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MSU baseball team gets coach Bowyer win No. 999

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota State baseball coach Dean Bowyer won his 999th career victory Tuesday as the Mavericks swept Minnesota Duluth in a doubleheader at the Metrodome.

The Mavericks won 3-2 and 8-4.

In the first game, senior left-hander Jon Bjelland pitched two innings and got his third win of the season. Junior Nick Fellman worked the final two innings for his third save. Senior shortstop Scott Kemp was 2 for 3 with a run.

In the second game, the Mavericks trailed 4-1 but stormed back with a seven-run fifth inning. Junior Kyle

Hoover belted his first career home run, and freshman Josh Simon scored a pair of runs.

The Mavericks used five pitchers with freshman Chris Odegaard throwing two innings of relief for his first career victory.

With the Mavericks' next win, Bowyer will become the seventh coach in NCAA Division II history to reach the 1,000-win plateau. His 35-year record currently stands at 999-506-7.

Minnesota State will travel to Fort Pierce, Fla., for spring break and begin play Saturday with games against Concordia (N.Y.) and American International.