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Former Kennedy standouts Jimmy Lizarraga and Cody Bell played key roles as Mount Mercy topped William Penn, 3-2, in the first game of a Midwest Collegiate Conference doubleheader Sunday at Ken Charipar Field.

The Statesmen took advantage of three Mustang errors to score three unearned runs in a 3-1 nightcap win.

Lizarraga had two hits and an RBI for Mount Mercy (14-17, 5-8) in the opener. Bell also had two hits and an RBI. Cale Henke pitched a complete game, allowing just four hits.

Devin Holmes and Jason Darichuk two hits apiece for Mount Mercy in Game 2. The Mustangs had eight hits but only managed a single run. Bell had the RBI for Mount Mercy. Evan Boddicker was the tough-luck loser, allowing six hits in 5 1/3 innings.

William Penn is 17-16, 7-6.

Game 1

William Penn | 000 001 1 - | 2 | 4 | 0 Mount Mercy | 000 201 x - | 3 | 7 | 5

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WP - Henke. LP - Ruiz

Game 2

William Penn | 000 102 0 - 3 | 7 | 0 Mount Mercy | 000 010 0 - 1 | 8 | 3

WP - Logan. LP - Boddicker