## Smith tosses 1-hit shutout for Kirkwood

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SEMINOLE, FI. - Mitch Smith tossed a one-hit shutout Thursday as the Kirkwood Eagles blanked Minnesota West Community & Technical College, 10-0, in the first game of their spring trip to Florida.

Minnesota West took the second game, 7-6, despite a five-run uprising by Kirkwood in the top of the last inning.

Smith (1-0) struck out five batters and walked only one in the five-inning contest in the opener. Gabe Lux socked a solo home run in a 10-hit attack for the Eagles.

Lorenz Elion, Merritt McCardle and Michael Robles had two RBIs in the 10-0 victory. Joel Vaske and Elion had two hits. Lux, Jaylen Patterson and McCardle scored twice.

Kirkwood trailed 7-1 heading into the top of the seventh inning in Game 2. The Eagles scored five times, but fell a run short.

Elion drove in two runs. Brook Heinen had two doubles. Lux and Vaske scored twice.

The split left Kirkwood with a 5-5 record for the season.

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## GAME 1

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Smith and Robles. W - Smith (1-0). 2B - Heinen, Paulus, McCardle. 3B - Patterson. HR - Lux. SB - Lux, Vaske, Lo.Elion.

## GAME 2

Le.Elion, Wilson (2), Nolan (6) and Moss. L - Le.Elion (0-1). 2B - Heinen 2, Vaske, Moeder, Moss. SF - Patterson. SB - Moeder.