

Rhodes leads No.9 Eagles by NIACC

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MASON CITY - Hunter Rhodes paraded to the foul line and 21 points Saturday as the ninth-ranked Kirkwood men's basketball team topped NIACC, 93-73, in an ICCAC conference game in Mason City.

Rhodes was 13 for 14 at the foul line and made a pair of 3-pointers in the contest. Nick Richards contributed 17 points for the Eagles (19-3, 5-1). Josh Bartlett popped in five 3-pointers and scored 15 points. Cristen Wilson also had 15 points for Kirkwood.

Kirkwood trailed by 10 points in the first half and rallied for a slim 40-38 lead at halftime. The Eagles outscored NIACC 53-35 in the second half for the comfortable victory.

Rhodes collected seven rebounds and six assists. Richards had six rebounds.

Bob Van Vilet, a 6-foot-4 guard from the Netherlands, poured in 28 points for NIACC (13-9, 1-5).

KIRKWOOD (93): Bartlett 5 0-0 15, Rhodes 3 13-14 21, Richards 7 2-4 17, Jackson 1 4-4 6, Harp 0 2-2 2, Fagan 0 0-0 0, Olson 2 4-4 9, Meier 0 0-0 0, Wilson 7 0-1 15, Henry 0 0-0 0, King 4 0-1 8. Totals 29 25-30 93.

NIACC (73): McClain 2 1-2 6, Mitchell 1 1-2 3, Baker 0 0-0 0, Van Vilet 10 6-7 28, Mascall-Wright 5 2-2 14, Wanjara 1 1-1 3, Fischer 3 3-8 9, Ivens 2 0-0 4, Christianson 0 0-0 0, Jackson 0 0-0 0, McKenzie 2 0-0 6, Lester 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 14-22 73.

Halftime - Kirkwood 40, NIACC 38. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 10 (Bartlett 5, Rhodes 2, Richards 1, Olson 1, Wilson 1), NIACC 7 (Van Vilet 2, Mascall-Wright 2, McKenzie 2, McClain 1).