

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The Kirkwood women's volleyball team was swept by Illinois Central, 3-0, in the opening round of the NJCAA Division II national tournament Thursday at the Charleston Civic Center.

Kirkwood (26-15) will face Mercyhurst North East (19-8) in a consolation match Friday at 11 a.m. as it tries to battle back for ninth place in the 16-team tournament.

Kirkwood is seeded No. 9 for the national tournament and Illinois Central is No. 8, but the Eagles were swept 25-15, 25-21, 25-20.

Anna Gorsich had 12 kills for Kirkwood. Madi Wagaman and Rachael Nelson had 13 assists. Olivia Richards made 16 digs and Maranda Wheelock had 14. Maggie Peters blocked five shots.

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Opening Round

No. 11 McHenry County 3, No. 6 Gulf Coast State 2
No. 3 Scottsdale 3, No. 14 Oakland 0
No. 2 Coffeyville 3, No. 15 Montgomery 0
No. 10 Grand Rapids 3, No. 9 Northeast 0
No. 1 Parkland 3, No. 16 Mercyhurst North East 0
No. 8 Illinois Central 3, No. 9 Kirkwood 0
No. 4 Fort Scott 3, No. 13 Waubonsee 0
No. 12 Bismarck State 3, Catawba Valley 2

Quarterfinals

No. 3 Scottsdale 3, No. 11 McHenry County 0
No. 2 Coffeyville 3, No. 10 Grand Rapids 0
No. 1 Parkland 3, No. 8 Illinois Central 2
No. 12 Bismarck State 3, No. 4 Fort Scott 1