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Sports

Maverick skaters end winless streak at 13

MANKATO — The Minnesota State University women's hockey team snapped a 13-game winless streak Sunday, downing the University of North Dakota 5-3 in a Western Collegiate Hockey Association game at All Seasons Arena.

The Mavericks, who tied UND on Friday, earned four points on the weekend. Ashley Young scored the game-winning goal on a power play in the third period.

"Today's performance was a large step in the right direction," said interim co-head coach Mandy Krause-Rideout. "I thought we played well in both ends of the ice. Things are really starting to come together and I'm excited about the momentum we carry into next weekend."

MSU (7-14-3, 4-13-3-2 in WCHA) also received a two-



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goal performance from Kala Buganski. MSU's other goal scorers were Holy Snyder and Emmi Leionen.

Freshman goalie Alli Altmann made 16 saves for the Mavericks to improve to 5-9-2. MSU was 3 for 7 on the power play while UND was 0 for 5.

The Mavericks host No. 1-ranked Minnesota Friday and Saturday.