

Carter clubs 2 HRs in Prairie sweep

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Prairie's Gabby Carter wasn't known as a power hitter going into Tuesday night's doubleheader against Cedar Rapids Washington. You may want to add that to her arsenal now. Carter slugged two home runs and notched 6 RBIs in Prairie's 26-8 rout over Washington in the second game at the Washington softball field.

"Those home runs felt really good because those are among the first I have ever had," said Carter of her performance at the plate.

Prairie's Taylor Stecklein also had a stellar night at the plate, going 7-for-7 in the second game and collecting 10 hits for the twinbill. The Hawks had 24 hits in game two.

"Our kids just did a good job at being patient and hitting good pitches," said Prairie Coach Kim Hynek. "Hopefully, we will continue to hit the ball like we did tonight."

Prairie won the first game 9-4 and Carter's pitching prowess was showcased. She came on in relief of Katelyn Kuch in the second inning and didn't allow an earned run the rest of the game. Carter only faced 13 batters in the final four innings.

"You just have to hit your spots and do what you have to do to keep them off the bases," said

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Prairie travels to Iowa City West for a doubleheader Thursday and Washington hosts Dubuque Wahlert.

GAME 1

PRAIRIE (9)

Shelby Crist, c, 5 2 0 0, Taylor Stecklein, 2b, 5 0 3 2, Katelyn Carver, cf, 4 1 0 0, Kaitlyn Wieland, ss, 4 1 1 2, Mackenzie Blaha, lf, 4 2 0 1, Gabby Carter, 3b, 4 0 0 0, Katelyn Kuch, p, 2 0 0 1, Samantha Frederick, 1b, 4 2 1 0, Brittney Lash, rf, 4 1 1 1, Torrie Wilson, 2 0 0 0 Totals 38 9 6 7

WASHINGTON (4)

Gail Barnum, lf, 4 1 2 1, Bria Lenten, 3b, 4 0 3 0, Kirsten Peterson, p, 4 0 0 0, Callie Cook, 4 1 2 0, Jordon Pilcher, cf, 4 1 1 0, Sam Short, c, 4 0 0 1, Jordan Carr, ss, 3 1 1 1, Hannah Schroeder, 1b, 3 0 0 0, Alexis Riley, rf, 3 0 0 1, Caiti Peterson, 2b Totals 33 4 9 4

Prairie 041 003 1 -- 9

Washington 103 000 0 -- 4

Kuch, Carter(2) and Crist. Kirsten Peterson, Caiti Peterson(3) and Short. W – Carter L – C. Peterson

2B- Wieland, Frederick, Lenten, Cook, Pilcher. SB- Crist(3), Wieland, Kuch.

GAME 2

PRAIRIE (26)

Crist, c, 4 2 2 1, Stecklein, 2b, 7 5 7 3, Carver, cf, 7 3 3 2, Wieland, ss, 7 3 2 1, Blaha, lf, 6 4 2 0, Carter, 5 3 3 6, Kaitlyn Baetsle, p, 3 1 1 2, Frederick, 1b, 6 1 2 3, Lash, rf, 6 2 1 1, Alyson O'Brian, 3 2 0 0, Kuch, 1 0 0 0, Wilson, 3 0 1 0. Totals 58 26 24 20

WASHINGTON (8)

Barnum, lf, 5 2 3 1, Lenten, 3b, 5 1 2 0, K. Peterson, p, 4 1 0 0, Cook, 1b, 4 2 1 1, Pilcher, cf, 4 1 1 1, Short, c, 4 1 2 0, Carr, ss, 4 0 2 2, Megan Jonas, dh, 4 0 1 0, Riley, rf, 4 0 1 0, C. Peterson, p. Totals 38 8 13 5

Prairie 350 504 9 -- 26

Wash 003 023 0 -- 8

Baetsle, Carter (4), Kuch (7) and Crist, O'Brian (4). K. Peterson, C.Peterson (3) and Short. W – Baetsle L – K. Peterson.

2B- Crist, Frederick. HR- Carter 2. SB- Crist, Stecklein, Carver.