On Tap

After being idle for the past weekend, Minnesota State (22-6-2 overall, 19-3-2 WCHA) continues Western Collegiate Hockey Association home action this weekend against Michigan Tech. It’s the last regular season home stand before WCHA playoffs.

Friday | MSU 1 | Alaska 1 (OT)
Fairbanks, Alaska --- Top-rated Minnesota State and the University of Alaska battled to a 1-1 overtime tie in a Western Collegiate Hockey Association contest played in Fairbanks Friday evening.

Senior forward Max Gaede ripped a backhander past Nanook netminder Sean Cahill at 7:24 of the first to make it 1-0 Minnesota State to open the scoring. Gaede, who was playing in his 142nd career game, now has four goals in 2014-15.

Alaska responded with the only goal of the second period when Tyler Morley deflected Colton Parayko’s shot from the point past Stephon Williams at the 10:49 mark with the Nanooks on the power play.

Although both teams had quality scoring chances in the third period and in the overtime session.

Minnesota State, which converted on zero-of-six chances on the power play, were outshot by Alaska by a 30-18 margin in the game as junior netminder Stephon Williams now stands 19-3-2 for the year. The marked only the third time this year the Mavericks have been outshot in a game. The Mavericks, who are now 1-1-2 in overtime games on the season, totaled six penalties for 12 minutes. Alaska had eight penalties for 38 minutes.

The Mavericks are now 22-5-2 on the season (19-3-2 WCHA) with tonight’s tie. Alaska stands 14-13-2 (9-12-2 WCHA).

Saturday | MSU 1 | Alaska 3
Fairbanks, Alaska --- Top-rated Minnesota State held a lead after two periods of play, but could not hold off the University of Alaska, falling to the Nanooks 2-1 in a Western Collegiate Hockey Association contest played in Fairbanks Saturday evening.

Playing shorthanded due to injuries taken Friday night by forwards Brett Knowles, Teddy Blueger and C.J. Franklin, the Mavericks lost for the first time this year when leading after two periods of play. Neither team was able to find a way to score in the opening frame, but at 17:50 of the second period, senior defenseman Zach Palmquist converted on a power play chance when he to a pass from Jean-Paul Lafontaine before ripping a shot past Sean Cahill to make it a 1-0 Minnesota State lead. The goal is the eighth of the year for the veteran blue liner.

Alaska responded early in the third period when Garrick Perry fired a shot from the slot past Stephon Williams to knot things up. The game-winning goal was scored at 18:35 when Tyler Morley deflected a shot from Zach Frye into the twine for his 13th goal of the year. Minnesota State, which converted on one-of-seven chances on the power play, were outshot by a 32-25 margin in the contest as junior netminder Stephon Williams now stands 19-4-2 for the year.

The Mavericks totaled 12 penalties for 32 minutes. Alaska had nine penalties for 18 minutes. The Mavericks are now 22-6-2 on the season (19-3-2 WCHA) with tonight’s tie. Alaska stands 15-13-2 (10-12-2 WCHA).
Saturday | MSU 0                     North Dakota 2

Grand Forks, N.D. — No. 7/8 North Dakota battled back and forth all afternoon but UND came out on top by a final of 2-0 Saturday at Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Senior Erin Krichiver made 16 saves in the first period to keep UND off the scoreboard as the Mavericks were outshot 16-4 in the opening period.

North Dakota broke through at 3:50 of the middle frame as Marissa Salo sniped one passed the glove of Krichiver to give UND a 1-0 lead.

In the final period, the Mavericks looked to make one last final push. MSU pulled Krichiver for an extra attacker but were unable to score as Josefine Jakobsen scored on an empty net to seal the win for UND.

Krichiver tallied a total of 36 saves for MSU. Senior Kathleen Rogan led the team with three shots on goal while junior Katie Johnson and freshman Anna Keys, Elin Johansson and Nicole Schammel each tallied two.

On Tap

Minnesota State (3-30-1, 1-26-1 WCHA) will take on Minnesota this weekend in the first round of the WCHA playoffs. The Mavericks will face Minnesota at Ridder Arena in a best of three series. Game one of the series will be on Friday with a 7:07pm face off.

Friday | MSU 0                     North Dakota 7

Grand Forks, N.D. — No. 7/8 North Dakota came out firing on all cylinders Friday night at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks as they defeated Minnesota State by a final score of 7-0.

North Dakota scored three even strength goals in the first period to lead 3-0 after one period of play. The first came at 2:06 of the opening period after Becca Kohler stole the puck and scored unassisted. UND struck again at 6:20 when Samantha Hansen hammered one home from the top of the right circle. A few minutes later at 11:39, Josefine Jakobsen set up Andrea Dalen right out in front and Dalen snuck one in to increase UND's lead. In the first period North Dakota outshot Minnesota State 12-4.

UND added one more goal in the second period to increase its lead to 4-0. This one came unassisted off the stick of Josefine Jakobsen who backhanded one from the slot to beat MSU netminder Brianna Quade glove side.

In the final period North Dakota added three more goals, including one on the power play, to bring the game to a final score of 7-0.

Quade pushed aside 43 UND shots as MSU was outshot 50-9 on the night. The Mavericks went 0-2 on the power play while UND was 1-5.
Player Profiles

#35 Stephon Williams
Goalie | 6-2 | Junior | Fairbanks, Alaska

As a Maverick

2013-14
Went 5-6-0 for 2013-14 with a 3.23 GAA and .862 sv%...Was a 2013-14 WCHA All-Academic honoree...Had 10 saves in 4-0 shut-out over Alabama-Huntsville Feb. 15.

2012-13
WCHA Rookie of the Year. All-WCHA First Team. WCHA All-Rookie Team. WCHA Goaltending Champion...Went 21-12-2 overall (12th in the country in winning percentage - .667) with a 2.00 goals against average (sixth in the country) and a .924 save percentage (13th in the country).

The Williams File
Two-year veteran of the United States Hockey League...Split the 2011-12 season between Sioux Falls and Waterloo and had combined 16-15-4 won-loss record with 2.74 goals against average and .905 save percentage...Helped lead Waterloo to a runner-up finish in the Clark Cup finals...Posted a 10-5-1 mark with a 2.28 GAA and .922 sv% for the Black.

Personal
Born in Fairbanks, Alaska ...Parent's names are Becky and Chris Williams...Finance major...2011 Lathrup High School grad.

#3 Savannah Quandt
Forward | 5-9 | Sophomore | RMankato, Minn.

2013-14
Saw action in all 37 contests as a freshman...Scored first career goal vs. Ohio State on Nov. 22 earning WCHA Rookie of the Week honors in the process...Added 10 shots for MSU.

The Quandt File
Comes to the Mavericks from Mankato East High School...Amassed 122 goals and 195 points in her career as a Cougar and was named MGHCA Class A All-State as a junior...A four-time all-conference honoree in hockey and a two-time All-Big 9 pick in softball, while lettering 11 times in hockey, soccer and softball at East...Additionally, she was selected to attend the USA Hockey Select 15, 16, and 17 National Festivals...She is the daughter of Dave and Sandy Quandt.

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