

## Kirkwood men lose showdown to DMACC

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BOONE - The Kirkwood men's basketball team will have to settle for second place in the ICCAC conference this season after losing to DMACC, 66-60, in a showdown for the league title Thursday night.

The Eagles (22-6, 8-3) needed a victory to pull into a tie with DMACC (24-4, 10-1) with one game left in the regular season. Instead, the second-ranked Bears now own a two-game lead over the eighth-ranked Eagles and cannot be caught.

DMACC will be the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament and Kirkwood will be the No. 2 seed. If they both reach the tournament finals, the game would be played on DMACC's home court in Boone.

Matt Lassen pumped in six 3-pointers and scored 22 points for Kirkwood. Ajay Lawton hit three triples and scored 20 points, but the rest of the club combined for only 18 points.

Paris Collins led DMACC with 13 points. Xavier High School grad Trey Sampson hit two 3-pointers and scored nine points for DMACC. The Bears swept the regular-season series from Kirkwood.

DMACC led at halftime, 34-21.

KIRKWOOD (60): Singleton 2 1-2 5, Lawton 8 1-1 20, Lassen 8 0-0 22, Rhodes 0 0-0 0, Weeks 0 0-0 0, Olson 1 2-2 4, Ashton 2 2-3 7, Martin 0 0-0 0, Ukah 0 0-0 0, Tagarelli 1 0-0 2. Totals 22 6-8 60.

DMACC (66): Fuqua 2 3-6 7, Austin 4 1-2 11, Sampson 2 3-4 9, Collins 6 0-1 13, Epps 4 1-4 10, Benson 0 0-0 0, Hurdle 4 3-4 11, Defreitas 2 1-2 5. Totals 24 12-23 66.

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Halftime - DMACC 34, Kirkwood 21. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 10 (Lassen 6, Lawton 3, Ashton 1), DMACC 6 (Austin 2, Sampson 2, Collins 1, Epps 1).