

## KCC baseball takes 3rd at regional

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CLINTON - The Kirkwood baseball team lost to Northeast Community College, 7-4, in the losers bracket final Sunday and finished third at the regional tournament in Clinton.

Northeast will face Southeastern in the championship round Monday.

Kirkwood topped Northeast, 5-3, in the opening round of the tournament Thursday, but the Hawks jumped to a 5-0 lead in the second inning Sunday and never lost the lead.

The Eagles scored three runs in the top of the fifth inning to pull within 5-3, but Northeast tallied twice in the seventh for a 7-3 advantage to give itself some breathing room.

Kirkwood Coach Todd Rima and the Eagles finished with a 33-20 record. They went 2-2 in the regional.

Levi Usher and Kirby Kerr had two hits for Kirkwood. Joel Thompson drove in three runs.

**Kirkwood** □ □ □ **000 030 010 - 4 8 3**

**Northeast** □ □ □ **320 000 20x - 7 9 3**

Krob, Nigut (3), Fuller (6), Bennett (7), Frese (7) and Thompson. Taylor, Rodriguez (8) and Walker. W - Taylor (8-2). L - Krob (2-6). 2B - Youngquist. RBI - Youngquist, Thompson 3.