

Smith sparks No. 7 KCC softball

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AUSTIN, Minn. - Taleah Smith enjoyed a big day in the leadoff spot for the Kirkwood softball team Saturday.

Smith went 7-for-8 with two doubles, three RBIs and three runs as the seventh-ranked Eagles won two games at the Packer Dome.

Kirkwood scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to snap a 4-4 tie and defeat Rock Valley College, 9-4, in the first game.

The Eagles jumped off to a 5-0 lead in the first inning of their second game and posted a 9-6 victory over NIACC, running their record for the young 2019 season to 6-0.

Smith, Skylar Ryan and Autum Barthelman had two hits in the 9-4 victory over Rock Valley. Smith, Rachel Stewart and Randyn Carter drove in two runs. Ryan and Barthelman scored twice.

Erin Hocker (3-0) pitched a complete game against Rock Valley, allowing four runs on seven hits.

Smith went 5-for-5 and scored twice in the 9-6 verdict against NIACC. Ryan was 3-for-4 and drove in three runs. Lauren Kuch was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs.

Bradee Bouman (3-0) pitched a complete game against NIACC, allowing six runs on 10 hits.

GAME 1

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Rock Valley █ █ █ **200 020 0 - 4 7 0**
Kirkwood █ █ █ █ **020 205 x - 9 9 0**

W - Hocker (3-0). L - Ehrenberg.

GAME 2

Kirkwood █ █ █ █ **501 210 0 - 9 13 0**
NIACC █ █ █ █ █ **012 020 1 - 6 10 0**

W - Bouman (3-0).