

Mustangs get 2 walk-off victories

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The Mount Mercy baseball team came through in the clutch Wednesday to sweep a non-conference doubleheader from Viterbo, 8-7 and 4-3, at the Plaster Athletic Complex.

The Mustangs won both of the games in their final at-bat for a pair of walk-off victories.

Kobi Candaroma, Tito Berdecia, Corbin Day and Parker Johnson had two hits for Mount Mercy in the 8-7 victory in Game 1. Owen Oreskovich drove in three runs. Manny Olutunde and Day had two RBIs. Candaroma and Nick Sueppel scored twice.

The opener was tied 7-7 going into the bottom of the eighth in extra innings. Viterbo pitcher Austin Stibbe hit three batters in the frame and plunked Oreskovich with the bases loaded to force in the winning run.

Viterbo took a 3-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning of the nightcap, Nick Sueppel made it 3-2 when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, then Berdecia delivered a two-run single to win the game.

Berdecia was 3-for-4 in the nightcap.

The sweep lifted Mount Mercy to 14-12 for the campaign. Viterbo fell to 6-13.

GAME 1

Viterbo 000 330 10 - 7 7 3

Mount Mercy 102 030 11 - 8 12 0

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Bowman, Richards (4), Donohue (5), Trouten (6), Barnes (8) and Day. Gamroth, Rossman (5), Stibbe (7) and Braun. W - Barnes (1-2). L - Stibbe (0-2). SB - Johnson, Candaroma, Jackson, Hilpipe.

GAME 2

Viterbo 030 000 0 - 3 6 0

Mount Mercy 000 100 3 - 4 7 0

Woods Graham (2), Donohue (7) and Costa. Herbert, Basten (5), Thompson (6), Gross (7) and Wick. W - Donohue (3-1). L - Gross. 2B - Berdecia, Oreskovich. SH - Candaroma.