

Kirkwood falls in tourney finals

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PEORIA, Ill. - The second-ranked Kirkwood Eagles shot only 24.6 percent from the floor Monday night and lost to No.6 Illinois Central, 65-53, in the championship game of the Illinois Central Classic in Peoria, Ill.

Kirkwood (12-3) defeated No.17 Cincinnati State and No.7 Kishwaukee in the first two rounds of the tournament before facing its third Top 20 team in three days.

The Eagles made only 6 of 30 shots in the first half and fell behind by 18 points. They cut the margin to 11 points at intermission, 35-24, but could not finish the comeback.

Tyra Polite hit four 3-pointers and led Kirkwood with 16 points. Danielle Woolfolk made three 3-pointers and scored 13 points.

Woolfolk and Cassidy Clark were named to the all-tournament team. Woolfolk averaged 18 points in the tournament.

Chanta Wright topped Illinois Central (11-2) with 16 points.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL (65): Besso 0 0-2 0, Gebke 2 5-6 11, Harris 2 0-0 4, Jones 1 1-2 3, Masters 2 0-0 4, Robinson 1 0-0 3, Rodriguez 4 0-0 9, Stubblefield 2 1-2 5, Williams 5 0-2 10, Wright 7 2-6 16. Totals 26 9-20 65.

KIRKWOOD (53): Sneed 0 1-6 1, Woolfolk 3 4-4 13, Tuttle 0 1-2 1, Silva 2 3-4 7, Fallon 1 0-0 2, Polite 5 2-2 16, Larson 0 0-0 0, Haynes 0 2-3 2, Bockholt 0 0-0 0, Kelso 1 2-3 4, Clark 2 2-2 6, Robinson 0 1-2 1. Totals 14 18-28 53.

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Halftime - Illinois Central 35, Kirkwood 24. 3-point goals - Illinois Central 4 (Gebke 2, Robinson 1, Rodriguez 1), Kirkwood 7 (Polite 4, Woolfolk 3).