

No. 9 Kirkwood baseball splits openers

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AVON, Ohio - The ninth-ranked Kirkwood baseball team began the 2019 season by splitting a doubleheader against Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio Friday afternoon.

The Eagles won the first game, 7-5, in nine innings. Cuyahoga took the nightcap, 3-1, in a game shortened to six innings due to darkness.

The temperature at game-time Friday for the opener was 33 degrees.

Jackson Bennett was the winning pitcher and collected the game-winning RBI for Kirkwood in Game 1. Bennett pitched three strong innings in relief and gave the Eagles a 6-5 lead in the top of the ninth when he hit for himself.

Bennett did not allow any hits or runs in the last three innings, with four strikeouts and one walk. Carter Lawler also pitched three scoreless innings in relief in Game 1.

Zion Pettigrew was 2-for-3 with two doubles and scored four runs for Kirkwood in the opener. Kam Arons was 2-for-3 and scored twice. Corey Graham was 2-for-4.

Kirkwood collected only three hits in the 3-1 loss.

GAME 1

Kirkwood 002 020 102 - 7 10 1

Cuyahoga 300 200 000 - 5 8 x

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Leff, Lawler (4), Bennett (7) and Thompson. W - Bennett (1-0). 2B - Pettigrew (2), Thompson.

GAME 2

Kirkwood □ □ □ 001 000 - 1 3 1
Cuyahoga □ □ □ 000 30x - 3 3 x

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