Kirkwood men topped by Iowa Western

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COUNCIL BLUFFS - The Kirkwood men's basketball team lost its first game of the season Saturday with a 92-83 setback to Iowa Western in a battle of ranked junior college clubs in Council Bluffs.

lowa Western is ranked No. 23 in NJCAA Division I and Kirkwood is ranked No. 6 in NJCAA Division II.

Hunter Rhodes tossed in 25 points for Kirkwood and had five assists. Nick Richards scored 14 points for the Eagles and Byron Harp had 10.

Kirkwood (7-1) shot well from 3-point distance, hitting 13 of 26. Rhodes, Richards and Harp hit three triples apiece.

Donovan Jackson led Iowa Western (7-0) with 29 points. Isaiah Walton scored 20 points for the Reivers.

KIRKWOOD (83): Bartlett 2 0-0 6, Rhodes 8 6-6 25, Richards 5 1-1 14, Woods 3 0-0 6, Harp 3 1-2 10, Fagan 1 0-0 3, Olson 2 2-3 7, Meier 3 3-4 9, Wilson 0 0-0 0, Bonds 0 0-0 0, Henry 1 1-2 3, King 0 0-0 0. Totals 28 14-18 83.

IOWA WESTERN (92): Walker 2 0-0 5, Jackson 10 5-5 29, Harris 0 0-0 0, Walton 5 10-12 20, Beasley 0 0-0 0, Wallace 1 2-4 4, Peacock 3 2-3 9, Bell 1 0-0 2, Weaver 4 0-0 8, Lake 1 0-2 2, Bol 6 1-2 13. Totals 33 20-29 92.

3-point goals - Kirkwood 13 (Rhodes 3, Richards 3, Harp 3, Barlett 2, Fagan 1, Olson 1), Iowa Western 6 (Jackson 4, Walker 1, Peacock 1).