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MINNESOTA STATE BASEBALL TEAM COMPLETES SWEEP



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Minnesota State designated hitter Dane Allen takes his hacks in Game 1 of a doubleheader with Waldorf College Wednesday. The Mavericks swept the Warriors in the nonconference matchup.

Slow start

Mavs 'awaken' to take two from Waldorf

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MANKATO — Due to batting third in the inning, Nick Gonzalez had time to study Waldorf College relief pitcher Dan Wellik's funky motion.

After Wellik retired the first two Minnesota State batters, Gonzalez stepped in, took a pitch, then drilled a walk-off homer in Game 1 of a nonconference baseball doubleheader with Waldorf on Wednesday.

MSU won the first game 7-6 in eight innings, and used two homers by Adam Sudbeck to take the nightcap 16-4.

In the opener, the Mavericks fell behind 5-1 in the third inning after making their third error of the game, prompting coach Dean Bowyer to call time-out for an animated team summit on the mound.

He not only gathered his infielders, per custom, but motioned for

his outfielders as well.

"I don't ever remember calling a time-out and bringing the outfield in too," Bowyer said. "But we weren't playing with intensity. We were just lethargic. We've got to be tough mentally. We're not good enough to just show up."

Said second-baseman Gonzalez, "We knew it was time for us to put our heads back on. He gave us a pretty good chewing up."

The Mavericks scored five times in the bottom of the seventh, with Ryan Greene's two-run double tying the game at 6.

The other runs came via two walks, an error, and an RBI single from Eric Ausvold.

Gonzalez's game-ender was his third homer of the season. The junior from Eagan hit one last year.

Junior lefty Jon Huber (2-0) picked up the win, pitching the seventh and eighth innings.



Minnesota State's Adam Sudbeck hit two home runs in Game 2 of the Mavericks' doubleheader with Waldorf College. He also had a triple and five RBIs in the game.

In Game 2, MSU rapped 16 hits, including Sudbeck's two homers and a triple to give him five RBIs.

Dan Woodall, who hit his first home run of the year, was 3 for 3, and freshmen Travis Taran, Jay Bresnahan and Ben Smith all tripled as MSU scored in every inning but the fourth.

MSU used five pitchers, with freshman righthander Andrew Vlasak (2-0) getting the win.

MSU (21-9) has won nine of its last 10 games.

The Mavericks host North Dakota Friday in a North Central Conference doubleheader at the MSU Baseball Complex.