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defense key to winning

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MSU goalie Mike Zacharias (left) stopped 38 shots in the Mavericks' tie against Bowling Green State. Teammate Kurt Davis kept his scoring streak alive at 13 with a pair of assists.

## MSU men tie in Ohio

### Bowling Green State rallies to force overtime

**BOWLING GREEN, OHIO** — Minnesota State goaltender Mike Zacharias stopped 38 shots but allowed two unanswered goals in a 2-2 overtime tie with Bowling Green State Friday night.

The 11th-ranked Mavericks (7-3-3) opened up a 2-0 lead with goals by Mick Berge and Geoff Irwin. Kai Kantola scored both goals for the Falcons late in the second period.

The Mavericks finished with 23 shots on goalie Jimmy Spratt.

"Both goaltenders played well tonight," MSU coach Troy Jutting said in a phone interview afterward. "In terms of quality chances, both teams were about the same. (Bowling Green) had a few more shots, but they shoot it from everywhere. ...

"We had some great opportunities, especially in the third period."

Berge scored a power-play goal at 10:25 of the first period, and Irwin scored an even-strength goal at 6:58 of the second.

Defenseman Kurt Davis assisted on both goals to boost his scoring streak to 13 games and his team scoring lead to 19 points. He has scored in every game this

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season.

Mike Louwerse and Jason Wiley, respectively, had the other assists on those goals. Louwerse, a redshirt freshman, has a point in his last eight games.

But Bowling Green bounced back and tied the game at 2-all in the final 5:18 of the second period. Kantola scored both goals, the second of which came on the power play with 23 seconds left before intermission.

The Falcons outshot the Mavericks 13-4 in the first period, only to be shut out by Zacharias. Bowling Green also had 12 shots on goal in the scoreless third

period. Each team had four shots on goal in overtime.

"They're probably the quickest team we've played all year," Jutting said. "We adjusted and got better as the game went on."

The Mavericks, who have played four overtime games this season, are unbeaten in six of their last seven games.

It was the first meeting in the history of the two men's hockey programs. Bowling Green plays in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

The two teams, who will open the 2009-10 season against each other in Mankato, will conclude the series at 6:05 p.m. tonight.

— Shane Frederick