

Eagles grab No. 1 seed for nationals

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The Kirkwood Eagles have been awarded the No. 1 seed for the NJCAA Division II men's basketball tournament next week at the Mary Miller Center in Danville, Ill.

Coach Bryan Petersen's Eagles (27-4) will face North Central Missouri (18-12) in the first round of the 16-team national tournament on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

The quarterfinals are scheduled for Wednesday, the semifinals on Friday and the championship game on Saturday.

Highland Community College of Kansas was the top-ranked team in the national poll last week, but Highland did not qualify for the national tournament. Kirkwood, which was ranked No. 2 last week, moved into the top spot in the rankings as well as getting the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

Johnson County (Kan.) is the No. 2 seed, Pima (Ariz.) gained the No. 3 seed and Erie (N.Y.) is the No. 4 seed.

Petersen led the Eagles to the national title in 2016.

NJCAA DIVISION II TOURNAMENT Opening Round

No. 1 Kirkwood (27-4) vs No. 16 North Central Missouri (18-12)
No. 8 Wake Tech, N.C. (20-11) vs No. 9 Niagara County, NY (26-8)
No. 4 Erie, N.Y. (25-4) vs No. 13 Morton, Ill. (21-12)
No. 5 Milwaukee Area Tech (28-5) vs. No. 12 Ancilla, Ind. (22-9)

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No. 2 Johnson County, Kan. (28-4) vs No. 15 Pitt, N.C. (23-8)

No. 7 Dakota County Tech, Minn. (26-5) vs No. 10 Lakeland, Ohio (25-6)

No. 3 Pima, Ariz. (26-6) vs No. 14 Cecil, Md. (21-11)

No. 6 St. Clair County, Mich. (27-6) vs No. 11 John Wood, Ill. (19-13)