

No. 2 Eagles split with Iowa Lakes

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ESTHERVILLE - The Kirkwood Eagles committed five errors Sunday and lost the first game of their doubleheader against Iowa Lakes, 7-5, in conference action in Estherville.

The second-ranked Eagles bounced back with a 12-0 victory in the nightcap on a one-hitter by Angie McBeain.

Kirkwood (27-2, 7-1) rallied from a 5-3 deficit and tied the opener, 5-5, with two runs in the top of the sixth, but the 17th-ranked Lakers (20-7, 7-3) scored twice in the bottom of the sixth and held on for the victory against Kirkwood ace Lexi Kinnaird.

Taylor Nearad hit home runs in both games for Kirkwood, giving her nine round-trippers this season. DoniRae Mayhew also belted her ninth homer for the Eagles in the doubleheader.

Maddie Hansen went 4-for-4 for the Eagles in the 7-5 setback. Lexi Ferrari was 3-for-4. Nearad was 2-for-3 and drove in three runs. Morgan Frost had two RBIs in the opener.

Kinnaird (13-2, 1.67 ERA) pitched a complete game for the Eagles. She was touched for nine hits and five earned runs.

McBeain went 3-for-3 with her home run in the 12-0 victory. Ferrari, Nearad and Hansen had two hits. Ferrari, Nearad, Hansen, Mayhew and Megan Kublik drove in two runs. Ferrari scored four times.

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McBeain (11-0, 1.74 ERA) tossed a one-hitter with one strikeout and one walk in the second game.

DMACC leads the conference standings with a 6-0 record, followed by Kirkwood (7-1), Iowa Central (8-2) and Iowa Lakes (7-3).

GAME 1

Kirkwood ▯ ▯ **200 102 0 - 5 12 5**

Iowa Lakes ▯ **002 032 x - 7 9 2**

W - Calkins. L - Kinnaird.

GAME 2

Kirkwood ▯ ▯ **422 31 - 12 11 0**

Iowa Lakes ▯ **000 00 - 0 1 2**

W - McBeain. L - Kazmierski.