No. 6 Kirkwood women win 9th in row

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PEORIA, III. - Caitlin Sudduth scored 17 points and collected five assists Monday as the sixth-ranked Kirkwood women's basketball rolled by Sauk Valley, 71-40, in the opening round of the Illinois Central holiday tournament.

The Eagles (12-3) won their ninth straight game after beginning the season with a 3-3 mark.

Madison Wood tossed in 11 points for Kirkwood. A.J. Downs had five steals.

The Eagles will face Schoolcraft in the semifinals Tuesday at 2 p.m.

KIRKWOOD (71): Harris 1 4-4 7, Lemons 1 0-0 3, Miles 2 0-0 4, Downs 4 0-0 8, Wheatly 1 0-0 3 Oberman 2 0-0 6, Sudduth 7 1-1 17, Voss 0 0-0 0, Hutchins 0 1-1 1, Dampier 2 3-6 7, Jennings 2 0-0 4, Wood 4 3-7 11. Totals 26 13-20 71.

Halftime: Kirkwood 29, Sauk Valley 17. 3-point goals - Oberman 2, Sudduth 2, Harris 1, Wheatly 1.