Eagles clinch tie for softball title

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FORT DODGE - The Kirkwood softball team swept a doubleheader from Iowa Central Saturday, 15-0 and 6-0, to run its winning streak to 37 games and clinch at least a tie for the ICCAC title.

The third-ranked Eagles (44-3, 24-0) have a four-game lead over No.6 DMACC in the conference race with four games left in the regular season, including a twinbill at DMACC Tuesday.

Kirkwood can clinch the title Sunday when it visits Southwestern for a doubleheader.

Hayley Krack went 3-for-3 with a home run and five RBIs in the first game. Krysta Tutsch was 3-for-3 with a homer and four RBIs. Leah Duffe went 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

Amber Logemann (19-3, 0.45 ERA) pitched a no-hitter in the first game with 10 strikeouts in five innings. She has struck out 255 batters in 123.1 innings to rank among the national leaders.

Krack went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs in the second game. She is batting .426 with 16 home runs and 59 RBIs. Duffe went 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBIs.

Sam Belz (17-0, 0.74 ERA) allowed two hits in five innings for the victory. Shy Saladino pitched the final two innings.