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Minnesota State catcher Pat Ottum (left) and shortstop Scott Kemp were two of four Mavericks named to the Central Regional all-tournament team.

Mavs fall at regions

EMPORIA, KAN. — Minnesota State's bid for its first baseball national tournament berth in 20 years came up short Sunday with a 10-inning 9-6 loss to Emporia State.

Emporia State scored three times in the top of the 10th to advance to the NCAA Division II nationals in Montgomery, Ala.

"It's disappointing, but you can't hang your head," Mavericks coach Dean Bowyer said. "We can't play any harder than we did."

Top-seeded and undefeated Emporia State and second-seeded MSU exchanged leads three times before the Mavericks made it 6-6 in the bottom of the seventh.

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In that inning, Adam Sudbeck and Dane Allen singled, and Ryan Greene stroked an RBI double.

Emporia State's 10th-inning rally came off MSU closer Nick Fellman, who took the loss.

Mark Dolenc started for the Mavericks, allowing 10 hits and six runs — three earned — over six innings.

MSU, which lost to Emporia State on Saturday, would have had to beat that team twice Sunday to advance to the national tournament.

Catcher Pat Ottum, third baseman Greene, shortstop Scott Kemp and outfielder Ben Kaus all made the Central Regional all-tournament team.

Ottum was 3 for 5 with two RBIs Sunday, and Kemp had a pair of hits and two RBIs.

"We had some chances, but you've got to come through," Bowyer said. "We had some guys take some big swings, and you just can't do that. But the chemistry this team had, and the way they battled this year was just great."

MSU finishes with a 43-11 record, setting a record for most wins in a season.