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The Kirkwood Eagles turned Sweet 16 Thursday night.

Simone Goods scored 15 points and snared nine rebounds as the top-ranked Eagles rolled to their 16th straight victory with a 78-53 verdict over the Loras College junior varsity at Johnson Hall.

Shaneequah Watkins collected 12 points, Awal Ajak netted 11 and Deleyah Harris contributed 10 in a typically balanced attack. Harris also had eight rebounds, five assists and five steals.

Goods, a 6-foot-2 sophomore from Omaha, scored 11 of her points in the third quarter when Kirkwood outscored the visitors from Dubuque, 24-11, in the 10-minute session.

The Eagles won another game by a wide margin, but they committed 20 turnovers with some sloppy passes and Coach Kim Muhl was visibly unhappy at times on the bench.

Tayler Walker tossed in five rainbow 3-pointers for Loras and took game-scoring honors with 16 points.

LORAS JV (53): Walker 5 1-2 16, Prosocki-Gree 0 0-0 0, Stokes 3 1-4 7, Moriarty 1 2-2 5, Wohlford 4 0-2 8, Holtz 0 0-0 0, Kraemeyer 2 4-4 10, Brown 2 1-2 7, Murray 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 9-16 53.

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KIRKWOOD (78): Harris 5 0-0 10, T. Wilson 3 0-0 6, Watkins 5 0-1 12, Goods 5 4-4 15, Usher 1 0-0 3, Puok 1 2-2 4, Hedges 0 0-0 0, Axcell 3 0-0 7, Ajak 4 1-1 11, Taylor 1 0-0 3, Voss 0 1-2 1, Cotton 1 0-0 2, C. Wilson 1 0-0 3, Achenbach 0 1-2 1. Totals 30 9-12 78.

Halftime - Kirkwood 36, Loras JV 23. 3-point goals - Loras JV 10 (Walker 5, Kraemer 2, Brown 2, Moriarty 1), Kirkwood 9 (Watkins 2, Ajak 2, Goods 1, Usher 1, Axcell 1, Taylor 1, C. Wilson 1).