

Mack helps Mount Mercy slam Clarke

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Michelle Mack belted a grand-slam in the sixth inning Wednesday to help Mount Mercy top Clarke, 5-2, in the first game of their Heart of America Conference doubleheader at Busse Field.

The Mustangs took the nightcap, 5-1, on a rainy evening in northeast Cedar Rapids for the sweep.

The twin-killing lifted Mount Mercy into first place in the North Division standings with an 8-2 record in the conference. The Mustangs are 15-7 overall for the campaign.

Mount Mercy trailed, 2-1, in the sixth inning of the opener when Mack lofted a fly ball over the fence in left field with the bases loaded. Tawny Menster (6-0) retired Clarke in the top of the seventh to finish the victory.

Emily Oler belted a solo home run over the fence in center field to help the Mustangs in Game 2. Madelyn Irwin (4-1) tossed a complete game for the victory.

Clarke fell to 3-14 overall and 1-11 in the league.

GAME 1

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Mount Mercy □ □ **001 004 x - 5 8 0**

Schwartzhoff, Didier (6) and Tigges. Menster and Miller. W - Menster (6-0). L - Schwartzhoff (1-9). 2B - Bruner, Stenberg. HR - Mack. SB - Turner.

GAME 2

Clarke □ □ □ **010 000 0 - 1 7 1**
Mount Mercy □ □ **100 130 x - 5 5 4**

Irwin and Miller. L.Gratz and E.Gratz. W - Irwin (4-1). L - Gratz (1-4). 2B - Heick, Braughton. HR - Oler. SB - Bruner, Miller.