Mustang ace raises mark to 8-0

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Tawny Menster tossed a six-hit shutout Saturday as Mount Mercy blanked 24th-ranked Grand View, 7-0, in the first game of their Heart of America Conference doubleheader at Busse Field.

Grand View won the second game, 3-2. The Vikings also won the completion of a game that was suspended Wednesday in Des Moines, 10-8.

The outcome left Mount Mercy at 20-12 overall and 13-7 in the conference. Grand View raised its records to 27-6 overall and 17-3 in the league.

Menster (8-0) struck out five batters and walked two in the 7-0 victory. Payton Bruner was 3-for-4 in the leadoff spot and scored twice. Jess Heick was 2-for-4 and also scored twice. Audrey Grove drove in two runs.

Mount Mercy trailed 3-0 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning of the nightcap and scored twice to make in exciting, but the Mustangs fell short 3-2. Jayna Witzany (7-6) pitched a strong game in defeat, allowing three unearned runs on four hits.

Bruner scored three times in the 10-8 loss in the suspended game. Jessica Miller was 2-for-4 and scored twice. Heick and Menster had two hits. Menster and Bruner slugged home runs.

GAME 1

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Yenger, Witt (4) and Winnett. Menster and Miller. W - Menster (8-0). L - Yenger. 2B - Bruner, Braughton. SB - Menster, Heick, Bruner, Grove.

GAME 2

Grah, Yenger (7) and Belieu. Witzany and Miller. W - Grah (6-2). L - Witzany (7-6). 2B - Braughton.