

## Hocker twirls shutout for Eagles

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MASON CITY - Erin Hocker tossed a two-hit shutout Wednesday as the seventh-ranked Kirkwood Eagles blanked NIACC, 2-0, in the first game of their ICCAC doubleheader in Mason City.

NIACC won the second game, 13-8.

Hocker struck out 10 batters and did not allow any walks in her gem. Taleah Smith socked a two-run homer in the fifth inning for the only runs in the ballgame. Rachel Stewart had two hits.

Kirkwood jumped to a 5-0 lead in the second inning in the nightcap, but NIACC responded with 13 runs in its next four at-bats for the victory.

Shelby Hulsebus was 3-for-4 and scored three times for the Eagles in the 13-8 setback. Jamie Finn and Stewart had two hits. Hocker was saddled with the loss in relief.

The split left Kirkwood at 22-7 overall and 5-1 in the conference. NIACC is 13-7 overall and 5-1 in the league. Kirkwood and NIACC are tied for second place in the ICCAC standings, one game behind DMACC (6-0).

### GAME 1

**Kirkwood** █ █ 000 020 0 - 2 4 0

**NIACC** █ █ █ 000 000 0 - 0 2 2

Hocker and Butler. Peka and Laxson. W - Hocker (11-4). L - Peka. 2B - Hulebus. HR - Smith. RBI - Smith 2. SB - Stewart.

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### GAME 2

**Kirkwood** 4 10 100 2 - 8 9 3

**NIACC** 005 134 x - 13 15 3

Bouman, Hocker (4) and DeWitte. Sherwood, Peka (5) and Faktor. W - Peka. L - Hocker (11-5). 2B - Hulsebus, Stewart. RBI - Finn, Stewart, Carter, Klaahsen, Harris. SB - Hulsebus 2, Finn, Stewart.