

## **KCC gets No. 2 seed for national tourney**

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Defending national champion Kirkwood was seeded second for the 16-team national tournament in pairings released Tuesday morning by the NJCAA.

Coach Kim Muhl's second-ranked Eagles (31-3) meet No. 15 seed Gogebic Community College (17-13) out of Ironwood, Mich. at 3 p.m. next Tuesday in the first round at Pioneer Pavillion in Harrison, Ark.

A win in the opener would move Kirkwood into the quarterfinals at 8 p.m. on Wednesday against the North Arkansas/Bryant & Stratton, Wisc. winner.

Top-ranked Monroe Community College (29-2) out of Rochester N.Y. is the top seed. The Lady Tribunes, third-place finishers in last season's national tournament, open play on Tuesday at 6 p.m. against No. 16 seed Harcum.

### **NJCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND TUESDAY, MARCH 20**

No. 3 Highland vs. No. 14 Macomb, 9 a.m.  
No. 6 Cape Fear vs. No. 11 Kankakee, 11 a.m.  
No. 7 North Arkansas vs. Bryant & Stratton, 1 p.m.  
No. 2 Kirkwood vs. No. 15 Gogebic, 3 p.m.  
No. 1 Monroe vs. No. 16 Harcum, 6 p.m.  
No. 8 Illinois Central vs. No. 9 Ancilla, 8 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 21**

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No. 4 Owens vs. No. 13 Union County, 11 a.m.

No. 5 Mesa vs. No. 12 Cecil, 1 p.m.