

Prairie girls claim outright title

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WATERLOO - The Cedar Rapids Prairie softball team does not have to share the conference title with anyone after sweeping a doubleheader Thursday at Waterloo East, 10-0 in six innings and 7-4 in eight innings.

Prairie captured the Mississippi Division title in the Mississippi Valley Conference with an 18-8 record. Waterloo West finished second in the division at 16-10, two games behind the Hawks.

This is Prairie's first MVC title since 1988.

Carsyn Waller went 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs for Prairie in the 10-0 victory, which clinched the outright title. Gabi Carter was 2-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs. Shelby Frederick was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

Natalie Halvorson tossed a four-hit shutout with six strikeouts and one walk.

The nightcap was tied, 4-4, after seven innings. Amanda Pipolo led off the top of the eighth with a triple to ignite a three-run rally for the 7-4 verdict.

Anne Cerveney was 2-for-5 with two RBIs and a double in the eighth inning. Frederick was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a double in the eighth inning. Neila Bell went 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Frederick started in the circle and pitched 5.1 innings, allowing only three hits. Halvorson pitched the last 2.2 innings and got the win.

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Prairie raised its overall record to 26-11. Waterloo East fell to 13-25 overall and 7-19 in the conference.