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King holds court in Mavericks' 70-0 romp

MSU
quarterback
Ben King
throws the
first of a
school-record
seven
touchdown
passes
Thursday
night at
Blakeslee
Stadium.



Pat Christman

QB throws for NCAA D-II record seven TDs

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MANKATO — Fifty yards to Chris Nowlin, 47 yards to Omaar Balton, 7 yards to Ryan Cross, 17 yards to Jeff Fielder, 15 yards to Nowlin and 4 yards to Donte Shackelford.

By the end of the first quarter, Minnesota State quarterback Ben King had broken an NCAA Division II record by throwing six touchdown passes, and he added a school-record seventh scoring strike early in the second quarter of a 70-0 nonconference victory over Peru State at

Blakeslee Stadium on Thursday. It tied the most points ever scored by a Minnesota State team and the most lopsided victory in program history.

"When you give Ben King time, he puts it on the money," Minnesota State coach Jeff Jamrog said. "And we have some talented receivers."

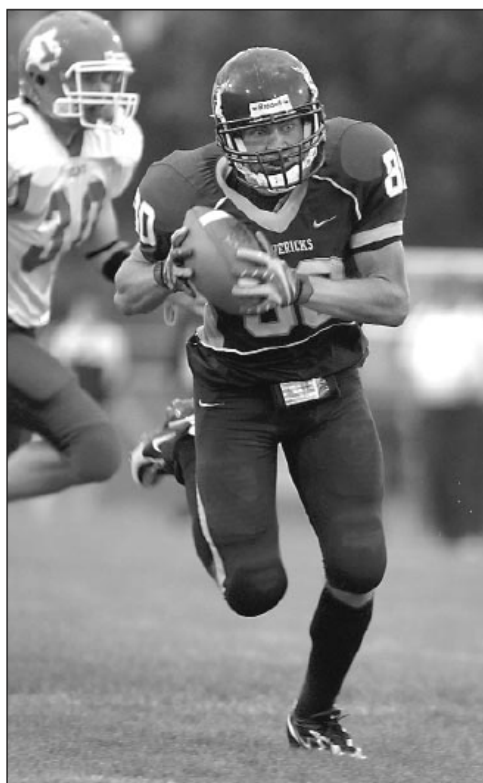
It might have been worse for Peru State if the officials, after consulting with both head coaches, hadn't deciding to go with a running clock early in the second quarter and a shortened halftime because of weather concerns.

"I've never been in a game like that," Jamrog said. "I thought we could get a nice win, but I wasn't anticipating that."

In the opening quarter, King completed 14 of 21 passes for 260 yards, finding open receivers everywhere in the Peru State secondary.

After throwing a short pass that Shackelford turned into a 39-yard touchdown on the first play of the second quarter, King had totaled 299 yards on 15 completion in 22 attempts with seven touchdowns.

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Minnesota State's Chris Nowlin pulls in a touchdown pass from quarterback Ben King during the first quarter Thursday.

MAVERICKS: Fick also throws TD pass

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"We protected, and it all starts up front," King said. "(The offensive line) did an amazing job. I had a pocket; I was able to move around. I give them all the credit.

"As for the NCAA record, I don't think it's a big deal. It never entered my mind."

Backup quarterback Ryan Fick took over midway through the second quarter, and his first touchdown pass came in the third quarter, a 21-yarder to LaRon Wilder that came three plays after Chris Brunkhorst had recovered a fumble.

Freshman Kyle Henderson, playing in his first game, scored early in the fourth quarter on a 10-yard run. Jason Tompkins' ninth PAT kick tied the school record for points in a game.

"We took (Henderson) out of redshirt tonight," Jamrog said. "He had been playing corner, and he's a talented corner, but we felt we had some depth there."

On the final play of the game, Julian Phipps scored the record-breaking touchdown on a 27-yard run.

The Mavericks finished with 442 yards of total offense, 122 of which came on the ground. Peru State had just seven first downs and 82 yards of offense. Linebacker Blake Freese led the Mavericks defense with nine tackle, including a half-sack.

The Mavericks (2-1) open the North Central Conference

Minnesota State football stats

Peru State 0-0-0-0
Minnesota State 42-77-14-70
FIRST QUARTER
MSU—Chris Nowlin 50 pass from Ben King (Jason Tompkins), 14:16.
MSU—Omaar Balton 47 pass from King (Tompkins Mck), 11:22.
MSU—Ryan Cross 7 pass from King (Tompkins Mck), 9:10.
MSU—Jeff Fielder 17 pass from King (Tompkins Mck), 6:00.
MSU—Nowlin 15 pass from King (Tompkins Mck), 4:11.
MSU—Donte Shackelford 4 pass from King (Tompkins Mck), :32.
SECOND QUARTER
MSU—Shackelford 39 pass from King (Tompkins Mck), 14:37.
THIRD QUARTER
MSU—Laron Wilder 21 pass from Ryan Fick (Tompkins Mck), 9:43.
FOURTH QUARTER
MSU—Kyle Henderson 10 run (Tompkins Mck), 13:10.
MSU—Julian Phipps 27 run (Tompkins Mck), 2:3.

Game statistics	Peru	MSU
First downs	7	19
Rushing (Att-yds)	37-52	21-122
Passing (Com-att-Int)	4-16-0	16-26-0
Passing yards	30	293
Total offense (Att-yds)	53-82	47-442
Fumbles (No-yds, lost)	2-1	0-0
Penalties (No-yds)	0-0	6-51
Punts (No-yds)	7-21.1	1-38.0
Punt returns (No-yds)	1-5	4-95
Kick returns (No-yds)	0-100	1-30
possession time	22:22	27:38
Third-down conversions	4-15	4-7
Fourth-down conversions	1-4	1-2
Sacks by (No-yds, lost)	0-0	1-11
Attendance:	3,069	

Individual statistics
RUSHING: Peru State—Jeler 12-38, Meyer 9-30, Mertens 11-12, Witlike 1-1, Dawson 1-1-1, Rizer 3-1-12, Minnesota State—King 15-22-0, 299 yards, Fick 1-4-21 yards.
RECEIVING: Peru State—Meyer 1-13, Gentes 1-12, Powell 1-8, Mertens 1-3, Minnesota State—Fickler 5-32, Balton 4-83, Nowlin 2-65, Shackelford 2-43, Huley 1-22, Wilder 1-21, Cross 1-7.
FIELD GOALS: None.

Saturday with a 7 p.m. game against Augustana at Blakeslee Stadium.

"This game was over quick, and we didn't get anybody hurt, which are two big positives going into the NCC," Jamrog said.