

KCC golfers cruise to NJCAA fall title

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JOPLIN, Mo. - The Kirkwood men's golf team captured the NJCAA DII National Preview Tuesday by 24 shots at the Twin Hills Golf and Country Club.

The third-ranked Eagles finished with a 54-hole score of 893, leaving Mississippi Gulf Coast far behind in second place at 917.

Ben Epperly of Kirkwood lost a playoff for medalist honors to Jon Hopkins of Mississippi Gulf Coast. Epperly and Hopkins tied at 1-under-par 215, but Hopkins prevailed on the third hole of the playoff. Epperly fired rounds of 70, 71 and 74.

Jacob Harrington-Wara, James Morgan and Sebastian Carranza of Kirkwood all tied for fifth place at 11-over 227.

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Kirkwood 893, 2. Mississippi Gulf Coast 917, 3. Mesa 927, 4. DMACC 932, 5. North Central Missouri 947, 6. Iowa Lakes 949, 7. Southeast 981, 8. Hesston 1000, 9. Hawkeye 1011, 10. Mineral Area 1048.

KIRKWOOD - 2. Ben Epperly 70-71-74=215, 5. Jacob Harrington-Wara 79-75-73=227, 5. James Morgan 75-75-77=227, 5. Sebastian Carranza 76-75-76=227, 21. Sterling McIlravy 76-78-83=237.