No. 5 Jefferson girls post easy wins

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The fifth-ranked Jefferson softball team moved into a virtual tie for first place in the Valley Division of the Mississippi Valley Conference on Wednesday night by sweeping Waterloo East, 10-0 and 12-0, at Larry Niemeyer Field.

The J-Hawks raised their record in the MVC to 19-3. Iowa City West, which was swept by Jefferson on Tuesday night, has an 18-2 mark in the conference. The two teams are tied in the "games back" column, but Iowa City West has a better winning percentage.

Jefferson has four games left in the conference race and lowa City West has six games to play.

Alyssa Olson tossed her eighth shutout of the season in the 10-0 victory in the first game. She struck out six batters in the six-inning game.

Avery Guy, Kennedy Dighton, Maddie Hansen and Taylor Holub had two hits. Holub drove in two runs.

Alissa Good was the winning pitcher in the 12-0 win in the nightcap, which lasted only three innings. She helped her own cause by going 2-for-2 with three RBIs. Guy also went 2-for-2.

Jefferson raised its overall record to 27-6. Waterloo East fell to 6-16 in the conference and 11-19 overall.