

## Mustangs split with No. 16 Central Methodist

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FAYETTE, Mo. - Jake Faur turned in a strong pitching performance Saturday as the Mount Mercy Mustangs knocked off 16th-ranked Central Methodist, 8-1, in the second game of their Heart of America Conference doubleheader.

Central Methodist took the opener, 9-0.

Faur (3-2) pitched 5 1/3 innings and allowed only one run on four hits. Matt Trouton tossed the final 1 2/3 innings to finish the 8-1 conquest.

Tito Berdecia went 2-for-3 with his sixth homer and three RBIs in Game 1. Kobi Candaroma hit his second homer of the year. Nick Sueppel was 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs. Austin Hilpipre scored twice.

Mount Mercy finished the regular season at 25-21 overall and 16-14 in the conference. Central Methodist is 32-12 overall and 19-8 in the league.

Mount Mercy will compete in the Heart of America Conference tournament in Ozark, Mo., starting Wednesday. The tournament is scheduled for May 1-7 at US Baseball Park.

### GAME 1

**Mount Mercy** █ █ █ █ 000 000 0 - 0 4 2  
**Central Methodist** █ █ 300 321 0 - 9 8 0

Willenborg, Barnes (3), Donohue (5), Bowman (6) and Day. Long, Malan (7) and McCay. W -

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Long. L - Willenborg (5-2). 2B - Faur. SB - Olutunde.

### GAME 2

**Mount Mercy**    104 012 0 - 8 8 1  
**Central Methodist**    001 000 0 - 1 5 3

Faur, Trouten (6) and Day. Macias, Robbins (6), Lewis (7), Gray (7) and McCay. W - Faur (3-2).  
L - Macias. 2B - Moseley, Oreskovich. HR - Berdecia, Candaroma. SB - Jackson, Hilpipe.