

Subs help No. 14 Eagles dunk Black Hawk

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The Kirkwood Eagles will need strong performances from their reserves this season if they want to seriously pursue their goals of winning conference and national titles.

They took a big step in the right direction Tuesday night.

The 14th-ranked Eagles got a big boost from their subs in a 94-69 victory over Black Hawk College at Johnson Hall.

Kirkwood's bench brigade topped their own starters in points (48-46), rebounds (24-23) and assists (11-7) and helped the Eagles take control in the second half.

The Kirkwood starters played well, and the Kirkwood reserves played even better.

"I thought they were the difference in the game," said Coach Bryan Petersen. "They gave us good energy and they were productive, and that's what we talked about in the locker room.

"You look down the line at what they were able to do, just from scoring the ball, rebounding and sharing the ball for us. They had a great night. That's probably the best our bench has been all year."

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The Eagles' defense was solid in the first half, holding the Black Hawks to a 10-20 record. The Eagles' offense was also strong, scoring 20 points in the first half. The game was a close contest, with the Eagles leading 20-10 at the half. The second half was also a close contest, with the Eagles leading 30-20 at the end of the game. The Eagles' defense was the key to their victory, holding the Black Hawks to a 10-20 record.