



Sports

Minnesota State

MSU soccer team claims seventh straight victory

MANKATO — Four different players scored goals as the Minnesota State women's soccer team won its seventh consecutive game Saturday, defeating South Dakota 4-1.

The Mavericks led 1-0 at halftime on freshman midfielder Gina Paletta's goal at the 18:05 mark. It was her third goal of the season.

The Mavericks opened a 4-0 lead in the second half with three goals in a seven-minute span. Carly Petersen scored her 11th goal of the year at 63:02, Natalie Bullis scored at 66:00 and Amber Cambridge scored at 69:54, getting an assist from Petersen.

The Coyotes finally beat goalie Jennie Dehamer, who made six saves, at 85:11 when Brooke Youds scored.

The Mavericks (8-4-1, 7-1-1 in NCC) host No. 1-ranked Nebraska-Omaha at 1 p.m. today at The Pitch behind Gage Towers.

Women's hockey

Bobbi Ross' power-play goal with one minute left in the second period broke a 2-2 tie and stood as the game-winning goal as Minnesota defeated Minnesota State 5-2 in a Western Collegiate Hockey Association game at Minneapolis.

Amanda Stohr and Shera Vis scored the Mavericks' goals. Kristina Bunker and Andreanne Thibault had assists.

Goalie Britni Kehler made 30 saves in the loss.

The Mavericks (1-4-0, 0-4-0 in WCHA) take on North Dakota in a two-game series next Saturday and Sunday at Grand Forks, N.D.

Volleyball

The Mavericks volleyball team dropped two of the first three games Saturday but rallied to win the final two to grab a 30-26, 16-30, 24-30, 30-23, 15-10 North Central Conference win over St. Cloud State in Mankato.

Cassie Wolpern had a

team-high 14 kills and 19 digs for the Mavericks. Teammate Stef Sandstrom delivered 44 assists and 18 digs. Megan Stroud had seven blocks.

With Saturday's win the Mavericks broke a three-game losing streak and improved their record to 14-9. Minnesota State is back in action Tuesday when they host Concordia-St. Paul.

Swimming

The MSU men grabbed a dual team meet win over South Dakota at the Highland Pool.

The Mavericks won 169.5-111.5.

The men had 11 first-place finishes. Marty Wahle had three top finishes, capturing the 200-yard butterfly (2:01.55), the 100-butterfly (53.25) and the 200-individual medley.

Teammates Kent Scott, Zac Ruzycski and Kyle Enloe each won two events. Scott won both the 100-breaststroke (1:00.53) and the 200-breaststroke (2:17.65). Ruzycski captured the 100-backstroke (56.13) and the 200-backstroke (2:03.87).

Enloe took top honors in the 200-freestyle (1:51.37) and the 500-freestyle (5:09.16). Ruzycski, Kent, Wahle and Chris Knight combined to win the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:38.58. Jacob Bjork won the 1000-freestyle (10:44.70).

The women's team fell to USD 170.5-129.5. The Mavericks earned five firsts.

Angela Krych, Ashley Baer, Kaitlin Degner and Rachel Busch combined to win the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:52.16. Baer won both the 200-backstroke (2:13.39) and the 200-IM (2:13.94). Teammate Ana Arnold won the 500-freestyle with a time of 5:27.12, and Kim Christensen captured the 100-freestyle (55.99).

The Mavericks swim teams host Wisconsin Eau-Claire Friday.