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Minnesota State's Channing Boe lifts Mavericks in

EXTRA FRAME

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There was once a time when an overtime goal against his hometown team would have thrilled Channing Boe to no end.

But on Friday, the Minnesota State senior defenseman's rocket shot from the blue line with 2:28 remaining in extra time had more important implications.

"It couldn't have come at a better time," Boe said after the Mavericks' 2-1 victory over Bemidji State before a crowd of 3,672 at the Verizon Wireless Center. "We needed a goal. We needed these two points (for the Western Collegiate Hockey Association standings)."

The Bemidji native was congratulated by Beavers coach and longtime Boe family friend Tom Serratore outside the MSU locker room afterward.

"Nice job, Chan," Serratore said. "I could tell (it was a goal) when it left your stick."

Boe was at his defensive post when a blocked shot caromed right to the left-hander's stick. "It was basically a present," he said. Boe wasted no time and blasted

the puck over goalie Dan Bakala's glove-side shoulder. It was Boe's third goal of the season and the sixth of his career. It was also his first game-winner.

"We tell (the players) every time before overtime that any shot is a good shot," MSU coach Troy Jutting said. "That was a great shot. That was a cannon."

It was the Mavericks' first overtime win of the season, but it never should have gotten to that point.

Minnesota State outshot Bemidji State 43-19 but held just a 1-0 lead until 2:25 remained in the third period.

The Mavericks had a 16-2 shot advantage after the first period and got a goal from defenseman Ben Youds at the 13:19 mark. They also had a 5-minute major penalty to work with midway through the third period but mustered just three shots on net during the power play.

"We're not going to get more opportunities than that in this league," Jutting said.

After failing to score on another power play after the major, the Mavericks tried to cling to their slim lead over the game's final five minutes.

There was little room for error, and MSU erred, turning over the puck deep in its own end.

Phil Cook (18 saves) stopped Emil Billberg's initial shot, but the rebound kicked around through traffic and Jordan George found the puck and fired it in behind the goalie at 17:35.

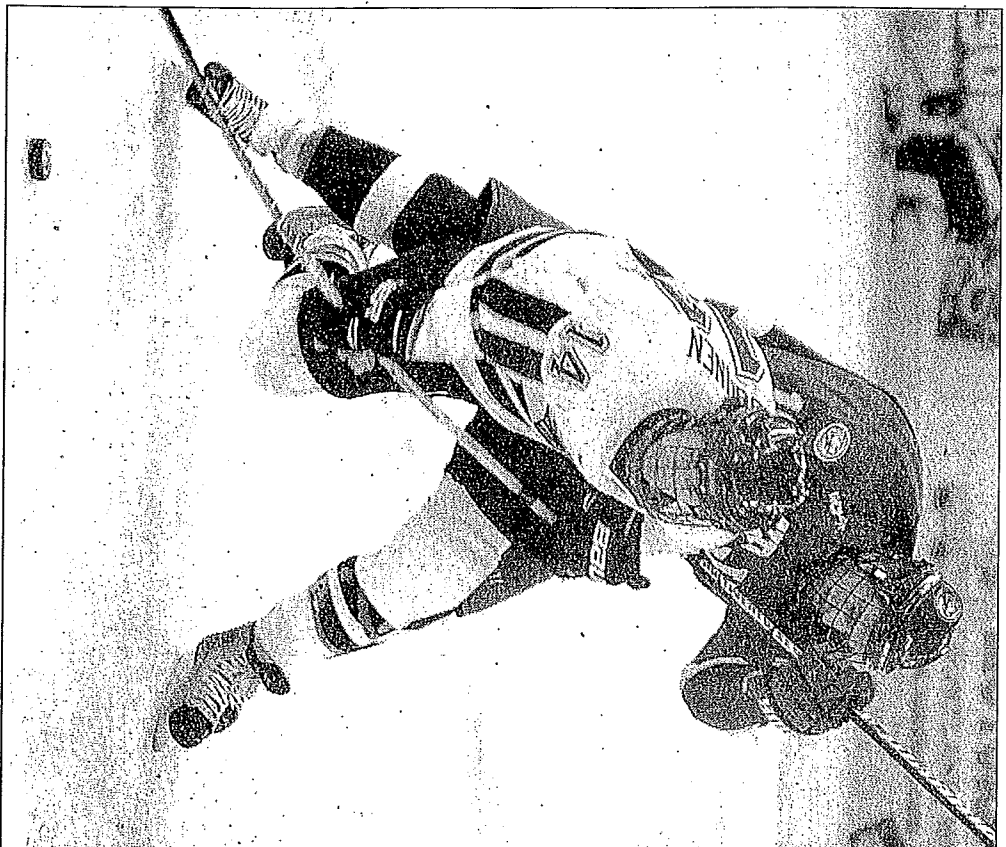
"In this league you can't rely on a one-goal lead," Boe said.

