

Bruner helps Mustangs sweep Peru

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Payton Bruner filled her role beautifully in the leadoff spot for the Mount Mercy softball team Saturday.

Bruner went 4-for-6, scored four runs, collected three RBIs, hit two triples and had two stolen bases as the Mustangs swept Peru State, 6-5 and 5-3, in a Heart of America Conference doubleheader at Busse Field.

Bruner, the Mount Mercy shortstop, went 2-for-3 with two runs, two RBIs and two stolen bases in the 6-5 victory in the opener. Tawny Menster was 2-for-3 and pitched a complete game for the win. Jessica Miller and Michelle Mack also had two hits in the first game.

Bruner went 2-for-3 with two runs, two triples and an RBI in the 5-3 victory in Game 2. Sydney Robertson was 2-for-2. Jayna Witzany (9-7) pitched four shutout innings in relief for the victory, allowing just two hits with seven strikeouts and no walks.

The sweep lifted Mount Mercy to 24-18 overall and 15-13 in the conference. Peru State fell to 7-35 overall and 6-26 in the league.

GAME 1

Peru State ▯ ▯ 001 002 2 - 5 9 0
Mount Mercy ▯ ▯ 012 201 x - 6 12 0

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Krieser, Moya (5), Bitz (6) and Hazen. Menster and Miller. W - Menster (9-3). L - Krieser (5-12).
SB - Bruner 2, Miller, Mack, Braughton.

GAME 2

Peru State □ □ 003 000 0 - 3 7 0

Mount Mercy □ □ 100 031 x - 5 8 0

Ritchie, Moya (6) and Audsley. Irwin, Witzany (4) and Miller. W - Witzany (9-7). L - Ritchie (1-16). 3B - Bruner 2. SB - Menster, Robertson 2, Braughton. SH - Robertson. SF - Grove.