

Kirkwood women clinch tie for title

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BOONE - The seventh-ranked Kirkwood women's basketball team topped DMACC, 85-67, Thursday night and clinched at least a tie for the ICCAC conference title.

The Eagles (24-5, 12-1) have a one-game lead over NIACC heading into the final game of the regular and can win the outright championship by defeating Iowa Central Saturday afternoon at Johnson Hall.

Taylor Silva played a strong all-around game for Kirkwood with nine points, 10 assists, seven rebounds and four steals.

Cassidy Clark topped a balanced scoring attack with 13 points. Ariel Sneed and Kirsten Larson scored 11 points apiece. A.J. Downs and Peyton Bockholt had 10 points apiece.

Kiana Peterson tossed in five 3-pointers and scored 17 points for DMACC (18-12, 6-7).

Kirkwood got a big boost from its substitutes, who scored 41 of the team's 85 points.

Kirkwood sophomore Tyra Polite has a small fracture in her ankle and will miss the rest of the season. Polite has been one of Kirkwood's top players this season.

KIRKWOOD (85): Sneed 4 2-2 11, Miles 2 0-0 5, Downs 3 3-4 10, Isaac 1 1-1 3, Silva 3 2-2 9, Sudduth 1 0-0 2, Larson 3 2-2 11, Hutchins 2 1-2 7, Martensen 2 0-2 4, Bockholt 5 0-0 10, Clark 6 1-1 13. Totals 32 12-16 85.

DMACC (67): McAtee 2 0-0 6, Clarke 1 0-0 3, Geopfert 4 2-2 11, Harmon 1 0-3 2, Peterson 6 0-0 17, Thompson 2 0-0 6, Dumler 2 1-1 5, Vais 2 5-5 9, Anderson 3 1-1 8. Totals 23 9-12 67.

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Halftime - Kirkwood 37, DMACC 31. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 9 (Larson 3, Hutchins 2, Sneed 1, Miles 1, Downs 1, Silva 1).