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The Minnesota State men's hockey team scored seven goals in their rout of new CCHA foe St. Thomas in Mankato's first time hosting Hockey Day Minnesota. The Mavericks had three different players with multiple points that included sophomore forward David Silye's (10) hat trick in front of over 10,000 people at Blakeslee Stadium.



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David Silye (left) celebrates with teammate Lucas Sowder.

The Mavericks swept the Tommies on a historic Hockey Day

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A busy weekend has come to an end for the Minnesota State men's hockey team, who finalized their regular season sweep of St. Thomas at Hockey Day Minnesota. The Mavericks came into the series against the Tommies with two wins, outscoring them 14-0 in those games.

The Mavs continued that trend this past weekend, adding 12 more goals to that total. The two teams started off the series in St. Paul on St. Thomas' home ice, where the Mavericks defeated the Tommies 5-1.

MSU was unable to keep the Tommies from finding the net in this one, giving up the first goal to UST with just 2:09 remaining in the first period. A Nathan

Smith interference penalty was all the Tommies needed to get on the board as they buried their first shot on goal.

It was all Mavericks from then on as the team found nylon five times in the remaining two periods of play. Senior defenseman Jack McNeely was the first of the Mavs to score, as he deked a Tommie defender and ripped a shot from the middle of the slot to tie the game.

Minnesota State defensemen continued to have outstanding games as the game went on, with freshman Bennett Zmolek and sophomore Jake Livingstone also finding the back of the net. Junior standout Smith tallied another goal and assist as well, bringing his total points this season to 37.

The two teams then had a much-deserved rest Friday before the long awaited Hockey Day Minnesota game. As Saturday rolled around, chilly single-digit temps engulfed Blakeslee Stadium.

As 10,000 fans piled into the stadium, snow sprinkled the scene while marking the highest home attendance of a Maverick's home hockey game in team history. The Mavericks and Tommies both appeared in the game with Winter Classic inspired jerseys which made the night just that much more special.

Snow poured down on fans and players as the puck dropped. It took a bit of getting used to for both teams as snow blanketed ice restricted the puck's movement.

It was at the 8:53 mark however where the Mavs struck first behind sophomore David Silye's historic night. Silye was able to corral a rebound off Tommie goaltender Peter Thome's right side and bury the first goal of the game.

Silye did not stop there, putting up his second goal of the game in similar fashion over Thome's left shoulder to go up 2-0. The remainder of the first

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