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Sydney Albaugh belted two home runs Friday as Kirkwood smashed Ellsworth, 15-1, in five innings in the first round of the regional softball tournament at Kirkwood.

The seventh-ranked Eagles (45-13) will face 20th-ranked NIACC (29-16) in the winners bracket finals Saturday at 2 p.m.

Albaugh went 2-for-3 with her two homers and four RBIs. Lauren Kuch was 3-for-4 with a double, home run and six RBIs. Taleah Smith was 2-for-3 and scored twice. Shelby Hulsebus and Rachel Stewart also scored twice. Lauren Klaahsen hit a solo home run.

Erin Hocker (24-7) and Bradee Bouman shared the pitching. Hocker ranks second in the country with her 24 victories, just one victory behind the national leader.

Hoffman, Smith (3) and Aulwes. Hocker, Bouman (4) and Butler. W - Hocker (24-7). L - Hoffman (7-16). 2B - Hulsebus, Kuch, Jackson, DeWitte. HR - Kuch, Albaugh 2, Klaahsen. RBI - Hulsebus, Stewart, Kuch 6, Albaugh 4, Klaahsen, Butler, DeWitte. SB - Barthelman, Smith.