

MSU dismantles Sioux Falls for fourth straight win

First five minutes of second half are crucial to key division victory

By Chad Courrier

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MANKATO — Minnesota State played a good first half, making almost half of its shots, limiting Sioux Falls' shooting percentage and taking care of the basketball.

But coming out of the locker room in the second half, the Mavericks played great basketball.

"We always talk about those first five minutes and vou have to re-establish yourself," Minnesota State coach Matt Margenthaler said. "We wanted to run more in the second half and use our emotion, but when you defend like we did, we really did a good job.'

Minnesota State outscored Sioux Falls 55-32 in the second half, rolling to a 90-59 victory in a Northern

Sun Intercollegiate Conference men's basketball game Saturday at Bresnan Arena. It was the fourth straight win for the Mavericks.



Quincy Anderson

The game featured the top came right back with seven



Devonte Thedford

made its first four shots for a 10-4 lead, but the Cougars, who hadn't played in three weeks because of COVID-19 protocols,

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Quincy Anderson had six points as the Mavericks went back on top 15-11, but again, Sioux Falls answered with six straight. Devonte Thedford hit a 3 and another from the lane as the Mavericks reeled off a 14-1 run, mixing some clutch shooting with inspired defense.

Anderson hit a 3 and a drive to the basket in the final two minutes as the Mavericks led 35-27 at halftime, shooting 48.3% and committing just five turnovers.

The Mavericks were even better in the first five minutes of the second half, making 7 of the first 12 shots and holding Sioux Falls to 3 of 15 shooting in a 21-7 run.

The Mavericks maintained a 20-point lead for most of the second half, and a 14-0 run late in the half made it 81-50.

Anderson finished with

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BRIEFS

MSU women win in overtime again

MANKATO — Jessica Kondas scored 52 seconds into overtime as Minnesota State defeated Bemidji State 3-2 in a WCHA women's hockey game Saturday at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center.

The Mavericks (6-9-1) won 1-0 in overtime Friday to sweep the series. Minnesota State is 5-0-1 against the Beavers this season.

Kelsey King scored in the first period to put the Mavericks on top. Jamie Nelson, who assisted on the game-winner, scored in the second period.

Calla Frank made 15 saves for the Mavericks, who had 31 shots on goal..

MSU track teams win Schuck Duals

MANKATO — Justus Adams won the 55-meter hurdles in 7.8 seconds and 60 hurdles in 8.39 as the Minnesota State men's track and field team defeated Winona State 102-22 Saturday at the Mark Schuck Duals at Myers Fieldhouse.

Carter Nesvold won the 200 dash in 22.37, Ben Schmied finished first in the 600 run in 1:23.58, Will Valentin won the mile run in 4:29.97, and Tanner Maier took first in the 3,000 run in 8:57.48.

In the high jump, Bryant Brown took first at 6-feet-9 3/4. Caleb Kath won the long jump at 23-2 3/4, and Stephen Ayobamidele won the triple jump at 44-9.

Bedale Naba finished first in the shot put at 52-3 1/4, Carter Aguilera won the weight throw at 62-4. Carson Dittel placed first in the pole vault at 15-7.

The women's team won 94-57. Makayla Jackson won the 60 dash in 7.71 and long jump at 18-9. Ja'Cey Simmons finished first in the 200 dash in 24.79, as did Mackenzie Woodard in the 400 dash (57.51) and Skylar Bragg in the 800 run (2:23.71).

Amanda Montplaisir won the 3,000 in 10:13.46. Denisha Cartwright won the 60 hurdles in 8.74. Samiya Abu-Youm won the triple jump at 36-6 3/4. In the shot put, Katie

Taylor won the shot put (46-3/4) and weight throw (61-1 1/4). Jessie Westman and Micah Zaemisch tied in the pole vault at 9-6 1/4. The Free Press

When it comes to masks, athletes making

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Photos by Pat Christman

Mankato West and Winona girls basketball players are masked up for a game Tuesday at the West gym.

Officials tasked with enforcing mandate during games

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Then the face mandate for high school basketball and hockey games came down, there was good reason to be skeptical.

Whose job would it be to enforce it? Could masks really stay up over the nose amid strenuous physical activity? What about the impact on breathing? Would athletes find ways to skirt the rules to gain a competitive advantage?

Over a month into the season, it hasn't been perfect.

But it was never going to be perfect.

For the most part, it seems athletes, coaches, officials and activities directors are buying in.

"They all understand that if we're to have a season and they want to be a part of it, they have to wear masks all the time," Mankato West girls basketball coach Julia Battern said. "They've embraced the concept that this is something bigger than just our team. If you care about your community and you want to keep as many people as safe as possible, this is something you have to do.'

For Mankato East/ Loyola senior defenseman Brett Borchardt, lung capacity is everything. An All-Big Nine Conference selection last season, Borchardt routinely plays over 30 minutes in a 48-minute hockey game, often times tasked with stopping the opposing team's best

players. He's the type of athlete who's constantly breathing hard for extended periods of time, on the ice and when he comes back to the bench.

Borchadt admitted that wearing a mask while playing has made things more difficult, and that it's not necessarily getting easier. He can't quite do what he normally does, and he's had to take shorter shifts this season. He also knows it's

worth it. "I feel like it hasn't gotten easier physically, but our mentality behind it has gotten better," Borchardt said in a text message. "We've learned how to play with it and realized if we want to play, it has to be worn and that is something we are willing to do."

While athletes like Borchardt try to make the adjustment, high

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Mankato West's Emily Fitterer passes the ball after losing her mask while fighting for a rebound during a game against Winona on Tuesday at the West gym. Soon afterward referees stopped the game so Fitterer could pick up her mask and put it back on.



Mankato West's Callie Schumann outs on a fresh mask before going into a game Tuesday.

Purdue rallies to defeat Gophers

The Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE,

IND. — Brandon Newman scored 21 of his season-high 29 points in the second half Saturday, Trevion Williams added 17 points and 14 rebounds and Purdue overcame an early 14-point deficit to beat No. 21 Minnesota 81-62.

The Boilermakers (12-6, 6-4 in Big Ten) have won five of six. Coach Matt Painter earned his 174th Big Ten victory, tying former Illinois coach Harry Combes for No. 8 on the conference's career list.

Liam Robbins scored 15 points and Brandon Johnson had 11 for Minnesota (11-6, 4-6). The Golden Gophers fell to 0-5 on the road and have lost five of seven — this one perhaps the toughest of all.

They dominated most of the first half as they took a 24-10 lead.

But the Boilermakers rallied late, trimming the deficit to 35-30 at the half. They opened the second half on a 10-4 run, taking a 40-39 lead with 15:34 to play. Purdue then used an 11-0 spurt to extend the margin to 53-41 with 10:05 remaining. Minnesota never got closer than seven again.

It looked like the Golden Gophers had finally solved this season's road woes Saturday. Instead, an inexplicably poor secondhalf performance doomed them again.

After going 0 for 5 on 3-pointers in the first half and 2 for 17 in the first three halves since Sasha Stefanovic tested positive for COVID-19, Newman finally gave the Boilermakers an answer.

The Gophers slid four spots in last week's poll. The descent will probably continue when the new rankings are released Monday — and they could fall the way out.

An impressive four-game winning streak had the Boilermakers back in the Top 25 discussion before losing at home last week to Michigan.



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Vancouver at Winnipeg
Sunday's Games New Jersey at Buffalo, noon Dallas at Carolina, 4 p.m. Florida at Detroit, 4 p.m. Columbus at Chicago, 6 p.m N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. Colorado at Minnesota, 7 p.m. St. Louis at Anaheim, 7 p.m. Ottawa at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

3:30 p.m. BTN — Michigan State at Indiana 4 p.m. SECN — Georgia at Texas A&M COLLEGE FOOTBALL 8:30 p.m. CBSSN — Hula Bowl: Kai vs. AINA, Honolulu

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S) 7 p.m. ESPNU — West Virginia at Oklahoma COLLEGE WRESTLING

8:30 p.m. - Nevada (Las Vegas) at Nevada (Reno)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

1 p.m.

10 a.m. ACCN — Notre Dame at Syracuse

ESPNU — Temple at Tulane

FOX — Connecticut at DePaul

SECN — Missouri at Kentucky

ACCN — Clemson at Wake Forest

ESPNU — Florida at Tennessee PAC-12N — Oregon at Colorado

2 p.m. SECN — Alabama at South Carolina

ESPN2 — Baylor at Iowa State PAC-12N — Stanford at Washington

3 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Virginia Tech

BTN - Illinois at Iowa

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ert Classic, Final Round, Majlis Course, Dubai, United Arab Emirates Noon

GOLF — PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round, Torrey Pines South Course, San Diego

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HORSE RACING 1 p.m. FS2 — America's Day at the Races LUGE NBCSN — FIL: World Luge Championships Koenigssee, Germany (taped)

NBA BASKETBALL

2:30 p.m. NBATV — Utah at Denver NBATV — Brooklyn at Washington
7 p.m.
FSN PLUS — Cleveland at Minnesota

NFL FOOTBALL 2 p.m. ABC — NFL Pro Bowl Celebration ESPN - NFL Pro Bowl Celebration Noon NHLN - New Jersey at Buffalo

NHLN — Florida at Detroit 7 p.m. NHLN, FSN — Colorado at Minnesota RODEO 9:30 a.m. CBSSN — PBR: The Coors Banquet Invita-

tional, Okeechobee, Fla. (taped) 11 a.m.
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NBCSN — America's Cup: Prada Challenger Series (taped) SOCCER (MEN'S)

7:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Serie A: Lazio at Atalanta 6 p.m. — International Friendly: U.S. vs. Trini-

dad and Tobago, Orlando, Fla. (taped) 7 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX: Club America at Santos

TENNIS 5:30 p.m. TENNIS — Murray River Open, Great Ocean Road Open, Gippsland Trophy & Yarra Valley Classic Early Rounds

5 a.m. (Monday)
TENNIS — Murray River Open, Great Ocean Road Open, Gippsland Trophy & Yarra Valley Classic Early Rounds TRACK AND FIELD 1 p.m.

ESPN2 — American Track League: From X GAMES

Noon – X Games: Aspen 2021, Aspen, Colo. 7:30 p.m. ESPN — X Games: Aspen 2021, Aspen, Colo.

Week in sports

SUNDAY Minnesota State men's basketball vs. Sioux Falls, 2 p.m., Bresnan Arena Minnesota State women's basketball at Sie Falls, 4 p.m

MONDAY Mankato Loyola boys basketball vs. Janes-ville-Waldorf-Pemberton, 7:15 p.m., Fitzgerald

NFL playoffs

All Times CST Saturday, Jan. 9 Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 24 Los Angeles Rams 30. Seattle 20 Tampa Bay 31, Washington 23 Sunday, Jan. 10 Baltimore 20. Tennessee 13 New Orleans 21, Chicago 9 Cleveland 48 Pittsburgh 37

Divisional Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 16 Green Bay 32, Los Angeles Rams 18 Buffalo 17, Baltimore 3

Sunday, Jan. 17 Kansas City 22, Cleveland 17 Tampa Bay 30, New Orleans 20 Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 24

Kansas City 38, Buffalo 24 NFC Tampa Bay 31, Green Bay 26

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7 At Tampa, Fla Tampa Bay vs. Kansas City, 5:30 p.m.

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Third Period—5, Colorado, Saad 4 (MacKin-non, Rantanen), 12:17. 6, Colorado, Compher 1 (Burakovsky, Girard), 14:55 (pp). Shots on Goal-Colorado 14-12-7-33.

Minnesota 6-10-4—20. Power-play opportunities—Colorado 2 of 7; Minnesota 0 of 2. Goalies—Colorado, Grubauer 6-2-0 (20 shots-19 saves). Minnesota, Kahkonen 3-3-0

(33-28). A—0 (18,064). T—2:31. Referees-Tom Chmielewski, Justin St. Pierre. Linesmen-Ryan Galloway, Tony Seri-

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Phoenix	9	8	.529	41/2	
Golden State	10	9	.526	41/2	
Sacramento	8	11	.421	61/2	

Friday's Games Charlotte 108, Indiana 105 Atlanta 116, Washington 100 New York 102, Cleveland 81 New Orleans 131, Milwaukee 126 Sacramento 126, Toronto 124 L.A. Clippers 116, Orlando 90 Brooklyn 147, Oklahoma City 125 Phila. 118, Minnesota 94 San Antonio 119, Denver 109

Utah 120, Dallas 101 Saturday's Games Portland 123, Chicago 122 Charlotte 126, Milwaukee 114 Houston 126, New Orleans 112 Miami 105, Sacramento 104 L.A. Lakers at Boston Memphis at San Antonio Phoenix at Dallas Detroit at Golden State

Sunday's Games L.A. Clippers at New York, noon Utah at Denver, 2:30 p.m. Brooklyn at Washington, 6 p.m. Orlando at Toronto, 6 p.m Phila. at Indiana, 6 p.m Cleveland at Minnesota, 7 p.m

Gophers box score

MINNESOTA (11-5) Johnson 4-7 3-4 11, Robbins 6-16 1-3 15, Carr 2-13 2-2 6, Kalscheur 2-5 0-0 6, Tre.Williams 3-4 0-0 8, Mashburn 2-5 0-0 6, Gach 0-1 0-0 0, Curry 3-6 2-2 10, Ihnen 0-0 0-0 0, Free man 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-57 8-11 62. PURDUE (11-6)

Gillis 3-6 3-4 11, Trev.Williams 7-18 3-4 17, Hunter 2-5 0-0 4, Ivey 3-9 0-1 7, Newman 9-14 6-6 29, Thompson 0-1 5-5 5, Wheeler 2-3 0-0 4, Edey 1-1 2-4 4, Morton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-57 19-24 81.

Halftime-Minnesota 35-30. 3-Point Goals Minnesota 10-28 (Tre.Williams 2-2, Curry 2-3, Mashburn 2-4, Kalscheur 2-5, Robbins 2-7, Johnson 0-2, Carr 0-5), Purdue 8-15 (Newman 5-6, Gillis 2-4, Ivey 1-2, Wheeler 0-1, Hunter 0-2). Rebounds—Minnesota 24 (Robbins 7), Purdue 40 (Trev.Williams 14). Assists-Min nesota 15 (Carr 5), Purdue 11 (Hunter 7). Total

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	Jon Rahm	69-67-72	_	208		
	Adam Scott	67-69-72	_	208		
	Sam Ryder	71-69-69	_	209		
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Hermantown 10, St. Cloud Cathedral 1 Lakeville South 6, Apple Valley 0 Little Falls 3, Alexandria 3, OT Mankato East/ Loyola 2, Rochester Mayo 1 Maple Grove 9, Centennial 3 Minnetonka 1, Buffalo 0 Morris/Benson Area 7, North Branch 5 Owatonna 7, Rochester John Marshall 0 Prior Lake 7, Eastview 0 Providence Academy 6, Rochester Lourdes 0 Roseau 4, Grand Forks Central, N.D. 1 Rosemount 5, Farmington 2 Shakopee 3, Eagan 1 St. Louis Park 5, Bloomington Jefferson 4 Warroad 6, Moorhead 1

GIRLS HOCKEY Austin 4, Winona 0 Blake 12, Visitation 0 Chaska/Chanhassen 4, Minneapolis 1 Cloquet/Esko/Carlton 4, Pine City 1 Delano/Rockford 3, Rochester Lourdes 2 Detroit Lakes 4. Prairie Centre Blue Devils Dodge County 3, New Prague 1 Eastview 3, Prior Lake 2 Elk River 5, Park Center 2 Elk river/Zimmerman 5, Osseo/Park Center 2 Forest Lake 2, White Bear Lake 1 Hill-Murray 3, Benilde-St. Margaret's 1 Hopkins/Park 3, Mahtomedi 2 North Shore Storm 5, International Falls 1 Northfield 4. Rochester Century 1 Wayzata 1, Eden Prairie 1, OT

BOYS BASKETBALL Bemidji 69, Rocori 38 Breckenridge 59, Perham 46 Cannon Falls 61, Kasson-Mantorville 58 Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 54. Hawley 42 Hermantown 72, Virginia 54 Northfield 77, Faribault 72 PACT Charter 74, North Lakes Academy 45 Robbinsdale Cooper 69, Minneapolis Wash-

Stewartville 68. Zumbrota-Mazenna 43

GIRLS BASKETBALL Aitkin 57, Barnum 25 Grand Rapids 67, Superior, Wis. 63 Mankato West 52, Rochester John Marshall

Northfield 68 Faribault 36 Spring Lake Park 62, Andover 48 St. Michael-Albertville 70, Moorhead 30 Wabasso 80, New Ulm Cathedral 43 Warroad 39. Win-E-Mac 27

Transactions

BASEBALL Major League Basebal American League OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Acquired LHP Cole Irvin from Philadelphia.

TOTONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with INF Marcus Semien to a one-year contract.
National League
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with

LHP Aaron Loup to a one-year contract.
FOOTBALL National Football League ATLANTA FALCONS — Named T.J. Yates as passing specialist, Lanier Goethie as assistant

defensive coach and Nick Perry as assistan defensive backs coach.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Re-signed DB Jordan Richards to a one-year contract. TAMPA BAY BUCCANFERS — Beleased BB Prosise from practice squad and Activated

WR Cyril Grayson. Canadian Football League EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed WR Greg Ellingson to a one-year contract extension WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS -

HOCKEY

Merkley from the taxi squad. NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled D K'Andre Miller, RW Colin Blackwell and RW Kaapo Kakko

from taxi squad PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Recalled D Yannick Weber from taxi squad.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Assigned C Conner McMichael to Hershey (AHL). Designated C Philippe Maillet for assignment.

East Coast Hockey League FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Activated D Cod Sol from reserve. Placed F J.C. Campagna o - Activated D Cody GREENVILLE SWAMP BARRITS - Activated

INDY FUEL - Activated G Dan Bakala, D Scott Savage, F Spencer Watson and F Cedric Lacroix from Commissioner's Exempt List Placed F Alex Rauter, F Dylan Malmquist and F Ross Olsson on reserve. JACKSONVILLE ICEMEN — Activated G

Trevor Gorsuch, D Kevin McKernan, F Brenden Warren, F Ara Nazarian from Commissioner's Exempt List. Activated F Matt Marguardt from reserve. Placed F Ian McKinnon on reserve.

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Released F Scott Conway and F Taylor Cammarata SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Activated D Daniel Fritz from reserve. Place D Zachary

Malatesta on reserve.

Scarlets slow down JM

The Free Press

MANKATO — Mekhi Collins scored 23 points to lead Mankato West past Rochester John Marshall 51-39 in a Big Nine Conference boys basketball game Saturday at the West gym.

Mason Ellwein, Buom Jock and Brady Haugum each scored seven points for the Scarlets.

West (4-1) hosts Northfield on Tuesday.

Mankato Loyola 76, Lake Crystal Wellcome **Memorial 37:** Logan Carlson scored 23 points as the Crusaders won the Valley Conference game at Fitzgerald gym.

Simon Morgan had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and Lawson Godfrey added 19 points and eight boards.

Jamis Ulman led LCWM with eight points. Loyola (4-1) plays

Monday against Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton at Fitzgerald gym.

Girls basketball

Mankato West 52, **Rochester John Marshall** 32: The Scarlets allowed only eight points in the second half of a Big Nine victory at Rochester. Lani Schoper had 21

points and five rebounds for West, which led 28-24

Prep sports

at halftime. Bri Stoltzman had 13 points and four assists, and Teresa Kiewiet added seven points and nine rebounds.

West (5-0) plays at Northfield on Tuesday.

Wrestling

Mankato East sweeps: Spencer Ruedy (145) and Braeden Hendel (152) each won two matches as the Cougars swept a pair of Big Nine duals. East (4-5, 3-3 in Big Nine) defeated Austin 64-15 and Winona 59-21.

Luke Scholtes (120), Cael Willaert (160), Brian Thilges (170), Brady Hoffner (182) and Ladyn Orrie (220) also went 2-0. Scholtes, Willaert, Thilges and Hoffner each had one pin.

Rochester Mayo 55, Mankato West 13: Trenton Fontaine won the 285 match by fall in 1:56 in the Scarlets' Big Nine road

Damian Riewe earned a 16-7 major decision at 160, and Gannon Rosenfeld won 4-1 at 220. **United South Central**

loses two: Bryce Sonnek won twice as the Rebels dropped two matches in a triangular at Pine Island.

In a 48-34 loss to Pine Island, Sonnek won by fall at 126 pounds. Byron Getchell (132) and Matt Beyer (195) also won by fall, and Micah Hamson

won by major decision. Sonnek won a 3-2 decision in a 51-12 loss to Lewiston-Altura/Rushford-Peterson 51. Kolt Bullerman (106) won a 4-0 decision, Ethan Elvebak (138) won a 7-1 decision, and Konner Harpestad (160) won a 7-1 decision.

Maple River sweeps: Boden Simon and Brady Walters each won two matches as Maple River defeated Lakeville South 36-32 and White Bear Lake Area 51-22.

Simon (132) won a 9-0 major decision and a fall in 30 seconds, while Walters won by fall in 1:50 and 1:17.

