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MSU baseball team splits a pair in Missouri

BOLIVAR, MO. — The Minnesota State baseball team got two strong pitching performances as it split a pair of games with Southwest Baptist Friday.

Matt McMurtry started Game 1, losing 4-0. McMurtry allowed just five hits and three walks over six innings, but was touched for a three-run home run in the fifth inning. McMurtry struck out eight and moved his record to 2-2 this season.

Offensively, the Mavericks

gave McMurtry little help. Adam Sudbeck, Jay Bresnahan and Ben Kaus were the only Mavericks to collect a hit as Southwest Baptist's Zane Montgomery improved to 8-0 on the season.

Jon Bjelland picked up the 15-5 win for MSU in Game 2. Allowing no runs, two hits and two walks while striking out eight over five innings, Bjelland's record now stands at 3-0 with 1.08 earned run average.

In Game 2, the seventh, eighth and ninth hitters in the

MSU lineup combined for eight hits, eight runs and eight RBI. Jay Bresnahan was 3 for 4 with three RBI and four runs, Nick Gonzalez was 3 for 4 with three RBI and two runs and Dan Woodall was 2 for 4 with two RBI and two runs. Also for the Mavericks, Sudbeck was 4 for 5 with three RBI and Eric Austvold was 2 for 6 with two RBI.

MSU (11-5) will be in action noon today for another matchup with Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo.