

ESTHERVILLE - The Kirkwood softball team belted five home runs Friday and swept a conference doubleheader from lowa Lakes, 16-1 and 10-0, in Estherville.

Brooke Prior pitched a no-hitter in the second game for Kirkwood. Both games lasted only five innings to the 10-run mercy rule.

The victories lifted the 11th-ranked Eagles to 23-7 overall and 11-1 in the league. lowa Lakes fell to 3-20 overall and 2-10 in the league.

Kirkwood leads all NJCAA Division II teams with 64 home runs in 30 games.

Riley Ogden went 3-for-3 with two homers and five RBIs in the first game. Lexie Biehl was 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBIs. Alicia Crivaro went 3-for-3 with a double and three runs scored. Mallory Neubauer hit a home run and drove in two runs.

Nicky Simnpson (8-4) pitched a complete game in the opener. She allowed three hits and had five strikeouts.

Crivaro was 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs in the nightcap. Chasney Jenkins was 2-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored.

Prior (4-0) nearly pitched a perfect game in the 10-0 victory. She collected eight strikeouts and one walk in the no-hitter. She also went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI.

Thirteen different players have hit home runs for Kirkwood this season. Biehl has 12 home runs,

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which puts her among the national leaders. Prior has walloped 10 home runs.

Kirkwood plays a doubleheader at Iowa Central on Saturday.