

## Mustangs stay alive in Heart softball

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The Mount Mercy Mustangs got off to a slow start in the Heart of America Conference softball tournament at Busse Field Wednesday morning, but they rebounded nicely Wednesday night to stay alive.

Mount Mercy lost to Culver-Stockton, 8-0, in the first game of the tournament Wednesday morning in just five innings, but the Mustangs bounced back with a 2-0 victory over William Penn in the losers bracket on a three-hit shutout by Jayna Witzany.

Mount Mercy (31-21) will face Grand View or Central Methodist in an elimination game Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Jess Heick went 2-for-3 for the Mustangs in the 2-0 victory over William Penn. Payton Bruner collected a double and an RBI.

Olivia Brees of Baker pitched a perfect game with 14 strikeouts in a 5-0 victory over William Penn in the first round.

### GAME 1

**Mount Mercy**    000 00 - 0 3 1  
**Culver-Stockton**    012 23 - 8 11 1

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Menster, Irwin (3) and Miller. O'Donnell and Burris. W - O'Donnell. L - Menster (12-5). 2B - Menster.

### GAME 2

**William Penn** □ □ □ 000 000 0 - 0 3 1  
**Mount Mercy** □ □ □ 001 001 x - 2 6 1

Springer, Perry (4) and Brown. Witzany and Miller. W - Witzany (12-7). L - Springer. 2B - Bruner, Heick. SB - Robertson.

### Wednesday's Results

Culver-Stockton 8, Mount Mercy 0 (5)  
Baker 5, William Penn 0  
Grand View 10, MidAmerica Nazarene 5  
Central Methodist 12, Benedictine 6  
Mount Mercy 2, William Penn 0 (Penn eliminated)

### Thursday's Schedule

9:30 a.m. - No. 7 MidAmerica Nazarene (0-1) vs No. 6 Benedictine (0-1)  
Noon - No. 1 Baker (1-0) vs No. 4 Culver-Stockton (1-0)  
2:30 p.m. - No. 2 Grand View (1-0) vs No. 3 Central Methodist (1-0)  
5 p.m. - MidAmerica Nazarene/Benedictine winner vs Culver-Stockton/Baker loser  
7:30 p.m. - No. 5 Mount Mercy vs Grand View/Central Methodist loser