

Kirkwood women nudged in regional, 94-92

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FORT DODGE - The Kirkwood Eagles missed three shots in the final seconds Friday night and lost to Iowa Central, 94-92, in the semifinals of the women's regional basketball tournament in Fort Dodge.

The 11th-ranked Eagles (25-7) led by 10 points in the second half, but No.9 Iowa Central (26-5) rallied and tied at 85-85.

The game was tied, 92-92, in the final minute before the Tritons scored their winning points.

Ariel Sneed led Kirkwood with 24 points and eight rebounds. Dani Woolfolk contributed 20 points and six assists. Cassidy Clark had 15 points and eight rebounds. Mikayla Fallon finished with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Miliakere Koyamainavure, a 5-foot-8 guard from Fiji, poured in 33 points for Iowa Central. The Tritons will face top-ranked NIACC (30-2) in the regional finals Saturday.

KIRKWOOD (92): Sneed 9 4-5 24, Woolfolk 7 4-10 20, Tuttle 0 0-0 0, Silva 2 1-3 6, Fallon 3 2-2 10, Polite 3 0-0 6, Larson 0 0-0 0, Martensen 3 0-0 6, Bockholt 0 3-4 3, Clark 6 2-3 15, Robinson 1 0-0 2. Totals 34 16-27 92.

IOWA CENTRAL (94): Henderson 1 0-0 2, Oja 3 2-2 10, Dentlinger 3 4-4 11, Ray 4 3-4 15, Koyamainavure 13 7-11 33, Binion 1 1-2 4, Diew 1 0-0 3, Harvey 6 1-2 16. Totals 32 18-25 94.

Halftime - Kirkwood 48, Iowa Central 38. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 8 (Sneed 2, Woolfolk 2, Fallon 2, Silva 1, Clark 1), Iowa Central 12 (Ray 4, Harvey 3, Oja 2, Dentlinger 1, Binion 1, Diew 1).