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Maverick football team drops 24-3 NCC contest to UND

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Minnesota State passed for 270 yards but rushed for just 5 in a 24-3 loss to third-ranked North Dakota in a North Central Conference football game Saturday.

After North Dakota scored first, the Mavericks drove 14 plays and had a first-and goal at the 3 but had to settle for freshman Ben Spencer's first career field goal, a 24-yarder shortly before the end of the first quarter to make it 7-3.

North Dakota added 10 points in the second quarter to stretch the lead by halftime.

In the second half, Minnesota State held North Dakota to just 135 yards on offense, but the Mavericks couldn't do much either as North Dakota added a touchdown with 1:29 remaining to seal the game.

"We shut them down pretty good defensively (in the third quarter), but we couldn't get anything done on offense," Jamrog said.

On the final possession, following a 93-yard kick return by Melvin Matlock, the Mavericks ran seven plays from inside the North Dakota 3 but couldn't score.

"They got it done in the red zone,

and we didn't," Jamrog said.

Quarterback Ben King completed 30 of 56 passes for 270 yards. Josh Bryant caught a career-high eight passes for 69 yards, while junior Bryan Dalton added seven catches for 83 yards.

MSU (2-4, 1-2 in NCC) hosts Minnesota Duluth 1 p.m. Saturday at Blakeslee Stadium.



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