Kirkwood takes 9th at volleyball tourney

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TOLEDO, Ohio - The Kirkwood Community College volleyball team defeated Phoenix, 3-0, Saturday to finish in ninth place at the NJCAA Division II national tournament.

The Eagles won the match 25-20, 26-24, 25-20.

Kirkwood (40-9) began the 16-team tournament on Thursday with a 3-1 loss to Owens Community College, but the Eagles rebounded with three straight victories in the consolation bracket to claim ninth place.

Kirkwood swept Monroe, Lincoln Land and Phoenix by identical 3-0 scores in the consolation bracket to finish the tournament with a 3-1 record.

Grand Rapids defeated Cowley County, 3-0, for the national title.