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Mavericks drop sixth straight

Tormey stops 29 shots in first start since last season

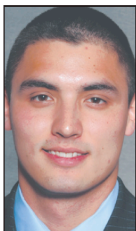
NEW HAVEN, CONN. — Even a drastic lineup change couldn't change the Minnesota State men's hockey team's losing ways.

With goaltender Mike Zacharias on the bench for the first time this season, the Mavericks fell 3-2 to Yale Tuesday night.

It was their sixth loss in a row and dropped them below .500 for the first time this season.

Senior Dan Tormey started in goal for the first time in more than a year, ending Zacharias' starting streak at 48 games.

Tormey's last start for the Mavericks (8-9-3) came on Nov. 17, 2007, and he had seen action only twice since, relieving Zacharias last Jan. 19 and again on Dec. 13.



Dan Tormey

Yale's Sean Backman scored the game-winning goal, breaking a 2-2 tie at 10:35 of the third period. Broc Little scored the first two goals for the Bulldogs (8-4-0).

The Mavericks got off to a tough start, as freshman Mike Louwerse was called for checking from behind and booted from the game less than three minutes into the first period. Little quickly scored during the five-minute major penalty to take a 1-0 lead.

The Mavericks' Jason Wiley tied it at 13:38, putting the rebound of a Trevor Bruess shot behind goalie Ryan Rondeau (30 saves).

Tormey made 12 saves in the first period, but less than seven minutes into the second period, he was injured making another save and had to be replaced by Zacharias for a few minutes before returning.

Jerad Stewart gave Minnesota State a 2-1 lead at 10:25 of the second period, but, with 54.2 seconds left in the frame, Little knotted the game with a short-handed goal.

Tormey finished with 29 saves, including one on a Little penalty shot in the game's final seconds.

The Mavericks will return home today and will host Nebraska-Omaha at 7:07 p.m. Saturday at the Alltel Center.