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Sports

Mavericks baseball team opens NCC play with sweep



Ben King (left) and Ryan Greene were key to MSU's victories Saturday.

DULUTH — Ben King pitched a three-hit shutout, helping Minnesota State sweep Minnesota Duluth in a North Central Conference baseball doubleheader Saturday. Game scores were 4-3 and 1-0.

In the opener, Matt McMurtry was the winning pitcher, allowing four hits and three walks with six strikeouts

in six innings.

McMurtry allowed three runs, all earned.

Nick Fellman pitched a perfect final inning with one strikeout for his ninth save of the season.

Ryan Greene hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning, and Scott Kemp had an RBI single in the fifth.

In the second game, King pitched a complete game, striking out 10 without a walk. Minnesota State's only run came in the first inning when Mark Dolenc singled and eventually scored on Eric Austvold's sacrifice fly.

The Mavericks (18-8, 2-0 in NCC) play another doubleheader today at Minnesota Duluth.