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Lakeland record remains perfect; improves to 33-0

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Huron Valley Lakeland maintained excellent play last week to retain a perfect record, including a 17-0 mark in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) and a 33-0 overall record.

At the beginning of the week, they met up with Howell and won 3-1 in the first game of a doubleheader, then trounced Howell 8-2 in the second game of the twin-bill on Monday, May 14.

Lakeland senior pitcher Lauren Memmer struck out 10 Howell batters in the first game and earned the win.

Krysia Schlack went 2-for-3 at the plate. Rachel Hammer also went 2-for-3 batting. Lisa Maxwell went 2-for-4.

Memmer got the win again with seven strike outs in the second game of the doubleheader.

Maxwell went 3-for-3 batting. Andy Dawson went 2-for-3.

Memmer could break the state's career

wins record for a softball pitcher. She needs four more wins to break the current state record of 139 wins, set by Jessica Brubaker when she pitched for Waterford Kettering under Coach Joe Alsup in 2001. Alsup is Lakeland's current coach. Memmer currently has 135 wins for Lakeland. She's signed with the University of Detroit-Mercy on a full-ride softball scholarship.

Alsup said Memmer is having an incredible year, and her teammates are following her lead.

"I've coached a long time," he said. "This is by far the best start we've ever had. We're solid in every position this year."

In other action last week, Lakeland met up with the Novi Lady Wildcats and won both games of a doubleheader, 11-2 and 5-1 on Wednesday, May 16.

Memmer got the win in the first game. She struck out 12 Novi batters in the first game. She also went 2-for-3 at the plate. Brooke Ward went 2-for-4. Kayla Craft went 2-for-3 batting.

In the second game against Novi, Memmer struck out eight batters.

Maxwell went 2-for-3 at the plate. Kayla Meek went 2-2, and Craft went 2-for-3 batting.

Lakeland topped Grosse Pointe South 5-0; crushed Warren Wood Tower 12-0; and blanked L'Anse Creuse 10-0 — all on Saturday, May 19.

Carlee Meek went 7-for-10 at the plate and Lisa Maxwell went 7-for-9 batting in all three games on Saturday.

Memmer recorded the victory against L'Anse Creuse. Meek went 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Maxwell went 3-for-3.

Memmer won the game against Grosse Pointe South, as well. She went 2-for-4 at the plate. Meek went 2-for-3. Maxwell went 2-for-3.

Memmer finished with 10 strike outs against Warren Woods Tower. Meek went 3-for-3 at the plate. Maxwell went 2-for-3 and Hammer went 3-for-4 batting.

Lakeland hosts Brighton today, Wednesday, May 23 at 4 p.m., and then plays in the district playoffs on Tuesday, May 29 at Walled Lake Western High School beginning at 4 p.m.