

Subs boost Kirkwood at tourney

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PEORIA, Ill. - The Kirkwood Eagles got a big boost from their reserves Monday and topped 16th-ranked South Suburban College, 56-41, in the semifinals of the Illinois Central Classic.

Anna Martensen, Peyton Bockholt, Aliyah Isaac, A.J. Downs and Caitlin Sudduth came off the bench as a group in the second half and produced a 17-2 run as the seventh-ranked Eagles raced to a 52-31 lead. Martensen scored all nine of her points during the spurt as Kirkwood turned a six-point advantage into a 21-point spread.

Martensen, Kirsten Larson and Cassidy Clark shared scoring honors for the Eagles (10-4) with nine points. Ariel Sneed and Bockholt had eight points apiece.

Tyler Brown-Henderson led South Suburban with 14 points.

Kirkwood will face Sauk Valley in the championship game Tuesday at 4 p.m.

KIRKWOOD (56): Sneed 3 2-2 8, Downs 0 0-0 0, Isaac 0 2-2 2, Silva 1 0-0 2, Oberman 0 0-0 0, Sudduth 2 0-0 4, Polite 1 0-0 3, Larson 3 0-0 9, Hutchins 0 0-0 0, Martensen 3 3-4 9, Bockholt 3 2-4 8, Kallenberger 0 0-0 0, Clark 4 0-0 9, Wood 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 9-12 56.

SOUTH SUBURBAN (41): Brown-Henderson 6 1-3 14, Gebo 0 0-2 0, Lopez 3 0-0 7, Middleton 3 1-2 10, Heady 3 2-3 8, Joyner 0 2-2 2. Totals 15 6-12 41.

Halftime - Kirkwood 25, South Suburban 23. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 5 (Larson 3, Polite 1, Clark 1), South Suburban 5 (Middleton 3, Brown-Henderson 1, Lopez 1).

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