Hockey

Mankato East/Loyola 2, Rochester Mayo 1, OT: Jake Schreiber scored in overtime as the Cougars prevailed in a Big Nine game at All Seasons Arena.

Layten Liffrig had the Cougars' other goal in the first period. The Cougars had 52 shots on goal.

East/Loyola plays at Rochester John Marshall on Tuesday.

Avalanche overwhelm Wild

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL — Brandon Saad had a goal and assist to lead a balanced scoring attack and the Colorado Avalanche beat the Minnesota Wild 5-1 on Saturday

Logan O'Connor, Joonas Donskoi, Mikko Rantanen and J.T. Compher also scored for Colorado, which has won three straight and four of five to take the West Division lead. Samuel Girard, Andre Burakovsky and Nathan MacKinnon had two assists as 10 players had points.

Philipp Grubauer made 19 saves for his NHL-best sixth win.

Matt Dumba scored and Kaapo Kahkonen stopped 28 shots for Minnesota.

In the first of four straight games between the teams, Saad scored on a one-timer in the third period for a 4-1 lead, his third straight multipoint game, and Compher later added

his first of the year. Rantanen gave Colo-

rado a 3-1 lead early in the second period with his seventh of the season, weaving around two defenders, cutting across the slot and scoring from the left dot. He is the first player in Avalanche/Nordiques history to score in the team's first five road games.

Rantanen, who entered tied with four others for the league lead in goals. has scored in seven of the past eight outings.

In his first game of the season, O'Connor's long shot deflected off Kahkonen's stick laying in the crease at 3:02. Dumba answered less than 4 minutes later with a rising wrist shot that went off the mask of Grubauer.

Donskoi scored on the power-play with 15.7 seconds left in the frame.

No Fiala

Wild LW Kevin Fiala

served the first game of his three-game suspension for a game misconduct in Thursday's win over Los Angeles. Fiala scored three goals in his past four games.

Minnesota dressed 11 forwards. Brad Hunt slotted into the lineup as a seventh defenseman.

In and out

Colorado D Erik Johnson left in the first period after getting crushed into the boards by Jordan Greenway. ... Avalanche C Pierre-Edouard Bellemare and D Devon Toews missed their first games with lower-body injuries. Coach Jared Bednar had no timetable for either's return. O'Connor replaced Bellemare on the fourth line. D Conor Timmins took Toews' spot. ... Wild G Cam Talbot backed up Kahkonen after missing the past three games with

a lower-body injury.

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21 points and eight rebounds, and Ryland Holt had 17 points and six boards. Devonte Thedford collected 15 points, six rebounds and seven assists.

The Mavericks held Sioux Falls to 27.0% shooting in the second half. The Cougars couldn't take advantage of 19 offensive rebounds that turned into only

The Mavericks also got some runouts when Sioux Falls was crashing the offensive glass.

"Sioux Falls is one of the best rebounding teams in the nation," Margenthaler said. "But we were able to stay with them. Defensively, we stayed with the game plan. Sioux Falls is a physical team."

The Mavericks (7-2, 6-1 in South Division) and Sioux Falls (4-1, 2-1) play again today at Bresnan Arena, starting at 2 p.m. The winner will lead the South Division with six games remaining.

"It's going to be a war," Margenthaler said. "We're going to have to be better." Follow Chad Courrier on Twitter @ ChadCourrier.

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school officials like North Mankato's Terry Reynolds are also getting used to the new reality.

Activity directors and coaches are involved in enforcing the rules, however, during games, the job ultimately seems to have fallen upon officials. "The games that I've seen, I think the

officials have done a really nice job of just reminding kids," Mankato Loyola activities director John Landkamer said. Reynolds, who has officiated basketball

games for 21 years, had done six games this season prior to this week, and thinks things are going pretty well. There was one instance where he had to speak firmly with a player who he felt wasn't complying, and he also noted that some players are wearing loosely fitting masks that might slip down while running.

But it certainly hasn't been a major issue.

He feels disposable masks come down under the nose more than cloth masks, but that both can work well if they fit properly.

In basketball, officials instruct players to pull their masks up during stoppages in play. If a certain player seems to be trying to skirt the rules, officials are to give players two warnings and then request a sub upon the third violation.

Reynolds has not had to do that yet. "I would say, far and beyond, the compliance has been very high," Reynolds said. "Every game you go into, there's going to be one or two athletes that you have to take care of during the game, but as far as the compliance goes, it's going very well.'

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