

OZARK, Mo. - The Mount Mercy baseball team won both of its elimination games at the Heart of America Conference tournament Saturday to reach the Final 4 of the postseason event.

The Mustangs (28-22) will face 17th-ranked Central Methodist (34-13) in another elimination game Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at US Baseball Park.

Mount Mercy blasted Peru State, 14-2, Saturday in the completion of a game that was suspended by rain Friday. The Mustangs then clipped MidAmerica Nazarene, 11-8, to keep their tournament hopes alive again.

Mount Mercy center fielder Evan Jackson went 5-for-10 in the two elimination games with three runs and seven RBIs.

Jackson was 2-for-4 with two runs and three RBIs in the 14-2 victory over Peru State. Kobi Candaroma drove in three runs for the Mustangs. Chili Moseley was 2-for-4 and scored three times. Nick Sueppel also scored three runs and collected two RBIs. Owen Oreskovich was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Manny Olutunde scored twice.

Jake Faur (4-2) allowed two runs in 6 1/3 innings for the victory against Peru State.

Jackson went 3-for-6 with four RBIs in the 11-8 victory over MidAmerica Nazarene. Corbin Day was 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Tito Berdecia was 3-for-5. Moseley and Olutunde scored three times. Candaroma and Collin Shrader scored twice.

Travis Bowman (1-0) picked up the victory in relief. Matt Trouten allowed only one run in 4 1/3 innings in relief and got a long save.

Baker and Clarke will meet in the winners bracket final Sunday at 1 p.m., followed by Mount Mercy against Central Methodist in the elimination game at 4:30 p.m.

Central Methodist trimmed Mount Mercy, 5-4, in 10 innings in the quarterfinals on Thursday.

GAME 1

Peru State 010 000 100 - 2 7 3
Mount Mercy 000 230 27x - 14 10 1

Faur, Willenborg (7), Donohue (9) and Day. W - Faur (4-2). 2B - Candaroma. SB - Shrader, Olutunde, Jackson. SH - Jackson.

GAME 2

Mount Mercy 200 430 200 - 11 12 2
MidAmerica Nazarene 001 600 010 - 8 12 1

Hargens, Barnes (4), Bowman (4), Trouten (5) and Day. W - Bowman (1-0). S - Trouten. 2B - Berdecia, Jackson. SB - Moseley, Olutunde. SF - Faur.