

Kirkwood sweeps past Southwestern

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Cedar Rapids Xavier graduate Bryce Grimm hit a key home run in the opener and had two hits and three runs scored in the nightcap as Kirkwood completed a four-game weekend sweep of Southwestern at Kirkwood.

Grimm's homer helped rally the hosts from a 3-0 deficit as the Eagles won 5-4. Kirkwood rapped out 12 hits in the nightcap completing the sweep with a 10-1 victory.

In Game 1, Grimm belted a 3-run homer in the bottom of the fourth. Randy Perez had two hits and two RBIs and pitched the seventh inning to nail down the save. Starter Emanuel Castellano allowed four runs in 4 1/3 innings, striking out three to gain the win.

Grimm kept it going in the nightcap for the Eagles, who were helped by six Southwestern errors. Perez homered and Ozzie Adams had three hits and two RBIs. Adam Barbarich had two hits, scoring three times. Zach Patterson also had two hits. Darriel Checo got the win, pitching 5 1/3 innings, striking out seven while giving up six hits.

Kirkwood is 22-13 overall, 10-6 in league play. Southwestern is 8-23, 4-12.

GAME 1

Southwestern □ 120 010 0 - 4 9 0

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Kirkwood **002 300 x - 5 8 2**

WP - E Castellano. LP - Westphal SV - Perez

GAME 2

Southwestern **000 100 0 - 1 6 6**

Kirkwood **052 120 x - 10 12 0**

WP - Checo. LP - Collins. HR - Perez