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Mavs fall apart in final period

Injuries take toll in 7-2 loss to Colorado College

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COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. — Playing with a defensive corps that was practically being held together with Ace bandages and Scotch tape, the Minnesota State men's hockey team hung with Colorado College for two periods.

Goaltender Dan Tormey looked sharp, and the Mavericks were within one goal of the Tigers at the second intermission.

"We were sitting there talking about it," senior Travis Morin said. "We still had a chance to win it. All you can ask for on the road is for a chance to win it."

Then the third period came along, and all of the patches popped off.

The Tigers scored four

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goals, including three times on the power play, in the final period and won the Western Collegiate Hockey Association game 7-2 before 6,870 at the World Arena.

Colorado College outshot MSU 42-20 and finished 4 for 6 on the power play. Tigers freshman Bill Sweatt scored a pair of power-play goals and assisted on another.

"On defense we were dead tired," Mavericks coach Troy Jutting said.

With Chad Brownlee and Brian Kilburg nursing injuries back in Mankato, the Minnesota State's depleted defense got even thinner when freshman Nick Canzanello became another Maverick on the mend. He sustained an upper-body injury Friday and didn't dress Saturday.

"You can't play that game with the five D we have," Jutting said. "And they were a tired five D to begin with. We just wore down."

The Tigers led 3-2 after two periods, as Tormey, playing for the first time in three games, stopped 11 of 13 shots in the first period and 15 of 16 in the second. The Mavericks mustered just 11 shots over that same stretch.

"We were struggling all night, it felt like," said Morin, who scored both of the Mavericks' goals. "(Tormey) played a hell of a first and second period. In the third, we hung him out to dry. We gave them way too many opportunities."

Sweatt started the third-period scoring with his second goal of the game. Before the period was half complete, the Tigers had a 6-2 lead. Power-play goals by Jack Hillen and Mike Testwuide sandwiched an even-strength tally by Cody Lampl.

"We can't play without Brownlee and Kilburg, especially against a team like

that," Jutting said. "They're two of our best three penalty killers, two of our biggest, strongest kids and two of our most experienced kids. It's tough in this league as it is, let alone without two of your top three defensemen."

Sweatt opened the game's scoring with a 5-on-3 power-play goal at 8:48 of the first period. About two minutes later, CC went up 2-0 when Scott Thauwald tapped back a rebound sitting in Tormey's crease.

Morin brought the Mavericks back and tied the game with a rebound goal at 14:15 of the first period and a power-play goal at 11:58 of the second.

But the Tigers needed just 49 seconds to get the lead back. Tormey saved a shot by Lee Sweatt at the right post but could only get a piece of Jimmy Kilpatrick's put-back as he dived back across the crease.

The Mavericks (3-9-0, 2-6-0 in WCHA) have won just once in their last eight games. They will play a rare mid-week game Tuesday night when they host Nebraska-Omaha at Midwest Wireless Civic Center.

"We gotta get rested up fast," Jutting said. "We gotta get healthy is what we gotta do."

Minnesota State 1-1-0-2
Colorado College 2-1-4-7

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1. CC-8. Sweatt 2 (Kilpatrick 7, Hillen 4) ppg 8:48; 2. CC-Thauwald 4 (Brannigan 2, Frecheim 1) 10:52; 3. MSU-Morin 5 (Kalinicki 2, Gunderson 1) 14:15

Penalties: Berge, MSU (interference) 7:53; Under, MSU (cross-checking) 8:11

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 4. MSU-Morin 5 (Hanson 6) ppg 11:58; 5. CC-Kilpatrick 6 (L. Sweatt 3, Straub 2) 12:49
Penalties: Testwuide, CC (goaltender interference) 2:52; Wiley, MSU (tripping) 7:32; Testwuide, CC (high sticking) 10:52; Lampl, CC (cross-checking) 15:08; Kalinicki, MSU (tripping) 19:27

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 6. CC-8. Sweatt 3 (Palross 4, Polich 3) ppg 1:22; 7. CC-Hillen 2 (S. Sweatt 4, Polich 4) ppg 6:28; 8. CC-Lampl 1 (Brannigan 3, Thauwald 4) 8:01; 9. CC-Testwuide 1 (Connelly 8, O'Connell 1) ppg 16:07
Penalties: Hillen, CC (tripping) 2:10; Tyree, MSU (tripping) 4:56; Stewart, MSU (unsportsmanlike conduct) 14:45

SUMMARIES

Shots on goal: MSU 25-9-20; CC 13-16-13-42.
Penalties: MSU 6 for 12 minutes; CC 4 for 8 minutes.
Power-play opportunities: MSU 1 for 4; CC 4 for 6.
Goalie saves: MSU Tormey 11-15-9-35; CC O'Connell 5-4-9-18
Referees: Todd Anderson. Assistant referees: Greg Rockenback, Scott Staudle.
Attendance: 6,870