

## Eagles nipped by No. 1 Jones County

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COLUMBUS, Ga. - The Kirkwood women's softball team battled top-ranked Jones County to the wire Friday, but dropped a 6-4 verdict when Jones County scored twice in the top of the seventh.

The fourth-ranked Eagles finished with a 1-2 record on the first day of their trip to Georgia. They lost to Indian River, 7-1, in their second game Friday and topped Rock Valley, 6-3, in eight innings in their final contest.

The outcomes left Kirkwood with a 9-2 record for the campaign.

Taleah Smith continued her hot hitting for Kirkwood. She went 7 for 12 in the three ballgames and scored three runs. Smith is hitting .622 for the campaign.

Rachel Stewart went 3-for-10 with two doubles and three RBIs. London Jackson was 3-for-10 with a home run and two RBIs. Jessi Butler had two big RBIs in the win over Rock Valley.

Erin Hocker (4-1) got the victory against Rock Valley by pitching 6 1/3 innings in relief, allowing only one earned run on five hits. She struck out six batters and did not walk anyone.

### GAME 1

**Jones County** ▯ ▯ 000 202 2 - 6 7 x  
**Kirkwood** ▯ ▯ ▯ 101 101 0 - 4 8 1

L - Hocker (3-1). 2B - Jackson. RBI - Smith, Stewart, Jackson. SB - Stewart, Barthelman (2).

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### GAME 2

Kirkwood 000 010 0 - 1 5 1  
Indian River 011 230 x - 7 8 x

L - Bouman (4-1). HR - Jackson. RBI - Jackson. SB - Smith, Kuch, Carter.

### GAME 3

Kirkwood 000 012 03 - 6 7 0

Rock Valley 020 010 00 - 3 7 x

W - Hocker (4-1). 2B - Stewart (2), Kuch. RBI - Stewart (2), Butler (2), Kuch. SB - Smith (2).