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Minnesota Duluth's MacGregor Sharp (left) skates around Minnesota State's Trevor Bruess (center) to get the puck as Joel Hanson (right) pursues during Friday's game in Duluth. The Bulldogs won 4-3 in overtime and tied the Mavericks 2-2 in Saturday night's game.

Mavericks, Bulldogs mirror each other

Teams finished 1-1-2 against each other, share several similarities

By Shane Frederick
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DULUTH — Just how close are Minnesota State and Minnesota Duluth?

You could practically call them identical cousins.

After this weekend's series, the Mavericks and Bulldogs finished 1-1-2 against each other this season with three overtime games. Each team scored nine goals in the four meetings.

"We are two pretty evenly matched teams, two very similar teams," MSU coach Troy Jutting said after Saturday's 2-2 tie. "We both have four lines that can play, but neither of us have a dominant line in the league."

Each team is one game over .500, although Duluth has 16 points in WCHA play, while Minnesota State has 10.

Both Jutting and the Bulldogs' Scott Sandelin are in their eighth season as head coach of their teams, and each has 117 victories.

Canzanello hurt

Sophomore defenseman Nick Canzanello suffered an apparent leg injury in the first period of Saturday's game and did not return.

"(Trevor Bruess) got cut with a skate, then we lost Canzanello," Jutting said. "It was a little bit hectic there. The kids did a good job settling down in the second and third periods."

Canzanello entered the game already matching last year's scoring totals (1-7—8) with a three-game scoring



Duluth's Travis Gawryletz (left) checks MSU's James Gaulrapp into the boards during Friday night's game.

streak. His plus-9 plus-minus rating ranked second on the team.

Jutting said he didn't know Canzanello's status for next week's series against North Dakota, although freshman Kurt Davis should be available after sitting out the Duluth series for disciplinary reasons.

Hanner time

With one assist, senior cap-

tain Joel Hanson extended his point-scoring streak to eight games Saturday night, the Mavericks' longest this season.

Minnesota State's record is 14 games, set by Shane Joseph in 2002-03.

Hanson finished the weekend with three assists and now has four goals and eight assists this season to move up to a tie for second place among the Mavericks' scoring

leaders.

Loose pucks

Sophomore forward Geoff Irwin had a three-point weekend (2-1). ... The Mavericks allowed a season-high 39 shots on goal Friday, and Mike Zacharias stopped a season-high 35 shots. ... With five road games remaining on the schedule, Minnesota State is 5-7-2 away from Mankato.