

No. 19 Eagles spike Hawkeye CC

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The 19th-ranked Kirkwood women's volleyball team finished the regular season with a resounding 25-12, 25-15, 25-19 victory over Hawkeye Community College Wednesday night at Johnson Hall.

Coach Jill Williams and the Eagles drew the No. 4 seed for the Region XI-A tournament this weekend and will face No. 5 seed DMACC in the semifinals Saturday at 3 p.m. in Fort Dodge.

Anna Gorsich led Kirkwood with 12 kills and Aubrin Dittmer had eight. Madi Wagaman dished out 24 assists. Maranda Wheelock, Olivia Richards and Maggie Peters had three service aces.

Wheelock finished with 15 digs and Richards had 14. Taylor Carey blocked four shots.

Kirkwood finished the regular season at 23-14 overall and tied DMACC for fourth place in the ICCAC standings at 6-3.

If Kirkwood defeats DMACC in the regional semifinals, the Eagles would face No. 1 seed Iowa Central or No. 8 seed Iowa Lakes in the finals on Sunday. Kirkwood owns victories over DMACC, Iowa Central and Iowa Lakes and is 3-0 against those schools.

If Kirkwood wins the XI-A regional title, it may have to play in a district tournament depending on how the XI-B regional unfolds. The national tournament is scheduled for Nov. 21-23 in Charleston, W.Va.