Ryan pitches no-hitter on birthday

Linn-Mar senior Maddy Ryan celebrated her birthday Thursday by tossing a no-hitter in a 12-0 victory over Dubuque Wahlert in the first game of a Mississippi Valley Conference doubleheader.

Linn-Mar won the second game, 10-0, in another five-inning game that ended early due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Megan Willey went 3-for-3 for the Lions in the first game. Ryan also enjoyed her birthday as a batter by hitting a triple.

Madison Rentschler went 3-for-3 with two doubles in the second game. Ryan and Ally Johnson were both 2-for-3 with doubles.

Linn-Mar raised its records to 11-5 in the MVC and 15-10 overall. Wahlert fell to 1-19 in the conference and 2-26 overall.