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Minnesota State catcher Pat Ottum (left) drove in five runs on two hits Thursday in MSU's NCC tournament rout of St. Cloud State. Pitcher Dane Secott picked up the victory.

MSU routs Huskies

Mavericks to next
face UNO at NCC
baseball tourney

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ST. CLOUD — Senior catcher Pat Ottum went 2 for 2 with a home run and drove in five runs as the Minnesota State baseball team blasted St. Cloud State 21-4 on the first day of the North Central Conference tournament.

The Mavericks batted around twice and scored 12 runs in the fourth inning as they advanced to today's semifinals against Nebraska-Omaha.

Minnesota State had 19 hits. Shortstop Scott Kemp went 3 for 4 with two RBIs, and designated hitter Jay Bresnahan was 3 for 5. Josh Simon also hit a home run.

Senior pitcher Dane Secott limited the Huskies to six hits over six innings. He had seven strikeouts to raise his total to 98 on the year, second on the MSU's single-season list.

St. Cloud State led 2-1 after 3½, but the Mavericks broke the game open in the fourth thanks to seven hits, four hit batsmen and two walks.

The Mavericks added four runs in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Minnesota State (42-8) will play Nebraska-Omaha at 6 p.m. today. A win will tie the team record for most wins in a season.