Kirkwood seeded No.3 for NJCAA tourney

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CLINTON, Miss. - The Kirkwood Eagles have drawn the No.3 seed for the NJCAA Division II national softball tournament this week in Clinton, Miss.

The Eagles (55-3) will face No.14 seed CCBC-Catonsville of Baltimore, Md. (38-9) in the opening round Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

LSU Eunice (57-5) is seeded No.1 for the 16-team tournament. Phoenix College (44-15) is seeded No.2.

If Kirkwood wins Wednesday, the Eagles will play Illinois Central or Kalamazoo Valley in the second round on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. If the Eagles lose their first game, they play Illinois Central or Kalamazoo Valley on Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

The double-elimination tournament will continue at Traceway Park through Saturday.

OPENING ROUND GAMES Wednesday No.1 LSU Eunice, La. (57-5) vs. No.16 Murray State, Okla. (20-37) No.8 Kankakee, III. (38-8) vs. No.9 Mercyhurst, Pa. (43-10) No.5 Jones County, Miss. (42-8) vs. No.12 Lincoln Land, III. (28-25) No.4 Cowley County, Kan. (50-6) vs. No.13 Cuyahoga, Ohio (23-12) No.3 Kirkwood, Iowa (55-3) vs. No.14 CCBC-Catonsville, Md. (38-9) No.6 Illinois Central, III. (27-13) vs. No.11 Kalamazoo Valley, Mich. (34-14) No.7 Highland, Kan. (37-8) vs. No.10 Sauk Valley, III. (34-13) No.2 Phoenix College, Ariz. (44-15) vs. No.15 Burlington County, N.J. (37-15)