

## Pitching shines in MSR softball league

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If you like good pitching, plan to stop by Kirkwood or Coe this summer and catch some of the action in the new Iowa Women's Softball League.

It's smoking!

We've got Jaclyn Spencer and Brooke Craig of UNI, Emily Ira of Western Illinois, Kelsey Aikey of Western Kentucky, Morgan Christner of Illinois State, Lexi Kinnaird and DoniRae Mayhew of Kirkwood and Chelsea Thornley of Webster University, among others.

They'll blow you away.

Ira tossed a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts Sunday as Hawkeye Convenience Stores blanked Emil's Hideaway, 5-0, in the first game of their doubleheader at Kirkwood.

Aikey came right back in the second game and tossed a three-hitter with 12 strikeouts as Emil's Hideaway took the nightcap, 2-1. Taylor Nearad of Kirkwood, Megan Bonnett of Luther and player/coach Shelby Crist had two hits for Emil's in the victory.

In the ballgames at Coe, Hailey Duwa of Western Illinois socked a three-run homer to give Construction Materials a 4-3 victory over Ironside Apparel in the first game of their twinbill.

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Mayhew and Maddy Ryan of Coe had three hits for Ironside and Morgan Smith of Southeastern Community College drove in two runs in the opener. Monica Bevans of Kirkwood hit two doubles for Construction Materials.

Ironside Apparel responded with a 7-5 victory in Game 2 with a balanced attack, led by a two-hit effort at the plate by Brittney Roby of UNI.

Alyssa Wiebel of Illinois State went 3-for-4 for Construction Materials with a home run in the second game and Duwa belted her second round-tripper of the afternoon.

## **SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 11**

Emil's Hideaway vs Construction Materials, at Kirkwood, 2 p.m.  
Hawkeye Convenience Stores vs Ironside Apparel, at Coe, 2 p.m.