

Eagles climb into 3-way tie for top

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The Kirkwood Eagles raced to a 22-point lead at halftime Saturday and dunked Little Priest Tribal College, 86-65, in an ICCAC men's basketball game at Johnson Hall.

The victory lifted Kirkwood into a three-way tie for the conference lead with DMACC and Iowa Lakes, all with 9-2 records in the league.

DJ Purnell powered the Eagles (20-5) with 22 points on perfect 9-for-9 shooting from the floor and grabbed eight rebounds. Devonte Thedford, Griffen Clark, Jamal Stephenson and Owen Coburn scored 10 points apiece.

Reynald Laurent tossed in eight 3-pointers and poured in 28 points for Little Priest (5-17, 0-10).

LITTLE PRIEST (65): Keesten Hanks 1-5 0-0 2, Dijon Brown 2-12 4-4 9, G'iovonni Clark 0-0 0-0 0, Reynald Laurent 10-19 8-14 28, Dakwaunte Fields 2-7 2-2 6, Travis Woods 2-6 1-1 5, Osayande Igiehon 4-10 0-0 8, Vaquarious Brown 3-8 1-5 7, Lance Denney 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-68 8-12 65.

KIRKWOOD (86): Seybian Sims 2-4 0-0 4, Chris Burnell 1-5 1-2 3, Devonte Thedford 4-6 2-2 10, Luke Appel 1-3 2-3 4, DJ Purnell 9-9 4-7 22, Gacoby Jones 1-4 0-0 2, Griffen Clark 3-5 1-2 10, Jamal Stephenson 4-7 0-0 10, Jalen Taylor 3-8 1-2 9, Owen Coburn 3-8 4-4 10, Niko Gosnell 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 31-61 17-24 86.

Halftime - Kirkwood 49, Little Priest 27. 3-point goals - Little Priest 9-28 (Hanks 0-2, D.Brown 1-6, Laurent 8-14, Fields 0-1, Woods 0-3, V.Brown 0-1, Denney 0-1), Kirkwood 7-19 (Sims 0-2, Burnell 0-1, Appel 0-1, Jones 0-1, Clark 3-5, Stephenson 2-3, Taylor 2-6).