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Minnesota State's Jon Bjelland (left) pitched the Mavericks to a 8-1 win over Winona State Friday at the North Central Region baseball tournament. Bjelland improved to 11-0 on the season. Teammate Pat Ottum finished 3 for 4 with two RBIs.

MSU stays alive in regionals

Mavericks beat Winona, will play today in another elimination game

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WARRENSBURG, MO. — Jon Bjelland set a Minnesota State single-season record with his 11th victory, pitching seven innings in an 8-1 victory over Winona State in an elimination game at the NCAA II North Central Region baseball tournament Friday.

Minnesota State had 13 hits, seven of which came in a five-run third inning.

In the third, Kyle Hoover doubled and scored on catcher Pat Ottum's RBI single. Ottum and Zach Danelson both scored on a double by Nick Gonzalez for a 3-0 lead. Jay Bresnahan singled to plate Gonzalez before Josh Simon hit a singled to score Bresnahan.

The Mavericks added a run in the seventh and two more

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in the eighth to seal the victory.

The Mavericks were led at the plate by Ottum, who was 3 for 4 effort with two RBIs.

Danelson, Bresnahan and Hoover each had two hits.

Bjelland, who earlier this week was named the North Central Region's pitcher of the year by Daktronics, went seven innings in earning the

victory, pushing his season record to 11-0. Bjelland allowed one run while striking out nine and scattering five hits. His 95 strikeouts this season ranks third in school history.

The Mavericks (45-9) play an elimination game at 3:30 p.m. today against Emporia State.

If the Mavericks win, they would have to play again at 7 p.m.