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Minnesota State's Dane Allen (left) drew two separate bases-loaded walks, and Ryan Greene twice followed with two-run singles to lead MSU to an 8-6 win over defending NCAA Division II Regional Tournament champ Central Missouri State.

Mavs open tourney with win

Greene, Allen fuel
multiple rallies

EMPORIA, KAN. — Minnesota State came from behind twice to claim an 8-6 victory over Central Missouri State in the first round of the NCAA Division II Central Regional baseball tournament Thursday.

Central Missouri State, winner of the last six regional tournaments, took a 1-0 lead in the

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first inning, but the Mavericks answered in the third. Dane Allen's bases-loaded walk brought home one run, and Ryan Greene followed with a two-run single.

Central Missouri State scored three

runs in the sixth to go up 5-3, but the Mavericks rallied again in the seventh. Allen drew another bases-loaded walk, and Greene had another two-run single. Nick Gonzalez followed with a two-run double that made it 8-5.

Central Missouri State scored in the top of the eighth, but closer Nick Fellman finished the inning with a double play, the fourth of the game for Minnesota State, and a ground-out. Fellman pitched a scoreless ninth inning to extend his school saves record to 17.

Tyler Sander, who allowed one run in 1½ innings of middle relief, raised his record to 3-0 with the victory. Starter Dane Secott, who is 7-0 in his last seven decisions and hasn't lost a game since March 25, scattered seven hits while giving up five earned runs, walking three and striking out six.

Minnesota State (41-11), which has won 22 of its last 24 games, plays at 7 p.m. today