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Minnesota State pitcher Jon Bjelland picked up his 10th win of the season to lead the Mavs to the NCC finals.

Mavs advance to finals

MSU baseball team downs UNO

ST. CLOUD — Minnesota State downed Nebraska-Omaha 8-3 Friday to advance to the championship game of the North Central Conference baseball tournament.

MSU rebounded from a two-run deficit to score four runs in the top of the sixth and never trailed after that.

Scott Kemp, Kosuke Hattori, Josh Simon and Jay Bresnahan all had two hits.

Senior lefty Jon Bjelland pitched five innings to get the win, allowing two hits and two unearned runs and fanning six.

Bjelland is 10-0 this season, equaling MSU's single-season wins record co-held by Chris Rupert (2000), Aaron Heitzman (2002) and Matt McMurtry (2006).

Patrick Lenton and Nick Fellman limited UNO to two hits and one run over the last four innings.

Minnesota State (43-8) plays for the championship today against one of three loser's bracket teams — UNO, St. Cloud State or Augustana.