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MARSHALLTOWN - The Kirkwood men's basketball team claimed a good victory on the road Wednesday night.

Byron Harp scored 22 points and collected six assists as the top-ranked Eagles trimmed Marshalltown, 78-75, in Marshalltown.

Kaliph Fagan gave Kirkwood the lead for good in the see-saw contest, 75-74, with a basket with 58 seconds remaining.

Marshalltown missed a shot, Kirkwood missed a shot and Marshalltown missed again. Kirkwood guard Miles Wentzien was fouled with three seconds left and made both free throws for a 77-74 lead.

Harp committed a foul to prevent Marshalltown from launching a 3-point shot that could have tied the game. Marshalltown made a free throw with one second left to draw within 77-75.

The Tigers missed the second free throw on purpose, hoping to get the rebound and a put-back to tie the score, but Fagan grabbed the defensive rebound and was fouled. He made one free throw for the final score.

Carlo Marble scored 13 points for Kirkwood. Fagan finished with 12 points and Da'Rion King had 11.

Jamir Coleman led Marshalltown with 26 points.

Both teams have 4-1 records.

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KIRKWOOD (78): Harp 6 9-11 22, Wentzien 2 4-4 9, Fagan 5 1-2 12, Marble 5 0-0 13, D.King 5 1-1 11, Triplett 2 0-0 4, Jackson 2 0-0 4, Meeker 1 0-3 2, C.King 0 1-2 1, Henry 0 0-0 0, Moore 0 0-0 0. Totals 28 16-23 78.

MARSHALLTOWN (75): Mensah 1 3-6 5, Thiam 6 2-2 16, Millard 3 0-0 7, Coffi 1 2-2 4, Simmons 4 4-4 12, Mozee 0 0-0 0, Coleman 8 7-7 26, Hauser 1 0-0 2, Gradwell 1 0-0 3, Karadan 0 0-0 0. Totals 25 18-21 75.

Halftime - Marshalltown 36, Kirkwood 30. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 6 (Marble 3, Harp 1, Wentzien 1, Fagan 1), Marshalltown 7 (Coleman 3, Thiam 2, Millard 1, Gradwell 1).