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11th-ranked CMSU downs Mavs in baseball

WARRENSBURG, MO. — The Minnesota State University baseball team held a 4-0 lead after the first two innings Sunday but 11th-ranked Central Missouri State responded with eight runs in the next four frames on the way to a 9-4 nonconference win.

Run-scoring singles by Dan Woodall and Ryan Greene gave the Mavericks a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. It grew to a 4-0 MSU lead after two innings when Nick Gonzalez singled and later scored on a fielding error, and Eric Austvold

smacked an RBI single.

CMSU rallied for three runs in the bottom of the third and then scored five times in the sixth to take the lead for good.

MSU right-hander Ben King gave up five earned runs on eight hits to take the loss. He struck out six and walked five in 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. Austvold and Gonzalez both went 2 for 4 to pace the Mavericks offensively.

The Mavericks (11-7) are scheduled to host Bemidji State Tuesday in a nonconference doubleheader. Starting time is 1 p.m. at the MSU baseball complex.