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Area colleges: Moeller sends UIS softball to split

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Brianne Moeller hit two home runs, including a walk-off shot in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the University of Illinois Springfield an 8-7 win over the Missouri Science & Technology Miners and a doubleheader split Saturday at the Land of Lincoln Softball Complex.

Missouri S&T (18-14 overall, 10-8 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference) won the first game 9-0 in five innings. The Miners finished with nine hits and scored eight runs in the fourth. Brooke Carroll had both of the Prairie Stars' hits. Moeller was the losing pitcher.

In Game 2, Carroll smacked a two-run homer in the first and the Prairie Stars added four in the second, highlighted by a three-run blast from Moeller that gave UIS a 6-1 lead.

The Miners scored four in the fifth and two in the sixth to take a 7-6 lead after six. Ashley Sanders led off the Prairie Stars' seventh with a double that led to Moeller's game-winning shot to left. Moeller finished with five RBIs.

Aubrey Watson earned the victory for UIS (8-22, 3-15) by striking out 12.

Janssen, Loggers earn split

Jamie Janssen belted a grand slam to highlight Lincoln Land Community College's seven-run second inning as the host Loggers took a five-inning, 9-1 victory over Shawnee in the second game of a Mid-West Athletic Conference doubleheader.

Janssen, a sophomore from Gillespie, also hit a three-run homer in the first game and totaled nine runs batted in for the day. But Shawnee held on for a 9-8 win in the opener.

LLCC's Nicole Garland (4-7) got the pitching win in Game 2, striking out three, walking none and allowing six hits. Megan Fleigle was 2-for-2 for the Loggers, while LLCC's Kelsey Wagahoff and Kimber Meyer both tripled.

The Shawnee Saints outhit LLCC 18-15 in the first game when the Loggers had runners and second and third with two out in the bottom of the seventh before falling one run short. Fleigle, Wagahoff and Brittany Parks had three hits apiece for Lincoln Land, which is 15-18 overall and 9-5 in the conference.

Baseball

Hayes, SCI sweep Shawnee

ULLIN — The Springfield College in Illinois Bulldogs rebounded from a 6-0 deficit behind RBI doubles from Michael Hayes and Tommy Jennings in the sixth inning to beat Shawnee 9-7 win in a Mid-West Athletic Conference doubleheader.

Hayes hit a home run in Game 1 and helped SCI to a 10-2 victory.

A.J. Gand gave up eight hits and had four strikeouts and one walk in a complete game for the 12-12 Bulldogs.

Robert Morris splits

CONWAY, Ark. — Garrett Moyer hit a homer in the second game to lead the Robert Morris University Eagles past Central Baptist 6-5. Moyer had two hits and scored twice and drove in two runs. Tyler Novy also had two RBIs, and Ryan Butcher went 2-for-3 and scored three runs.

In the opener, Central Baptist defeated RMU 12-2.

Men's tennis

Prairie Stars go 1-1

ST. LOUIS — The University of Illinois Springfield Prairie Stars split two matches, beating Maryville 9-0 and losing to Missouri St. Louis 7-2 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play Saturday.

UIS' win over Maryville was its first conference win to go to 3-8 overall and 1-6 in league play. Punsisi Dayaratne won at No. 1 singles and teamed with Josh Patrick in producing a win at No. 1 doubles for the Prairie Stars.

Conner McGowan and Matt McGowan won at No. 2 doubles against Missouri St. Louis. Matt McGowan was a winner at No. 4 singles to give the Prairie Stars their two wins against Missouri St. Louis.

Women's tennis

Stars get first GLVC win

ST. LOUIS — The University of Illinois Springfield defeated Maryville 9-0 to earn its first Great Lakes Valley Conference win.

Priyanka Deo recorded a straight-sets win at No. 1 singles for UIS. She paired with Thiyumi Abeysinghe to post an 8-4 pro-set win at No. 1 doubles.

UIS lost to Missouri St. Louis 6-3 in its second match. Abeysinghe (No. 2 singles) and Brooke Tweedy (No. 5) were singles winners for the Prairie Stars. Tweedy and Claire Connor won a match at No. 3 doubles for UIS (3-8, 1-6).

Men's golf

Bulldogs third at MWAC tourney

KILBORN — The Springfield College in Illinois Bulldogs shot 667 as a team to hold third place in third place at the Mid-West Athletic Conference golf tournament.

Illinois Central College leads the tourney with a team score of 648. Parkland is second with 654. Jay Freitag had the lowest 36-hole score for SCI, shooting a 159. e tournament concludes today.

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