

WEST BURLINGTON - The top-ranked Kirkwood men's basketball team struggled with its shooting Saturday and lost to Southeastern Community College, 74-69, in the second round of the SCC Classic.

The Eagles shot 38.6 percent overall from the floor and 33.3 percent on 3-pointers in falling to 1-1 for the campaign.

Kirkwood led 38-33 at halftime, but the Blackhawks outscored the Eagles by 10 points in the second half for the five-point victory.

DJ Purnell led Kirkwood with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Jamal Stephenson scored 15 points off the bench. Devonte Thedford contributed 14 points and five rebounds.

Elias Ezenekwe and Carlos Lemus scored 17 points apiece for Southeastern (2-0).

KIRKWOOD (69): Seybian Sims 0-4 2-4 2, DJ Purnell 7-12 8-10 22, Devonte Thedford 5-13 4-4 14, Brady Sartorius 0-1 0-0 0, Niko Gosnell 1-3 0-0 2, Chris Burrell 0-2 0-0 0, Tre'Quan Carrington 1-2 1-2 4, Luke Appel 3-5 0-0 8, Gacoby Jones 0-2 0-0 0, Griffen Clark 0-0 0-0 0, Jamal Stephenson 5-13 2-3 15, Owen Coburn 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 22-57 19-25 69.

SOUTHEASTERN (74): Diew Moses 4-9 3-5 12, Boubacar Kamissoko 6-9 2-2 15, Elias Ezenekwe 6-12 5-5 17, Carlos Lemus 5-12 6-7 17, Zurabi Zhgenti 1-3 2-4 4, Kany Rey 1-1 0-0 2, Miganeh Abdi 2-7 2-2 7, Dadrian Hoambrecker 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-54 20-25 74.

Halftime - Kirkwood 38, Southeastern 33. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 6-18 (Stephenson 3-8, Appel 2-3, Carrington 1-2, Sims 0-2, Thedford 0-1, Gosnell 0-1, Jones 0-1), Southeastern 4-12

(Lemus 1-2, Moses 1-2, Kamissoko 1-2, Abdi 1-4, Ezenekwe 0-2).