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Sports

MSU baseball teams splits pair

FAYETTE, IOWA — The Minnesota State University baseball team split a double-header Wednesday with Upper Iowa University, rallying to win the opener 16-11 but dropping the second contest 18-4.

The Mavericks needed a 12-run outburst over the final three innings to grab the first game after trailing 9-4 through the first four innings.

Ryan Greene sparked the comeback with a three-run homer in the sixth inning. Greene finished the game 4 for 4.

Senior outfielder Ben Kaus was 2 for 4 with two RBIs, and senior first baseman Dane Allen and junior second base-

man Nick Gonzalez each drove in three runs.

Dane Secott (2-1) pitched the final two innings to earn the win.

In the second game, Upper Iowa jumped out to a 6-0 lead after three innings and added five more runs in the fifth as Maverick pitchers gave up 13 hits.

Junior outfielder Mark Dolenc collected three hits in four plate appearances and scored twice for the Mavericks.

Lefthander Jon Bjelland picked up the loss after pitching only $1\frac{2}{3}$ innings.

MSU will play a double-header Tuesday at Winona State.