The play of Bakala, who has become one of the top goalies in the WCHA, was one reason why it remained that way though, making a career-high 41 saves. He also got a little help when an Andrew Sackrison shot went off



Photos by Pat Christman
Bemidji State's Drew Fisher (13) pursues Minnesota State's Ben Youds (6) during the second period Friday at Verizon Wireless Center.

MSU loses third-period lead, wins in overtime



Pat Christman

the post in the second period. The Mavericks' forwards were held without a point.

Tyler Eibrecht got the lone assist on Youds' goal, and Boe's score was unassisted.

The win was MSU's seventh in a row against the Beavers, who are in their first year in the WCHA.

"Obviously, it's cool (to score against Bemidji)," Boe said. "But now it's just

another game and another team in our league. That's the way you have to look at it."

The Mavericks (12-11-6, 6-11-4 in WCHA) and the Beavers (9-14-2, 5-12-2) will play again at 7:07 p.m. today.

Scoring: 1, MSU-Youds 6 (Eibrecht 5) 13:19
Penalties: McLeod, BSU (interference) 2:44, Wacker, BSU (kneeing) 13:00

Minnesota State's Justin Jokinen (14) is hit by Bemidji State's Radoslaw Illo (18) during the first period Friday.

Women's hockey

Minnesota Duluth defeated Minnesota State 7-0 at All Seasons Arena. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first period, then added one goal in the second period before adding three more in the third.

UMD finished with 37 shots to Minnesota State's 23, while the Bulldogs finished 1 for 2 on the power play and Minnesota State went 0 for 4.

Minnesota State goaltender Danielle Butters tallied 30 saves.

Minnesota State (7-19-3, 6-16-1-0 WCHA) and Minnesota Duluth (15-7-3, 13-7-3-0) finish their WCHA series at 3:07 p.m. today at All Seasons Arena.

WCHA women

Minn. Duluth 7, MAVERICKS 0
Wisconsin 7, Bemidji State 1
North Dakota 4, Ohio State 3, OT
Minnesota 8, St. Cloud State 0

Hockey standings WCHA men

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
North Dakota	14	3	0	29	70
Denver	12	4	3	27	63
Minnesota Duluth	12	4	3	24	60
Wisconsin	11	7	2	24	58
Nebraska-Omaha	11	6	3	24	58
Minnesota	8	9	3	19	56
Colorado College	8	9	3	18	55
St. Cloud State	7	10	2	18	49
Alaska-Anchorage	6	11	2	18	54
Minnesota State	6	9	1	14	40
Bemidji State	5	12	2	12	33
Michigan Tech	1	16	1	3	79

OVERALL RECORDS: North Dakota, 19-8-2, Denver 16-5-5, Minnesota Duluth 17-5-4, Wisconsin 19-5-3, Nebraska-Omaha 15-7-2, St. Cloud State 17-12-1, Minnesota 15-7-2, Michigan Tech 12-12-1, Alaska-Anchorage 8-13-3, Illinois State 12-11-4, Bemidji State 6-14-2, Michigan Tech 3-20-3.

Friday's games:
Minnesota State 2, Bemidji State 1, OT
Minnesota 2, Wisconsin Duluth 2, OT
Michigan Tech at Alaska-Anchorage
Nebraska-Omaha 3, St. Cloud State 0
Denver at Colorado College

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Michigan Tech at Minnesota Duluth
St. Cloud State at Nebraska-Omaha
Colorado College at Denver

WCHA men

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