



Sports

Little 'O' again for Mavericks football squad

MSU manages only three points in loss to St. Cloud State

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ST. CLOUD — Offensive struggles once again plagued the Minnesota State football team in its 16-3 loss Saturday to North Central Conference rival St. Cloud State.

The Mavericks passed for 201 yards, but ran for only 32 yards and also had four turnovers.

The Mavericks held an early lead after Ben Spencer's 39-yard field goal in the first quarter, but failed to obtain any other first-quarter points after going into Huskies' territory on two different drives.

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SCSU's Jon Gutierrez gave the Huskies the lead in the second quarter with field goals of 27 and 33 yards.

MSU's Allen King intercepted Huskies quarterback Jon Quesnel on the first possession of the second half, but Joshua Bryant gave the ball right back to the Huskies two plays later when he was intercepted by Matt Jensen.

Four plays later, SCSU's

Kenneth Patrick ran 33 yards for the game's only touchdown.

Gutierrez added a 47-yard field goal with 13:05 remaining.

The Huskies outgained the Mavericks 321-233 in total offense.

Ben King was 24 of 40 for 192 yards with one interception. Bryan Alberty had a team-high eight catches for 38 yards.

Quesnel was 17 of 30 for

174 yards for St. Cloud.

Dan Ficcadenti and Chad Breeden led the Mavericks defense with 10 total tackles each.

Melvin Matlock broke MSU's single-season kickoff return yardage record with a 37-yard return on the game's opening kickoff.

The Mavericks (2-6 overall, 0-5 in NCC) play Saturday, Oct. 28, against South Dakota at MSU's Blakeslee Stadium.



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Minnesota State's Trey Roemhildt (left) tackles St. Cloud State's Kenneth Patrick during the first half of Saturday's games at Husky Stadium in St. Cloud.