Kirkwood seeded 5th in volleyball tourney

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TOLEDO, Ohio -- The Kirkwood volleyball team received the No. 5 seed and will face host Owens Community College in the first round of the NJCAA Division II National Women's Volleyball Tournament when it opens Thursday.

Kirkwood (37-8) is making its second appearance in three years in the national tournament. The Eagles finished eighth in 2010.

Kirkwood plays Owens (35-9) at 2 p.m. (lowa time) on Thursday. Owens is the host school of the tournament and received a No. 12 seed.

If Kirkwood wins it could face Iowa Central in the second round round. The Tritons (34-10) are seeded No. 4 and face No. 13 Monroe, N.Y. (35-5) in the opening round. A match with top seeded Cowley County, Kan. (35-0) looms in the semifinals. Cowley County is the defending national champion.

Kirkwood is bidding for its second national title. The Eagles won the crown in 2003.

The tournament runs through Saturday.

NJCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT At Toledo, Ohio (Owens Community College) All Iowa times

Seeding

- 1. Cowley County, Kan. (35-0)
- 2. Grand Rapids, Mich. (35-1)
- 3. Parkland, III. (42-7)
- 4. Iowa Central (34-10)
- 5. Kirkwood (37-8)
- 6. Moraine Valley, NY (35-0)

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- 7. Phoenix, Ariz. (19-10)
- 8. Lincoln Land, III. (31-7)
- 9. Kansas City, Kan. (30-6)
- 10. Kishwaukee, III. (30-13)
- 11. Central, Neb. (30-10)
- 12. Owens, Ohio (35-9)
- 13. Monroe, NY (35-5)
- 14. Catawba Valley, NC (34-0)
- 15. Hagerstown, Md. (24-3)
- 16. NE Oklahoma A&M (17-7)

MATCH SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 15

First Round

Match 1 - #3 Parkland def. #14 Catawba Valley, 3-1

Match 2 - #11 Central, Neb. def. #6 Moraine Valley, 3-2

Match 3 - #10 Kishwaukee def. #7 Phoenix, Ariz., 3-0

Match 4 - #2 Grand Rapids def. #15 Hagerstown, 3-0

Match 5 - #1 Cowley County def. #16 NE Oklahoma A&M, 3-0

Match 6 - #9 Kansas City, Kan. def. #8 Lincoln Land, 3-2

Match 7 - #12 Owens def. #5 Kirkwood, 3-1 (21-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-20)

Match 8 - #4 Iowa Central def. #13 Monroe, NY, 3-0

Second Round

Match 9 - #3 Parkland def. #11 Central, Neb., 3-2

Match 10 - #2 Grand Rapids def. #10 Kishwaukee, 3-0

Match 11 - #1 Cowley County def. #9 Kansas City, Kan., 3-1

Match 12 - #12 Owens def. #4 Iowa Central, 3-2

Friday, Nov. 16

Elimination Round

Match 13 - #14 Catawba Valley def. #6 Moraine Valley, 3-0

Match 14 - #7 Phoenix, Ariz. def. #15 Hagerstown, 3-1

Match 15 - #8 Lincoln Land def. #16 NE Oklahoma A&M, 3-2

Match 16 - #5 Kirkwood def. #13 Monroe, NY, 3-0

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Semifinal Round

Match 17 - #11 Central, Neb. def. #10 Kishwaukee, 3-2

Match 18 - #9 Kansas City, Kan. def. #4 Iowa Central, 3-2

Match 19 - #7 Phoenix, Ariz. def. #14 Catawba Valley, 3-1

Match 20 - #5 Kirkwood def. #8 Lincoln Land, 3-0

Match 21 - #2 Grand Rapids def. #3 Parkland, 3-2

Match 22 - #1 Cowley County def. #12 Owens, 3-1

Saturday, Nov. 17

Consolation Round

Ninth place - #7 Phoenix, Ariz. (21-11) vs. #5 Kirkwood (39-9), 11 am Seventh place - #10 Kishwaukee (31-15) vs. #4 Iowa Central (35-12), 11 am Fifth place - #11 Central, Neb. (32-11) vs. #9 Kansas City, Kan. (32-7), 1:30 pm Third place - #3 Parkland (44-8) vs. #12 Owens (37-10), 3:30 pm

Championship

#2 Grand Rapids (38-1) vs. #1 Cowley County (38-0), 5:30 pm