Mustangs bump off Culver-Stockton

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A little overnight snow could not stop the Mount Mercy baseball team Sunday afternoon.

The Mustangs enjoyed the comforts of their artificial turf at the Plaster Athletic Complex and dumped Culver-Stockton, 13-3, in a Heart of America Conference game.

Blake Willenborg pitched four shutout innings as the Mustangs jumped to a 12-0 lead. Culver-Stockton finally got to Willenborg for three runs in the fifth, but by then it was too late as he raised his record to 3-0 for the campaign.

Parker Johnson went 3-for-3 with two runs and four RBIs for Mount Mercy. Evan Jackson, Nick Sueppel, Tito Berdecia and Kobi Candaroma all had two hits for the Mustangs.

Mount Mercy won the three-game series, 2-1, and raised its records to 8-11 overall and 5-6 in the conference. Culver-Stockton fell to 5-13 overall and 1-4 in the league.

The game was originally scheduled at Culver-Stockton, but the weekend series was shifted to Mount Mercy due to field conditions. Mount Mercy served as the visiting team on its home field.

Willenborg, Bowman (5), Rippel (7) and Day, Costa. W - Willenborg (3-0). L - Damon (1-3). 2B - Johnson, Candaroma, Sueppel, Day, Jackson. SB - Berdecia, Candaroma. 3B - Faur.