No.3 KCC men fall to Southwestern

CRESTON - The third-ranked Kirkwood men's basketball team was brought down to earth Saturday afternoon.

The Eagles lost to 11th-ranked Southwestern, 85-75, in an ICCAC conference game in Creston for their first loss against an NJCAA Division II team all season.

Kirkwood led 33-30 at halftime, but Southwestern poured in 55 points in the second half to raise its records to 17-3 overall and 3-0 in the league. Kirkwood fell to 15-3 overall and 2-1 in the conference.

Nick Richards scored 20 points for Kirkwood. Da'Rion King had 11 points and Jacob Olson added 10.

KeShawn Wilson popped in six 3-pointers and scored 24 points for Southwestern. Terrance Smith had 22 points for the winners.

KIRKWOOD (75): Bartlett 1 0-0 3, Rhodes 2 0-2 4, Richards 8 2-4 20, Jackson 0 0-0 0, Harp 1 6-6 8, Fagan 3 0-0 6, Olson 3 2-3 10, Meier 4 1-1 9, Wilson 2 0-2 4, Henry 0 0-0 0, Triplett 0 0-0 0, King 5 1-2 11. Totals 29 12-20 75.

SOUTHWESTERN (85): Joseph 0 0-0 0, Bower 3 0-0 6, Newsome 1 2-4 4, Kut 0 0-0 0, Tolbert 0 0-0 0, Mason 0 0-0 0, Chambers 5 3-6 14, Smith 9 1-2 22, Johnson 2 4-4 8, Wilson 9 0-0 24, Antelmi 2 3-4 7. Totals 31 13-16 85.

Halftime - Kirkwood 33, Southwestern 30. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 5 (Olson 2, Richards 2, Bartlett 1), Southwestern 10 (Wilson 6, Smith 3, Chambers 1).