

There's a lot to like about the Kirkwood women's volleyball team so far this season.

The Eagles have a sparkling 22-4 record, they've knocked off five ranked teams and they're sporting a No. 12 national ranking themselves.

They might not win the ICCAC Conference title this season as a result of two losses to ranked opponents, but they're putting themselves in a good position to challenge for a spot in the NJCAA Division II national tournament in November.

Kirkwood rolled by Iowa Lakes, 25-14, 25-16, 25-13, in a conference match at Johnson Hall Wednesday night for its 12th victory in their last 13 contests.

The only loss during that streak was a five-set defeat to 11th-ranked Hawkeye Community College in an ICCAC match last week.

"It was important to bounce back in a conference match and advance our level of play," Kirkwood Coach Jill Williams said Wednesday. "It sets us up for another weekend with top-notch tournament.

"I felt better about how we recovered from our loss," she said. "It was good to be in Johnson Hall and relaxed. We had good energy."


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