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DC keeps warm with pair of wins

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The weather was frigid, but the results were sunny and warm Saturday when the Divine Child baseball team swept a doubleheader at University of Detroit Jesuit

"By the time we got to the second game, we were playing in some of the worse conditions I can remember," said DC coach Tony DeMare. "When it's that cold and miserable, you really feel for the kids because nobody feels much like playing.

"But, it hurts a lot more if you walk away with a loss or two than if you win."

The Falcons won the first game 7-3.

Jeremy Gooding gave up just two hits in six innings on the mound to earn the v He struck out 10, walked five and was charged with two earned runs.

Ken DeHart gave up an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh on the only er the locals committed in their past four games, but still nailed down the win in relief.

DC took charge with two runs in the first on a leadoff double by Patrick Biondi, run-scoring single by Aaron Cieslak and a double by Sean Baker.

An unearned run in the second made it 3-0 and then Cieslak singled, stole second and scored on a hit by Chris Ciatti in the third.

An unearned run in the fourth and two in the seventh on a double by Cieslak completed the scoring for the winners.

Cieslak went 3-for-4, while Ciatti added two hits.

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The visitors scored six runs in the sixth inning of the nightcap for a 6-0 victor

Cieslak finished the day with five hits and three RBI, while Ciatti wound up wit three hits and drove in three runs.

Alex Ruff pitched the first six innings, allowing two hits and fanning five.

Once again, DeHart finished up, this time with a scoreless seventh.

Last Tuesday, the Falcons took on two of the Chicago area's top teams in a day-night doubleheader.

They beat host Joliet Catholic 4-1 in the first game of the day.

Grant Lawrence pitched four innings of three-hit ball to earn the win.

Gooding stuck out four in two scoreless innings and then DeHart finished up wi goose egg in the seventh.

At night, DC was at the University of Illinois-Chicago to take on Mount Carm

The Falcons banged out 10 hits against a pair of pitchers who have already sign with Division 1 college teams, but stranded 14 runners in a 3-1 loss.

Ruff had two singles and scored the only run for the locals. Cieslak had a single and a double and Justin Forster pitched in two singles.

"We may not see any better pitching than that the rest of the season," said DeMare. "We would have liked to have won the game, but playing teams like th pays off in the end and it was still a good trip.

"That was the first time we'd beaten Joliet Catholic in four years.

"We've had very good teams in the past that put up a lot of accomplishments th didn't do as well on the trip to Chicago as we did this year."

The Falcons (6-2 overall, 5-1 in Catholic League play) will host a doubleheader with Brother Rice this afternoon, then head to Warren De La Salle Saturday for t more.

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