

Mustangs nipped in 2020 softball openers

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PHOENIX - The Mount Mercy softball team dropped a pair of one-run games to Arizona Christian, 2-1 and 5-4 in eight innings, in their season openers Thursday in Phoenix.

Madelyn Irwin pitched a strong game for the Mustangs in the 2-1 loss, tossing all six innings and allowing just one earned run.

Mount Mercy collected only three hits in the first game. Jess Heick drove in Morgan Braughton with their only run in the fourth inning to pull the Mustangs within 2-1, but nobody score again.

Mount Mercy scored twice in the top of the seventh inning to tie the second game, 4-4, but Arizona Christian won the game in the bottom of the eighth to square its record for 2020 at 6-6.

Payton Bruner went 3-for-4 for the Mustangs in Game 2. Heick had two more RBIs, Sydney Robertson scored twice and Emily Oler had two hits.

Game 1

Mount Mercy 000 100 0 - 1 3 1
Arizona Christian 002 000 x - 2 6 2

Irwin and Lyons. L - Irwin (0-1). 2B - Heick. SB - Braughton.

Game 2

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Arizona Christian □ □ **012 001 01 - 5 8 0**

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