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West gets big return
from sophomore Lloyd

Sports

Minnesota State vs. Nebraska-Omaha

About the matchup: MSU (8-9-3) and UNO (12-5-3) will begin the first leg of this year's Spirit of the Maverick series. Omaha took the trophy away from Mankato where it had remained for five seasons with a pair of wins, including a 4-2 victory at the Alltel Center. Minnesota State had an 11-game unbeaten streak against the nonconference rival before that. The second game of the series will take place on Feb. 24 in Omaha.

Scouting Minnesota State: The purple Mavericks will try to snap their six-game losing skid tonight. Defenseman Kurt Davis (5-17—22) continues to lead the team in scoring, while freshman forward Mike Louwerse (9-8—17) is its top goal scorer. Goalie Mike Zacharias (.904, 3.04) will return to the nets after missing his first start of the season Tuesday at Yale.

Scouting Nebraska-Omaha: The red Mavericks are ranked 16th in the Pairwise rankings and are led in scoring by junior defenseman Eddie Del Grosso (5-16—21). Senior forward Tomas Klempa (9-7—16) is UNO's top goal scorer. Omaha has outscored opponents 64-41. Senior Jerad Kaufmann (.926, 2.07) and junior Jeremie Dupont (.931, 1.98) have each played 10 games in goal.

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Today's matchup

7:07 p.m.
today, Alltel
Center.

Radio: KTOE
1420 AM
TV: None

— *Shane Frederick*