

JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Red Hawks swept by KVCC

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College's softball team struggled offensively Wednesday, getting swept by Kalamazoo Valley Community College 6-0 and 2-1 in eight innings.

KVCC The Red Hawks (1-10
6-2 MCCA, 1-16) must-
LMC ered just five hits all af-
0-1 ternoon and never led in
either game.

"They were not strong in the box and when you have an error you lose," said LMC coach Melissa Grau.

LMC wasted a strong start in the second game from Dezray Watts, who pitched all eight innings and scattered seven hits.

Watts gave up a single to Kyla Nickrent to open the eighth inning, then hit Ashely Miller to put the go-ahead run at second base. Amber Forster brought Nickrent home with her second hit of the game, a single to center field.

"The bottom line is, yesterday (in a doubleheader against Ancilla College, Watts) just pitched 10 (innings)," Grau said. "So it wasn't her, it was just that they can hit. When you can hit and when you're dominant in the box you're going to find a way to get on."

That would be enough for Kalamazoo Valley pitcher Bailey Clements, who retired the last 16 batters she faced to get the complete game victory.

"She settled in just fine" said Kalamazoo Valley coach Sarah Thomas. "It took her a minute, but she brought it."

Mackenzie Orphanidis provided the only offensive spark for LMC, a solo home run to lead off the second inning. That was the only extra base hit on

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the afternoon for the Red Hawks.

Besides her two RBIs in the second game, Forester also had a strong first game offensively for the Cougars (5-3, 12-5). Forester hit a three-run home run off of Maddison Moser in the fifth inning to put Kalamazoo Valley ahead 5-0.

“That was awesome,” Thomas said. “Couldn’t have asked for anything better from her today.”

Kayli Bowen got the win for the Cougars in the first game, throwing a complete game shutout.

First game

KALAMAZOO VALLEY CC 6, LMC 0

KVCC	001 130 1 — 6 12 1
LMC	000 000 0 — 0 2 0

WP — Kayli Bowen LP — Maddison Moser
 Top hitters — KVCC: Kyla Nickrent 2 1b; Amber Forester HR, 2b, 3 RBIs; Kayli Bowen 2b, 1b; Sophie Miller 2 1b; Aimee VanWalbeck 2 1b, RBI

Second game

KVCC 2, LMC 1 (8 INNINGS)

KVCC	100 000 01 — 2 7 0
LMC	010 000 00 — 1 3 2

WP — Bailey Clements (8k, 2bb) LP — Dezray Watts
 Top hitters — KVCC: Kyla Nickrent 2b, 1b; Amber Forester 2 1b, 2 RBIs; LMC: Maddison Moser 2 1b, 1 RBI