead after twenty minutes of play and extended the lead in the second half. "They shot the ball well and we didn't," Vermilion coach Paul McDonald said. "They beat us in every facet of the game and we have no excuses." All-Tournament team player Courtney Davis led Mesabi Range with 22 points, while Tournament MVP James Nobles added 21. "Up and down the lineup we had guys step up for us," Stackpool said. "It's hard to pick just a couple, because as a team, everybody was up to the challenge and did what they had to do to make us a successful team." Coach McDonald added "The bottom line is Mesabi played a great game and we didn't". Mesabi advanced to the title game after edging Ridgewater College 75-69. Courtney Davis scored 22 and Greg Ravy 20 to lead the Norse. In the opening game of the tournament, Mesabi defeated the host school Minneapolis 76-65. James Nobles led the Norse with 24 points and Courtney Davis added 22. The Norse advance to the NJCAA Region 13 tournament for the second time in three years.



2004 Norse Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Yr
1	James Nobles	F	So
2	Bernest Ward	G	Fr
3	Tyler Turpin	F	So.
4	Corey Hodges	G	So
5	Ryan Walker	G	So
12	Rashad Elrod	F	So
13	Laurence Jones	G	So
15	William Maupins	G	Fr
20	Donnie Malone	G	Fr
21	Brandon Pickens	F	So
22	Alex Maas	G	So
25	Nick Myers	G	Fr
30	Quincy Turpin	G	So
31	Chris Woodard	F	Fr
34	Courtney Davis	F	Fr
43	Greg Ravy	F	So
45	Jesse Salgy	G	Fr
Head Coach:		Tom Stackpool	
Statistician:		Jesse Bennett	
Manager:		Markeith Davis	

