

Kirkwood softball team falls short

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FORT DODGE - The Kirkwood softball team enjoyed a terrific regular season with a 25-game winning streak and a No.4 national ranking, but the year had an unhappy ending for the Eagles Sunday at the NJCAA Region XI tournament in Fort Dodge.

DMACC defeated Kirkwood for the second straight day, this time 7-1 in the championship round to win the regional title.

DMACC topped the Eagles Saturday in the winner's bracket final, 5-1.

Kirkwood defeated Marshalltown, 8-0, in the loser's bracket final Sunday to gain another shot at DMACC, but the Eagles could not mount enough of an offense to stay alive.

Kirkwood won the conference title and finished the season with a 52-8 record.