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COLUMBUS, Ga. - The Kirkwood softball team split its final two games at the NFCA Lead-Off Classic Saturday to finish the prestigious tournament with a 2-and-3 record.

The fourth-ranked Eagles were nipped by Northwest Florida State, 2-1, in their first game Saturday. Kirkwood blanked Sinclair Community College, 7-0, in their second contest.

Northwest Florida State scored in the top of the seventh inning to snap a 1-1 deadlock and claim a 2-1 victory. Erin Hocker (4-2) was the tough-luck loser for the Eagles, allowing two runs on six hits.

The Eagles (10-3) bounced back against Sinclair on a combined eight-hit shutout by Bradee Bouman and Hocker. Bouman (5-1) tossed five innings and Hocker pitched the final two frames for a save.

Jayme Finn went 3-for-4 with a double, triple, two runs and two RBIs against Sinclair. London Jackson was 2-for-4 with a double, home run and two RBIs.

## GAME 1

Northwest Florida State 0 100 000 1 - 2 6 x Kirkwood 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 4 0

L - Hocker (4-2). RBI - Carter.

## GAME 2

## KCC softball splits at tourney

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Sinclair: 0 000000-08 x Kirkwood: 0 010024 x - 7 10 3

W - Bouman (5-1). S - Hocker (1). 2B - Finn, Jackson, Carter. 3B - Finn. HR - Jackson. RBI - Finn (2), Stewart, Jackson (2), Klaahsen. SB - Finn, Stewart.