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# Sports

## MSU remains perfect

### Mavericks trounce not-so Golden Bears

**ST. PAUL** — Minnesota State blocked two field goals and two punts and made four interceptions to defeat Concordia-St. Paul 54-3 in a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference football game Saturday.

It's the first 7-0 start for Minnesota State, and it tied for the fourth-most lopsided victory in program history. It was the 11th time the Mavericks had scored 50 or more points.

All four blocked kicks came in the first half, including a punt that was recovered in the end zone by Jeff Stenger. Kelvin Rodgers blocked two kicks, while Kevin Klug and Jesse Hamilton each had one. Troy Jones made two interceptions, with Matt McQuiston and Bryce Kinniry each getting one.

"It all came down to effort today," Minnesota State coach Todd Hoffner said. "It was a combination of our guys doing what they're coached to do, and I don't know if (Concordia-St. Paul) was a little slower today."

The No. 7-rated Mavericks rushed for 310 yards, led by Jake Aberg, who finished with 145 yards

and two touchdowns on nine carries. Julian Phipps rushed for two touchdowns, and Steve Pachan and Chris Echols each rushed for a touchdown.

Pachan completed only 3 of 17 passes for 45 yards.

"Offensively, we were all over the map," Hoffner said. "It was a different game. We can do better, but I'm very proud of the players' performance."

Concordia-St. Paul totaled only 256 yards of offense. Andrew Paik led Minnesota State with six tackles, and Rodgers made four tackles to go with two blocked kicks and a pass breakup.

"Defensively, we had another stellar game," Hoffner said. "We bent a little bit, but we dug in when we had to and denied them opportunities to score."

The Mavericks (6-0 in Northern Sun, 4-0 in South Division) plays its next two games at home, starting Saturday against Minnesota State-Moorhead.



Jake Aberg (left) led Minnesota State in rushing Saturday and scored a pair of touchdowns. Kelvin Rodgers was part of a special teams unit that blocked four kicks.