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Mitch Keller struck out 10 batters in four innings Monday as the Xavier Saints topped Linn-Mar, 5-3, in the first game of a Mississippi Valley Conference doubleheader at Linn-Mar.

The Saints also won the second game, 12-4.

Keller (1-1) walked three batters, allowed two hits and one unearned run. Bryce Grimm pitched the final three innings for Xavier.

Nolan Arp went 2-for-2 with two RBIs for the Saints. Grimm also had two hits. Manny Jeffery went 3-for-4 for Linn-Mar and scored twice.

Grimm went 3-for-5 for Xavier in the second game with a triple, home run and three RBIs. Logan Clarahan scored three runs. Ryan Flaherty drove in two runs and Max Hammerberg had two hits.

Adam Bradley went 3-for-4 with three doubles and three RBIs for Linn-Mar in the nightcap. Brandt Ollinger had two hits.

Adam Pick struck out nine batters in 3.2 innings for the Saints, but also walked six batters in the second game.

Game 1

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Keller, Grimm (5). Hilsenbeck, Jeffery (5), Wyant (7). W - Keller. L - Hilsenbeck. 2B - Grimm, Jeffery, Jacobs. 3B - Yoke. SB - Jeffery, Gassmann.

Game 2

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Pick, Even (4), Hammerberg (5). Larson, Bogert (4), Gassmann (5), Crawford (7), Ollinger (7). W - Pick. L - Larson. 2B - Ollinger, Bradley 3. 3B - Grimm. HR - Grimm. SB - Keller, Jeffery 2, Larson, Allaman.