

No mistake: KCC volleyball is No.1

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Kirkwood sophomore Becca Bell thought somebody in the Student Life department exaggerated a tad Wednesday morning when they were promoting Wednesday night's volleyball match against DMACC and encouraging students to attend.

"They said, 'Come support your No. 1 Eagles.' We thought it was just a mistake," Bell related. "Then someone checked it out and looked and she was like, 'Oh my gosh, they weren't kidding. We're really No. 1.'"

"There were smiles all day," said Bell. "It was really exciting."

The top-ranked Eagles were still smiling Wednesday night after they swept No. 8 DMACC, 25-18, 25-21, 25-22, at Johnson Hall.

This is the first time Kirkwood has been ranked No. 1 in volleyball during Jill Williams' 10 years as head coach.

"I'll take it," she said happily after the Eagles beat one of their arch-rivals in the ICCAC conference. "We get to enjoy it for a few more hours now."

Kirkwood (23-2, 6-0) climbed from No. 7 to No. 2 in the national rankings last week. The Eagles moved into the top spot after Parkland, last week's No. 1 team, lost to Illinois Central.

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