

No. 1 Eagles cruise by Mineral Area College

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COUNCIL BLUFFS - The top-ranked Kirkwood women's basketball team bolted to an 18-4 lead in the first quarter Friday afternoon and cruised to a 74-46 victory over Mineral Area College in the opening round of the Iowa Western Classic in Council Bluffs.

The Eagles (8-0) will face Jefferson College in the second round Saturday at 5 p.m.

Tatiana Hodges-Johnson led Kirkwood with 13 points. Delani Harris netted 11 points and five rebounds. Paige Bradford finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. Natalie Tomaszewski also grabbed eight rebounds for the Eagles. Jheda Kennedy had four assists.

Jada Manase scored 12 points for Mineral Area College (6-2).

KIRKWOOD (74): Paige Bradford 5-7 0-0 10, Tatiana Hodges-Johnson 5-10 1-2 13, Ju Gaston 2-3 5-6 9, Amara Lipsey 2-4 0-0 4, Marissa Metz 1-4 0-0 3, Delani Harris 3-5 2-4 11, Jheda Kennedy 2-7 0-0 4, Kortney Drake 1-7 0-0 2, Addison Rath 1-2 0-0 2, Natalie Tomaszewski 2-4 1-2 6, Kemara Watson 4-4 0-0 8, Britney Smith 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-58 9-14 74.

MINERAL AREA COLLEGE (46): Angela Sorrell 0-1 1-2 1, Tyeshia Mitchell 4-10 3-3 11, Keanna Williams 2-4 1-1 5, Natalia Lalic 0-7 0-0 0, Shanti Henery 0-3 0-2 0, Jada Manase 3-9 4-4 12, Riana Rangi-Brown 1-1 0-0 3, Rionee Papa 4-11 0-0 8, Georgia Sideri 1-4 0-0 3, Alayna Daniels 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 16-53 10-14 46.

Halftime - Kirkwood 36, Mineral Area College 14. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 7-18 (Harris 3-5, Hodges-Johnson 2-4, Tomaszewski 1-1, Metz 1-3, Rath 0-1, Drake 0-4), Mineral Area College 4-19 (Manase 2-7, Rangi 1-1, Sideri 1-2, Papa 0-1, Mitchell 0-2, Henry 0-2, Lalic 0-4).