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The fourth-ranked Kirkwood women's basketball team scored the first 19 points of the game Saturday afternoon and defeated Iowa Central, 66-40, in an ICCAC conference affair at Johnson Hall.

Iowa Central scored its first point on a free throw with 1:17 left in the first quarter to make it 19-1.

The Eagles finished the regular season with records of 27-3 overall and 14-2 in the conference. Kirkwood drew the No. 2 seed for the conference tournament and will host DMACC in the quarterfinals Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Paige Bradford led Kirkwood with 19 points and nine rebounds.

Isabell West scored 13 points for Iowa Central (17-13, 8-8).

IOWA CENTRAL (40): Mardaeja Cross 2-13 0-0 4, Anni Cummings 2-8 0-0 6, Jordan Engbrecht 3-11 2-2 10, Isabell West 4-16 5-7 13, Jacie Stephenson 1-2 0-0 2, Aaliyah Hull 1-5 1-2 3, Jhordyn Chalmers 0-1 0-0 0, K'Breonna Collins 0-9 2-4 2. Totals 13-65 10-15 40.

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KIRKWOOD (66): Ju Gaston 0-4 0-0 0, Tatiana Johnson-Hodges 4-8 0-0 8, Amara Lipsey 3-6 0-0 9, Marissa Metz 1-2 1-2 4, Paige Bradford 9-13 0-0 19, Jheda Kennedy 3-6 0-0 7, Kortney Drake 3-6 0-0 7, Delani Harris 2-3 2-2 7, Natalie Tomaszewski 0-2 2-2 2, Kemara Watson 0-1 0-0 0, Addison Rath 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 26-54 6-8 66.

Halftime - Kirkwood 32, Iowa Central 12. 3-point goals - Iowa Central 4-15 (Cummings 2-6, Engbrecht 2-7, West 0-2), Kirkwood 8-20 (Gaston 0-1, Hodges-Johnson 0-1, Lipsey 3-6, Metz 1-1, Bradford 1-1, Kennedy 1-2, Drake 1-4, Harris 1-2, Rath 0-2).