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A new crew
in Scarlets' pool



College hockey preview

Minnesota State vs. Notre Dame

7:37 p.m. today; Midwest Wireless Civic Center
Radio: KDOG 96.7 FM; TV: Charter cable channel 14

The Mavericks (3-9-3) will take on the Fighting Irish (4-9-1) for the first time since the 1996-97 season, MSU's first year of Division I hockey.

Freshman goalie Mike Zacharias (.875 save percentage, 4.70 goals against average) is expected to get his fourth start of the year for the Mavericks. He made 36 saves to beat Nebraska-Omaha in his last outing on Nov. 22.

Junior David Backes (7-11-18) continues to pace the Mavericks. Sophomore Ryan Carter also has seven goals, while Travis Morin and Brock

Becker have six apiece.

The Irish are led by first-year coach Jeff Jackson. Jackson has also coached college hockey at Lake Superior State, where he won NCAA titles in 1992 and 1994.

Junior Josh Sciba (8-4-12) leads Notre Dame in scoring, followed by senior Tim Wallace (6-6-12). Junior David Brown (.889, 3.33), a Pittsburgh Penguins draft pick, has played most of the minutes in goal.

The second game of the nonconference series will be Saturday at Notre Dame, Ind.



Mike Zacharias is 1-2-0 in his first three collegiate starts in goal.