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Myers' HR's Boost STLCC-Meramec To Come-From-Behind Wins

The STLCC-Meramec baseball team (13-20) found its Magic twice on Saturday in a pair of come-from-behind wins at Mineral Area College. Sophomore shortstop Jon Myers (Fort Zumwalt South) had a career day and set a school record with five home runs in the wins.

In the first game, Meramec trailed 11-6 after four innings. In the bottom of the fifth, two big swings of the bat brought in five runs to tie the score at 11-11. Catcher Dylan Mooney (Francis Howell Central) hit a two-out, three-run homer to bring the deficit to 11-9, and two batters later, Myers hit a two-run shot to tie the score.

In the bottom of the seventh, sophomore outfielder Dan Harris (North County-Bonne Terre, Mo.) singled home Tom Case (Mehlville) with the winning run for a 12-11 victory. Freshman hurler Scott Reese (DuBourg) earned his first collegiate win by completing 3 2/3 innings on the mound.

In the second game, the Magic dug another deep hole, trailing 8-3 heading into the bottom of the fourth. Outfielder Ryan Humphrey (Blytheville, Ark.) clubbed a three-run homer to cut the Magic deficit to 8-6. After Mineral Area tacked on another run in the sixth to up the lead to 9-6, Myers and Harris hit back-to-back solo home runs, and a sacrifice fly tied the game at 9-9 in the bottom of the sixth.

In the bottom of the seventh, Harris picked up his second game-winning hit of the day, this time an RBI single, for a 10-9 Magic victory. Pitcher Jake Morgan (Mehlville) went the distance and struck out nine to gain his second victory of the year.

Myers, a preseason All-American, had the finest day of his career, going a combined 7-for-8 at the plate with five home runs and six RBIs. He also scored six runs.

"I wasn't really thinking about that at the time," said Myers of his long ball exploits. "I just wanted to win a ballgame. On probably four of them, I knew they were out. They felt really good coming off the bat. The baseball gods must love me."

Myers now has 11 home runs on the year. The school record is 21 set by Mark Peer in 1996.