

## Prairie hitters stumped by West hurlers

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IOWA CITY - Iowa City West pitchers Shelly Stumpff and Mackenzie Laux pitched complete games Monday as the Women of Troy swept Cedar Rapids Prairie, 5-1 and 6-0, in a Mississippi Valley Conference doubleheader.

Prairie (7-10, 3-7) was held to five hits in the twinbill.

Stumpff pitched a complete game in the opener and had Prairie hitters confused, allowing one run on three hits. She mixed a nice changeup with her fastball, causing Prairie hitters to lunge at pitches.

"In the first game, the changeup hurt us. We did not adjust well at all to the changing of the speeds," said Prairie Coach Kim Hynek.

West scored early on an RBI single from Alise Miller in the bottom of the first in the opener. The Women of Troy (11-3, 6-2) plated three more runs in the second inning on consecutive RBI singles by Lynn Jehle, Mikaela Morgan and Tatum Klein.

Prairie scored its lone run in the third inning. Katelyn Kuch's sacrifice fly to left field scored Brittney Lash from third base. Lash doubled to start the inning.

Kuch pitched for Prairie in the opener, going the distance and allowing five runs on 10 hits.

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In the nightcap, West's Alise Miller broke the game open in the third inning with a two-run double for a 4-0 lead. That proved to be more than enough support for Laux, who pitched a two-hit shutout.

Laux did not allow a runner past second base the entire game. She had a speedy delivery and was often ahead in the count, striking out eight batters.

"We need to be more ready early on in the count, that would really help us out," said Hynek, "but both of their pitchers did a nice job."

Prairie turned in a solid defensive effort, highlighted by shortstop Kaitlyn Wieland. "I didn't think our defense did too bad of a job," said Hynek. "I thought Wieland was very solid at shortstop, she made some really nice plays."

### Game 1

#### PRAIRIE (1)

Stecklein, 2b, 3 0 0 0, Kuch, p, 3 0 0 1, Carver, cf, 3 0 0 0, Wieland, ss, 3 0 0 0, Blaha, lf, 3 0 0 0, Carter, 3b, 3 0 1 0, O'Brian, c, 3 0 0 0, Frederick, 1b, 3 0 0 0, Lash, 3 1 2 0. Totals 27 1 3 1.

#### IOWA CITY WEST (5)

Klein, 1b, 4 1 2 1, Sturtz, 2b, 4 0 1 0, A. Miller, ss, 4 0 1 1, Stumpff, p, 3 0 0 0, Larson, c, 3 2 3 0, Recker, lf, 3 1 2 0, Jehle, dh, 3 1 1 1, Chelf, 3b, 3 0 0 1, Morgan, cf, 3 0 0 1, Tresslar, rf. Totals 30 5 10 5.

Prairie 001 000 0 - 1 3 1

Iowa City West 131 000 x - 5 10 1

Kuch and O'Brian. Stumpf and Larson. W – Stumpff L – Kuch. SB - Klein

### Game 2

#### PRAIRIE (0)

Stecklein, 2b, 3 0 0 0, Carver, cf, 3 0 1 0, Blaha, lf, 3 0 0 0, Wieland, ss, 3 0 0 0, Carter, 3b, 3 0

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0 0, Baetsle, p, 2 0 0 0, O'Brian, c, 2 0 0 0, Frederick, 1b, 2 0 1 0, Lash, rf, 2 0 0 0. Totals 23 0 2 0.

### IOWA CITY WEST (6)

Klein, 1b, 3 0 1 0, Sturtz, 2b, 3 2 2 1, A. Miller, ss, 3 0 1 2, Stumpff, 3b, 3 0 1 0, Larson, rf, 3 1 1 0, Recker, c, 3 1 1 0, Jehle, dh, 2 0 1 1, Found, lf, 3 0 0 0, Morgan, 2 2 2 0, M. Miller, 1 0 0 0, Tresslar, 1 0 0 0. Totals 27 6 10 4.

Prairie 000 000 0 - 0 2 0

Iowa City West 022 020 x - 6 10 1

Baetsle, Carter(6) and O'Brian. Laux and Recker. W – Laux, L – Baetsle. 2B - Frederick, A. Miller. SB - Larson.