

Kirkwood earns shot at 5th place

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OVERLAND PARK, Kan. - The Kirkwood Eagles bounced back at the NJCAA Division II national tournament Friday afternoon and nipped Chesapeake, 73-69, in a consolation game in Overland Park, Mo.

The Eagles (30-6) will face Monroe College of New York (27-9) in the consolation game for fifth place Saturday at 2 p.m.

Taylor Silva made six straight free throws in the final 39 seconds Friday to help sixth-ranked Kirkwood hold off No. 20 Chesapeake. She finished with 14 points, six rebounds and five assists and was 10-for-10 at the foul line.

The Eagles trailed by 10 points in the first half and were losing by five points at intermission, 33-28. The Eagles outscored Chesapeake 45-36 in the second half to stay alive in the tournament.

Peyton Bockholt scored 12 points in 13 minutes off the bench for Kirkwood. Kirsten Larson scored nine points. Madison Wood, normally a deep reserve, provided eight points in nine key minutes for the Eagles.

Cassidy Clark and Ariel Sneed grabbed seven rebounds for Kirkwood, helping the Eagles to a 50-42 advantage on the backboards.

Kirkwood did not shoot well for the second straight game, hitting 32.9 percent overall from the field and 23.5 percent on 3-pointers, but it was good enough to advance. The Eagles helped themselves by making 23 of 27 free throws.

Joy Watson scored 16 points for Chesapeake (20-6).

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This is the 12th time in school history that Kirkwood has won 30 or more games in a season.

CHESAPEAKE (69): Hagins 4 2-4 10, Riley 2 2-2 6, Simmons 1 0-2 2, Jones 4 0-0 8, Mogul 2 1-2 5, Marfe 3 2-2 9, Williams 1 0-0 2, White 3 2-2 11,

Watson 6 4-6 16, Sankar 0 0-0 0, Creek 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 13-20 69.

KIRKWOOD (73): Silva 2 10-10 14, Larson 4 0-0 9, Hutchins 1 0-0 3, Martensen 0 0-1 0, Clark 1 0-0 2, Sneed 2 2-2 6, Miles 1 0-0 2, Downs 3 0-0 6, Isaac 2 0-0 4, Sudduth 2 1-2 7, Bockholt 3 6-7 12, Wood 2 4-5 8. Totals 23 23-27 73.

Halftime - Chesapeake 33, Kirkwood 28. 3-point goals - Chesapeake 4 (White 3, Marfe 1), Kirkwood 4 (Sudduth 2, Larson 1, Hutchins 1).