

## Eagles roll in softball regional

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Sydney Albaugh belted two home runs Friday as Kirkwood smashed Ellsworth, 15-1, in five innings in the first round of the regional softball tournament at Kirkwood.

The seventh-ranked Eagles (45-13) will face 20th-ranked NIACC (29-16) in the winners bracket finals Saturday at 2 p.m.

Albaugh went 2-for-3 with her two homers and four RBIs. Lauren Kuch was 3-for-4 with a double, home run and six RBIs. Taleah Smith was 2-for-3 and scored twice. Shelby Hulsebus and Rachel Stewart also scored twice. Lauren Klaahsen hit a solo home run.

Erin Hocker (24-7) and Bradee Bouman shared the pitching. Hocker ranks second in the country with her 24 victories, just one victory behind the national leader.

**Ellsworth**          **000 10 - 1 6 0**

**Kirkwood**          **344 4x - 15 12 0**

Hoffman, Smith (3) and Aulwes. Hocker, Bouman (4) and Butler. W - Hocker (24-7). L - Hoffman (7-16). 2B - Hulsebus, Kuch, Jackson, DeWitte. HR - Kuch, Albaugh 2, Klaahsen. RBI - Hulsebus, Stewart, Kuch 6, Albaugh 4, Klaahsen, Butler, DeWitte. SB - Barthelman, Smith.