

Ju Gaston collected a double-double Monday night as the top-ranked Kirkwood women's basketball team defeated Southwestern, 71-45, in an ICCAC conference game at Johnson Hall.

Gaston finished with 10 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and two steals for the Eagles, who raised their records to 18-1 overall and 5-0 in the league.

Amara Lipsey made all three of her 3-pointers and scored 13 points for Kirkwood. Kemara Watson contributed 10 points and eight rebounds.

Simone Jordan scored 16 points for Southwestern (6-12, 1-4).

Kirkwood led by only two points at halftime, 25-23, but the Eagles outscored the Spartans 29-8 in the third quarter to take control.

SOUTHWESTERN (45): Baker 1-4 0-0 3, Billups-Campbell 3-12 2-6 8, Willis 2-9 2-2 7, Waterhouse-Brennan 0-4 1-2 1, Jordan 6-12 2-5 16, Banister 1-3 0-0 2, Chew 0-0 0-0 0, Hagedorn 1-15 2-2 5, Tucker 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 15-62 9-17 45.

KIRKWOOD (71): Bradford 3-7 2-2 8, Hodges-Johnson 3-11 0-1 7, Gaston 4-7 1-1 10, Lipsey 3-4 4-4 13, Metz 0-3 0-0 0, Harris 1-6 2-6 4, Kennedy 1-5 0-0 2, Drake 2-6 3-4 8, Rath 1-1 0-0 2, Tomaszewski 1-3 2-2 5, Watson 5-9 0-0 10, Smith 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 25-66 14-20 71.

Halftime - Kirkwood 25, Southwestern 23. 3-point goals - Southwestern 6-25 (Jordan 2-4, Tucker 1-1, Baker 1-3, Willis 1-3, Hagedorn 1-9, Billups-Campbell 0-1, Waterhouse-Brennan 0-2, Banister 0-2), Kirkwood 7-18 (Lipsey 3-3, Tomaszewski 1-1, Gaston 1-2, Drake 1-2, Hodges-Johnson 1-3, Bradford 0-1, Smith 0-1, Harris 0-2, Metz 0-3).