

Jacobs leads Kirkwood to regional finals

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KEOKUK - Kianna Jacobs scored 19 points and grabbed 17 rebounds Friday night as the Kirkwood women's basketball team defeated Southeastern Community College, 63-45, in the NJCAA Division II regional semifinals in Keokuk.

The seventh-ranked Eagles (28-4) will face Iowa Central (23-8) in the regional finals Saturday at 3 p.m. in Keokuk. The winner will advance to the national tournament in East Peoria, Ill., on March 19-23.

Jacobs scored 11 straight points for Kirkwood during a stretch that spanned both halves. She collected 14 of her 19 points in the second half as the Eagles pulled away from a 27-20 lead at intermission.

Alexis Fitzpatrick made four 3-pointers and scored 14 points for Kirkwood. She also handed out six assists.

Ksenia Sharan led Southeastern (17-15) with 16 points.

SOUTHEASTERN (45): Bryan 2 0-0 6, Hartweg 0 1-2 1, Klieber 2 2-2 6, Merkulova 4 0-0 11, Paulo 2 1-2 5, Sharan 6 3-4 16, Washington 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 7-10 45.

KIRKWOOD (63): Fallon 0 1-2 1, Hobbs 0 0-0 0, Dufelmeier 2 0-0 4, Jacobs 7 5-10 19, Rohrbach 3 0-0 8, Fitzpatrick 5 0-0 14, Faber 0 0-0 0, Henderson 2 2-5 6, Tow 1 1-5 3, Chuol 4 0-0 8. Totals 24 9-22 63.

Halftime - Kirkwood 27, Southeastern 20. 3-point goals - Southeastern 6 (Merkulova 3, Bryan 2, Sharan 1), Kirkwood 6 (Fitzpatrick 4, Rohrbach 2).