## Hobbs helps Kirkwood women top DMACC

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The dysfunctional Kirkwood women's basketball team won another game Thursday night.

Coach Kim Muhl uses that word all the time to describe his team. He gets no argument from his players.

"Dysfunctional is us," freshman guard Lexi Hobbs said humorously with a smile. "We are VERY dysfunctional. It works, though."

The third-ranked Eagles topped No.15 DMACC, 60-53, at Johnson Hall for their 13th straight victory despite committing 20 turnovers, shooting 55 percent at the foul line and getting beaten on the backboards.

"Dysfunctional," moaned Muhl, reaching for his favorite word.

As Hobbs noted, it's working. The Eagles, who gave Muhl his 700th victory on Saturday, raised their records to 20-3 overall and 9-0 in the conference.

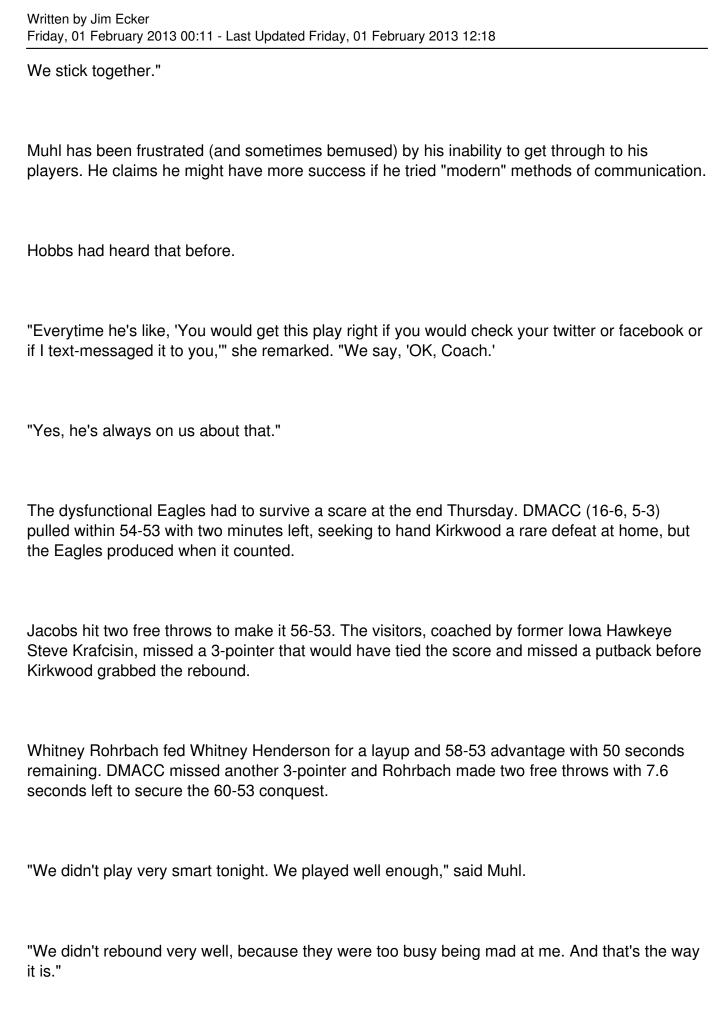
"They're dysfunctional, but they get it done," the coach said. "They get through it, some way."

Hobbs, a 5-foot-9 guard from Dunlap, III. (near Peoria), helped by collecting 12 points and nine rebounds in 17 minutes off the bench. She led the Eagles in rebounding and shared scoring honors with Kianna Jacobs.

Hobbs thinks the key is teamwork and blending the club's overall talent together.

"We just all complement each other," she said. "We all have our weaknesses and our strengths.

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Actually, Muhl saw a few bright spots.

"They're slowly starting to buy in a little bit," he said. "They haven't bought in totally, but they're starting to pass the ball a little better to each other."

Muhl liked the way Hobbs played as a key reserve. "She was great the first half," he said.

Alexis Fitzpatrick contributed 10 points, eight assists and five steals for Kirkwood.

DMACC (53): Felici 1 4-6 7, Wicks 3 1-2 7, Schuhmacher 5 4-6 14, McCoy 0 2-2 2, Fynaardt 2 2-2 6, Bunting 0 0-0 0, Ray 1 0-0 3, Binder 0 0-0 0, Frisch 2 0-2 4, Kullmer 3 0-0 7, Robeoltman 1 0-0 3, Totals 18 13-20 53.

KIRKWOOD (60): Jacobs 4 4-8 12, Chuol 3 0-1 6, Dufelmeier 3 0-0 7, Rohrbach 2 1-1 5, Fitzpatrick 3 2-2 10, Fallon 0 0-0 0, Hobbs 4 2-2 12, Gray 0 0-0 0, Faber 1 1-2 3, Henderson 1 1-2 3, Tow 1 0-2 2. Totals 22 11-20 60.

Halftime - Kirkwood 33, DMACC 28. 3-point goals - DMACC 4 (Felici 1, Ray 1, Kullmer 1, Robeoltman 1), Kirkwood 5 (Fitzpatrick 2, Hobbs 2, Rohrbach 1).