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Minnesota State goalie Mike Zacharias makes a save as Colorado College's Bill Sweatt tries to tip the puck in during the third period of Saturday's game.

MSU settles for split

Mavericks give up three second-period power play goals

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MANKATO – The secret to defeating the Minnesota State men's hockey team seems to be pretty simple this season:

Find a way to score three power-play goals in a single period, and you'll get a win.

That's how No. 3 Colorado College did it in Saturday night's 4-3 victory before a crowd of 4,797 at the Alltel Center.

Just as North Dakota did it a month ago. Just as Minnesota did it two weeks ago. Through 10 games, those three games are the only losses for the Mavericks (5-3-2, 3-3-2 in WCHA).

"We didn't give up a 5-on-5 goal all weekend," MSU coach Troy Jutting said after the series split.

Minnesota State's line of Jerad Stewart, Zach Harrison and James Gaulrapp shut down Colorado College's big guns of

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Chad Rau, Eric Walsky and Bill Sweatt when the teams were evenly matched and even scored the first goal of the game — a Stewart deflection of a Harrison shot — just 23 seconds after the opening faceoff.

But the Tigers trio had a goal and an assist apiece during the power play.

"It's just about time and space," Mavericks forward Jerad Stewart said. "That makes that much more room for them to operate and makes it that much tougher for us."

Scott McCulloch also scored for Colorado College (7-2-3, 5-2-1), which won on the road for the first time this season.

The Tigers scored three times with the man advantage in the second period to build a 3-1 lead.

The 11th-ranked Mavericks came back to tie

the game with less than 11 minutes remaining. But one more power-play goal by Walsky — this one on a pass across the goal mouth that deflected in off the skate of MSU defenseman Channing Boe — all but sealed it.

Add to that a couple of shots that goalie Mike Zacharias (19 saves) would have liked to have another shot at, and the Mavericks might be wondering if they let one or two points slip away to one of the country's best teams.

"(Zacharias) has been fantastic for us," Jutting said. "But we gave up two goals that we don't normally give up."

The Mavericks led 1-0 after the first period and appeared to take a 2-0 lead 66 seconds into the second when the puck slipped into the net during a scramble in front of goalie Richard Bachman. However, the goal was waved off after a check

with the replay.

Jutting said referee Todd Anderson explained "there was contact with the goaltender before the puck got to the crease."

"I got the sense that deflated (the Mavericks)," Tigers coach Scott Owens said, "And at the same time, it got us going."

The Tigers outshot the Mavericks 12-4 in the middle frame.

But Minnesota State came back in the third, thanks to its own power play. Freshman Mike Louwerse scored his sixth goal of the season during a 5-on-3 situation at 9:14.

Less than two minutes later, sophomore Rylan Galiardi tied the game, pushing a loose puck past Bachman after an MSU face-off win in the CC zone.

Moments later Galiardi rocketed a shot off the crossbar, and late in the game, Bachman made a brilliant save on Ben Youds to pre-

serve the lead in the win.

"We didn't play great in the second period," Jutting said. "But we came out hard in the third period and got back in the game."

The Mavericks will go on the road next weekend for a series at Michigan Tech.

Colorado College 0-3-1-4
Minnesota State 1-0-2-3

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1. MSU-Stewart 2 (Harrison 1, Youds 3) :23.
Penalties: Testvuide, CC (interference) 9:59; Connelly, CC (slashing) 16:03; Youds, MSU (interference) 17:16

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 2. CC-Rau 7 (Walsky 6) ppg 5:36; 3. CC-McCulloch 4 (Vlassopoulos 5, Prosser 5) ppg 9:31; 4. CC-Sweatt 4 (Connelly 9, Rau 9) ppg 11:08.
Penalties: Wiley, MSU (tripping) 4:46; Boe, MSU (tripping) 8:48; Walsky, CC (cross-checking) 10:52; Gannon, CC (slashing) 12:20; MSU penalty (interference) 18:36

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 5. MSU-Louwerse 6 (Berge 9, Davis 10) ppg 7:29; 6. MSU-Galiardi 1 (Thompson 1) 9:14; 7. CC-Walsky 8 (Sweatt 6) ppg 11:08.
Penalties: Connelly, CC (high-sticking) 5:42; Fredheim, CC (holding) 6:14; Prosser, CC (10-minute misconduct) 7:29; Irwin, MSU (hooking) 9:57; DeBoer, CC (interference) 14:04; Boe, MSU (tripping) 17:32

SUMMARIES

Shots on goal: CC 6-12-5-23; MSU 8-4-9-21.
Penalties: CC 8 for 24 minutes; MSU 6 for 12 minutes.
Power-play opportunities: CC 4 for 6; MSU 1 for 7.
Goalie saves: CC-Bachman 7-4-7-18 (3 GA); MSU-Zacharias 6-9-4-19 (3 GA)
Referees: Todd Anderson, Brad Shepherd.
Linesmen: Johnathan Morrison, Tony Czech.
Attendance: 4,797