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The Kirkwood Eagles have such a good-hitting team that Lexi Quandt hit ninth in the batting order Monday in the regional finals with a .347 average.

On most teams, she'd hit in the middle of the order.

Five Eagles were hitting above .400. Chasney Jenkins was well over .500. As a team, the club was hitting .410 when the day began. They lead the nation with 109 home runs (a school record) and are averaging more than 10 runs per game.

"We were saying in the dugout before the game that we would hate to be on any other team besides Kirkwood," said third baseman Alicia Crivaro. "This is the best junior college in the conference and I can't imagine playing for another team, just because of our competitiveness.

"I would be scared if I were on the other team," she said.

The eighth-ranked Eagles left Southwestern quaking in their spikes, 17-3, in the lopsided championship game of the regional tournament at Kirkwood Monday.

Kirkwood (43-8) will host North Platte (Neb.) in the district playoffs this Friday at 2 p.m. in a best 2-of-3 series, with the winner advancing to the national tournament.

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By Jim Ecker The Eagles' victory over the Yellow Jackets in the regional final at the 2015 National Youth Baseball Tournament in St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday, April 26, 2015, was a historic moment for the team. The Eagles, coached by Jim Ecker, defeated the Yellow Jackets 7-0 in a game that was played in front of a crowd of over 1,000 fans. The Eagles' victory was a testament to their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The team's success was a result of their strong pitching, solid defense, and timely hitting. The Eagles' victory was a proud moment for the school and the community. The team's success was a result of their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The team's success was a result of their hard work and dedication throughout the season.