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Bemidji State hands Minnesota State 28-23 loss

BEMIDJI — Buoyed by a 21-point, second-quarter rally, Bemidji State University held on to defeat Minnesota State 28-23 in a nonconference football game played Saturday at Chet Anderson Stadium

MSU's Sean Treasure scored two touchdowns while the defense picked off three passes and delivered three sacks but it wasn't enough as MSU fell to 1-2 on the season.

"This was a frustrating



The Mavericks Tyrell Smith returned a punt 88 yards for the score Saturday against Bemidji State.

loss," MSU coach Jeff Jamrog said. "I have to give Bemidji

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State credit though. They came out and made plays, and we're not at a point where we can come out and play like we did today and expect to win."

After stopping the Beavers on the opening drive of the game, MSU scored on the ensuing possession on Jason Tompkins's 34-yard field goal.

In the second quarter, BSU took advantage of a good field position after a wind-blown MSU punt to begin a drive on the Mavericks' 38-yard line. The Beavers finished off the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run by Al Carvajal with 11:41 left in the half.

BSU scored again quickly, breaking out a reverse with wide receiver Anthony Schreiber who came around and scored on a 20-yard run. That extended BSU's lead to 13-3.

The third BSU touchdown of the second quarter came via a 37-yard pass from Nathan Sannes to Schreiber with 2:39 left in the half. When a Maverick penalty moved the 2-point conversion attempt to the 2-yard line, Sannes found Dan Nagengast in the flat to make the score 21-3 Beavers.

With just 11 seconds

remaining in the half, MSU's Tyrell Smith tied a 40-year old school record by returning a punt 88-yards for a touchdown to slice the deficit to 21-9. The PAT kick was blocked.

"That play was even more impressive when you consider that we had an all-out block called on that play," Jamrog said. "Tyrell did take advantage of some great blocks and made a tremendous play."

Treasure found the end zone from 2 yards outs for the only touchdown of the third quarter, pulling MSU within 21-16. But BSU's Tyler Olson answered with a 3-yard scoring run a few minutes later to put the game out of reach. Treasure scored again from the 1 with 5:13 remaining.

BSU outgained the Mavericks 294-182. Minnesota State was assessed 13 penalties for 121 yards while the Beavers were flagged just four times for 29 yards.

MSU swings back into action at 1:30 p.m. Saturday with a game at Concordia-St. Paul.