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DUBUQUE - The Cedar Rapids Prairie baseball team swept a doubleheader from Dubuque Hempstead Thursday, 8-3 and 10-1, and replaced the Mustangs at the top of the Mississippi Division standings.

Prairie raised its Mississippi Valley Conference record to 11-3 and dropped Hempstead to 10-4, moving a full game ahead of the Mustangs in the division.

Cal Clark, Trey Beckman and Tyler Nunemaker had two hits for Prairie in the first game. Nic Mougin started for the Hawks and pitched four shutout innings, but left with the game still scoreless. Mougin allowed only one hit.

JP Havel-Pisarik got the victory in relief and Jared Street was credited with a save.

Cooper Reittinger went 3-for-4 and scored two runs in the 10-1 verdict in the nightcap. Jalen Rima went 2-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and three runs. Clark, Corbin Day and Ethan Copeland had two hits. Clark collected two RBIs.

Brody Alberts tossed six strong innings for the victory. He struck out six batters and did not walk anyone.

Prairie raised its overall record to 16-4. Hempstead fell to 13-7.

GAME 1

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Prairie 000 022 4 - 8 12 0 Hempstead 000 021 0 - 3 3 1

W - Havel-Pisarik. L - Kolker. S - Street.

GAME 2

Prairie 130 004 2 - 10 14 1 Hempstead 000 010 0 - 1 7 2

W - Alberts. L - Duax.