



Sports

Minnesota State roundup

Baseball team erupts for 21 hits

FORT MYERS, FLA. — Minnesota State University erupted for 21 hits Friday in a 15-4 win over East Stroudsburg State of Pennsylvania in nonconference baseball action.

Scott Kemp was 3 for 4 and Nick Gonzalez went 3 for 5 in the victory. New Ulm native Eric Austvold finished 3 for 6, Pat Ottum was 3 for 5 with a three-run homer and Dane Allen was 2 for 4.

Junior lefthander Jon Bjelland, who struck out eight and gave up one earned run, went the first six innings. Sophomore Bob Wellman, another New Ulm native, gained the win with 1½ innings in which he did not allow a hit.

Friday's game followed a doubleheader split with C.W. Post of New York on Thursday. The Mavericks lost 7-5 in Game 1 and rebounded for a 5-4 victory in Game 2.

The Mavericks had 13 hits in the first game, with Adam Sudbeck going 3 for 4 with a home run. Ben Kaus was also 3 for 4 and Allen was 2 for 4. Junior right-hander Ben King, who started and gave up six earned runs in 3½ innings, took the loss.

In the second game, Kemp went 3 for 4 and Kaus was 2 for 3 with a double and a triple. Junior left-hander Jon Huber gave up two hits and one run and had two strikeouts in two innings of middle relief to get the win. Sophomore closer Nick Fellman earned his fifth save in as many chances when he used a total of three pitches (a single, a double play and a fly ball out) to get the last three outs in the seventh inning.

The Mavericks (10-4) have won eight of their last nine

games and are off until March 24 when they play at Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo.

Women's Softball

Minnesota State picked up a pair of victories en route to setting a single-season team record for home runs Friday at the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Fla.

The Mavericks surpassed the previous record of 22 home runs, set over 52 games in 1997 and again last season in 60 games, by betting their 23 home run in just 17 games.

Janet Barker lifted MSU to a 1-0 victory against California (Pa.). Barker threw her third shutout in her last four outings, giving up only three hits and one walk to go along with six strikeouts.

Kari Hudson led off the bottom of the fourth inning with a triple, and Mallory Michel's double allowed Hudson to score the game's only run.

In its second game, MSU downed Adelphi 9-1. Brooke McKelvogue struck out six batters and gave up six hits in the shortened, five-inning game. She improved to 4-0 on the season.

The Mavericks scored six runs in the top of the first inning, including a two-run homer from Michel. Ashley Jay's home run in the second established the new home run record.

Hudson finished 2 for 3 with a double, a triple and two RBIs.

The Mavericks finish up at the Rebel Spring Games today against No. 9 Lock Haven and Merrimack, who defeated MSU 8-0 in five innings earlier this week.