

The seventh-ranked Kirkwood women's basketball team built a 33-point lead at halftime Wednesday night and cruised to a 75-43 victory over Marshalltown at Johnson Hall.

Megan Axcell and Leah Robinson scored 10 points apiece for the Eagles in a balanced attack. Awal Ajak, Mackenzie Jenkins and Tinee'sha Coleman contributed nine points.

Kirkwood punished Marshalltown 26-5 in the second quarter to take a commanding 51-18 lead at halftime. Kirkwood's biggest lead was 35 points early in the second half.

The Eagles raised their record to 8-2 with the victory.

Kirkwood was ranked No. 1 in the nation in the preseason poll, but the Eagles have fallen to No. 7 in the first poll of the regular season after dropping two games.

Alyssa Roth led Marshalltown (5-7) with 15 points.

MARSHALLTOWN (43): Kavanh 2 0-0 6, Morente 2 3-4 7, Roth 4 4-6 15, Siliga 3 0-0 7, Uceda 1 0-0 2, Roberts 2 0-0 6, Terrell 0 0-0 0, Jaumandreu 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 7-10 43.

KIRKWOOD (75): Wilson 3 0-0 7, Puok 0 1-2 1, Axcell 4 0-0 10, Ajak 3 1-2 9, Usher 1 0-0 3, Jenkins 4 0-0 9, Brown 2 0-0 4, Hurst 1 0-0 3, Taylor 2 0-0 4, Robinson 3 4-6 10, Mullinnix 0 0-0 0, Mensen 0 0-0 0, Coleman 3 2-2 9, Wooldridge 3 0-0 6. Totals 29 8-12 75.