Graceland sweeps Mount Mercy softball

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The Mount Mercy softball team had a tough day at Busse Field Sunday.

Graceland swept the Mustangs in a Heart of America Conference doubleheader, 7-3 and 2-1 in 10 innings.

The losses dropped Mount Mercy to 20-13 overall and 13-8 in the conference. Graceland raised its records to 16-14 overall and 9-10 in the league.

Jess Heick was 2-for-4 for Mount Mercy in the 7-3 loss in the opener and scored twice. Jolona Shield drove in two runs. Morgan Braughton had two hits. Tawny Menster (8-1) suffered her first loss of the season.

Madelyn Irwin pitched all 10 innings for Mount Mercy in the 2-1 loss in the nightcap and was the hard-luck loser. She allowed two runs on 10 hits, with seven strikeouts and no walks.

Emily Oler was 3-for-4 in the 2-1 setback. Heick was 2-for-5.

GAME 1

Krammer, Fluehr (7) and Long. Menster and Miller. W - Krammer (2-3). L - Menster (8-1). S - Fluehr. 2B - Menster, Shield. SB - Heick, Miller. SF - Shield.

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GAME 2

Fluehr and Linhart. Irwin and Miller. W - Fluehr (10-5). L - Irwin (5-3). 2B - Braughton. SB - Oler.