

Eagles finish 4th at national volleyball

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The Kirkwood women's volleyball team finished fourth at the NJCAA Division II national tournament Saturday at the Charleston Civic Center in West Virginia.

The Eagles lost a squeaker to Johnson County, 3-2, to end their season with a 34-10 record.

The fourth-place showing is the best for Kirkwood since winning the national title in 2003.

Kirkwood finished fifth in their conference this season, then finished fourth in the national tournament.

Kirkwood made a spirited rally after losing the first two sets. The Eagles claimed the third and fourth sets, but Johnson County claimed the fifth set for the third-place trophy.

Johnson County won the match, 25-17, 25-23, 22-25, 21-25, 15-10.

Alexa Aldrich-Ingram led Kirkwood with 21 kills. Abbi Tunis had 12 kills and Haleigh Durnin added 11.

Lauren Keane rolled up 42 assists. Maddie Lavenz had 26 digs, Sami Johnson and Chloe McNeese 20. Tunis blocked six shots.

Kirkwood Coach Jill Williams led the Eagles to the national tournament for the fifth time since 2010.