

## Usher helps Eagles split in Florida

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AUBURNDALE, Fla. - Levi Usher had a big day for the Kirkwood Eagles Friday as they split a doubleheader with Oakton Community College on their spring trip to Florida.



Oakton won the first game, 9-8. Kirkwood rebounded with a 7-1 victory in the nightcap, leaving the Eagles with a 3-6 record.

Usher, a freshman right fielder from Cedar Rapids Prairie, went 4-for-7 in the twinbill with three runs, five RBIs, a double, a home run, three stolen bases and a walk.

Usher went 2-for-3 in the 9-8 loss in the opener with a double, home run and three RBIs. Taylor Jackson was 2-for-4 with a solo home run. Corey Graham had two hits and Jamarion Loston scored twice. Joel Vaske hit a solo home run.

The opener was tied, 8-8, headed into the bottom of the seventh. Oakton scored with two outs for the victory.

Usher went 2-for-4 in the second game with two runs, two RBIs and two stolen bases. Jackson was 3-for-4 with two doubles, two runs and two RBIs.

Carter Lawler (1-1) pitched a gem for Kirkwood in the 7-1 victory. He pitched a complete game and allowed one run on five hits, with seven strikeouts and two walks.

### GAME 1

**Kirkwood** □ □ 000 143 0 - 8 10 2

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**Oakton**    **100 250 1 - 9 12 x**

Krob, Fuller (5), Freese (5), Bennett (6) and Vaske. L - Bennett (1-1). 2B - Usher. 3B - Youngquist. HR - Usher, Jackson, Vaske. RBI - Usher 3, Jackson, Youngquist, Vaske. SB - Usher, Graham 3.

### GAME 2

**Oakton**    **001 000 0 - 1 5 x**  
**Kirkwood**   **311 101 x - 7 9 0**

Lawler and Rivera-Sanchez. W - Lawler (1-1). 2B - Loston, Jackson 2, Pettigrew, Krob. RBI - Usher 2, Jackson 2, Pettigrew, Krob, Brister. SB - Usher 2, Givens.