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The Kirkwood softball team was able to take a rest on defense during the first game of its ICCAC doubleheader against Southwestern on Sunday at the Kirkwood field.

The Eagles blanked Southwestern, 10-0, in five innings as pitcher Erin Hocker got 13 of the 15 outs with strikeouts. Hocker (13-5) finished with a two-hitter with no walks.

Kirkwood defeated Southwestern, 8-0, in five innings of the nightcap on a six-hitter by Bradee Bouman.

The sweep lifted the seventh-ranked Eagles to 25-8 overall and 8-2 in the conference. Southwestern fell to 6-19 overall and 2-8 in the league.

London Jackson, Lauren Kuch and Haley DeWitte belted home runs in the 10-0 victory in the opener. Jackson was 2-for-2 with four RBIs. Shelby Hulsebus, Kuch and Jayme Finn had two hits. Haley DeWitte drove in two runs. Kuch, Finn and Taleah Smith scored twice.

Hulsebus went 2-for-2 with three RBIs and scored twice in the 8-0 triumph in Game 2. Finn was 2-for-2 with two RBIs and two runs. Randyn Carter also scored twice.

GAME 1

Southwestern 0 000 00 - 0 2 0 Kirkwood 0 0 02 026 2x - 10 12 0

Hocker and Butler. W - Hocker (13-5). 2B - Jackson, Stewart, Butler, Finn, Ryan. HR - Jackson, Kuch, DeWitte. RBI - Hulsebus, Jackson 4, Kuch, DeWitte 2, Finn. SB - Hulsebus, Jackson,

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Finn, Smith.

GAME 2

Southwestern 0 000 00 - 0 6 0 Kirkwood 0 0 125 0x - 8 8 0

Bouman and Barthelman. W - Bouman (11-3). 2B - Hulsebus, Jackson. RBI - Hulsebus 3, Jackson, Stewart, DeWitte, Finn 2. SB - Hulsebus 2, Carter 2, DeWitte, Barthelman.