Mustang softball continues to slide

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CANTON, Mo. - A promising season for the Mount Mercy softball team keeps heading in the wrong direction.

The Mustangs were swept by Culver-Stockton in a pair of tight ballgames Wednesday, 3-2 and 5-4, in a Heart of America Conference doubleheader.

Mount Mercy has lost seven straight games and 11 of their last 13, dropping its records to 20-18 overall and 13-13 in the conference. Culver-Stockton raised its marks to 24-15 overall and 18-8 in the league.

Tawny Menster went 5-for-5 with two RBIs for Mount Mercy in the doubleheader. She was 2-for-2 in the opener and 3-for-3 with two doubles and a sacrifice fly in the nightcap. Emily Oler hit a home run and drove in two runs in the 5-4 loss.

Menster (8-2) pitched a complete game in the 3-2 loss in the opener. Culver-Stockton scored in the bottom of the seventh to snap a 2-2 tie and collect a walk-off victory.

GAME 1

Mount Mercy 0 0 000 020 0 - 2 4 1 Culver-Stockton 000 020 1 - 3 7 2

Menster and Miller. O'Donnell and Burris. W - O'Donnell (9-11). 2B - Bruner. SB - Heick.

GAME 2

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Irwin, Witzany (4) and Miller. Tibbetts, Staples (3) and Burris. W - Staples (4-1). L - Irwin (5-4). 2B - Heick, Menster 2. HR - Oler. SF - Menster.