



# Sports

## UNI pulls away from Mavericks

**CEDAR FALLS, IOWA —**

Minnesota State saw a second-half lead in sight, but a turnover doomed the Mavericks' bid for an upset.

Northern Iowa capitalized on a key Minnesota State fumble midway through the third quarter and scored 21 fourth-quarter points to pull away to a 41-14 victory over the Mavericks Thursday night at the UNI Dome.

The Mavericks were down 20-14 and driving for a go-ahead score in the third, but a Tory Chappell fumble on the UNI 26-yard line went into the hands of the Panthers' De'Veon Harris.

Darian Williams had a 4-yard touchdown run, Corey Lewis had a 19-yard touchdown run and Taylor Brookins had an 11-yard touchdown run all in the fourth quarter for the Panthers, who are ranked ninth in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision level (formerly Division I-AA).

The Mavericks fell behind 17-0 early in the second quarter only to storm back into the game before the half.

After Lewis' first touchdown run from four yards out, Kelvin Rodgers returned the ensuing kickoff 99 yards for the Mavericks' first points and Chappell followed that with a 4-yard touchdown run with 24 seconds before the break.

MSU couldn't get any closer in the second half.

"Our goal was to stay toe-to-toe with them," MSU head coach Jeff Jamrog said. "We rebounded well after falling behind 17-0. Kelvin (Rodgers) kickoff return was huge, we just didn't get some big stops down the stretch."

Chappell had eight carries for 24 yards and caught eight

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passes for 47 yards. MSU quarterback Ben King completed 28 of 43 pass attempts for 245 yards.

Oomar Balton caught five passes for 50 yards and Damian Turner had five catches for 51 yards.

The Mavericks were led defensively by linebacker Blake Freese with 11 tackles — two for a loss.

Northern Iowa now leads the all-time series 12-2-3.

MSU (1-1) plays at 7 p.m. Thursday at Blakeslee Stadium against Peru State.