Kirkwood wins Region XI golf title

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The Kirkwood men's golf team captured the NJCAA Region XI title Tuesday with a 20-stroke victory at Hunters Ridge in Marion.

The Eagles won their ninth regional title in the last 10 years.

Kirkwood (52-7) earned a spot in the national tournament in Scottsboro, Ala., on May 21-24.

Ryan Johnson, a sophomore from Elgin, earned medalist honors for Kirkwood with a 36-hole score of 76-71--147. It's the eighth time in the last 10 years that a Kirkwood golfer claimed top honors.

Kirkwood sophomores Mitch Jacobi and Marcus Giltner tied for second place at 148. Giltner fired a 69 on Tuesday for the best round of the two-day event.

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Team Standings

1. Kirkwood 603, 2. DMACC 623, 3. NIACC 624, 4. Iowa Central 629, 5. Iowa Lakes 630, 6. Northeast (Neb.) 693, 7. Ellsworth 697.

Kirkwood Scores Ryan Johnson 76-71=147 Mitch Jacobi 75-73=148 Marcus Giltner 79-69=148 Sean Cleary 77-84=161 Jordan Azbell 78-85=163

Medalist: Johnson

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Runnerup: Jacobi & Giltner