King lifts Kirkwood past John Wood

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QUINCY, III. - Chris King hit a short jumper in the final minute Saturday afternoon to give the Kirkwood Eagles a 71-70 victory over John Wood College in a non-conference game.

Kirkwood trailed 70-69 when King made a shot from eight feet with about 30 seconds leftin the game. Doug Wilson blocked a shot in the final seconds to help preserve the victory.

King paced Kirkwood (8-3) with 25 points. Tajen Ross tossed in 15 points and Wilson added 12.

Gentry Whiteman and Aziz Fadika scored 19 points apiece for the Blazers (6-5).

Kirkwood defeated John Wood by 17 points, 79-62, in their first meeting Nov. 15 at Kirkwood, but the rematch went down to the wire.

KIRKWOOD (71): Stansbury 0 0-0 0, Kale 1 0-0 3, Marble 2 0-0 4, Small 1 0-0 3, Meeker 1 1-2 3, Ross 5 3-3 15, King 9 5-6 25, Johnson 2 2-2 6, Storey 0 0-0 0, Wilson 6 0-2 12, Arrington 0 0-0 0. Totals 27 11-15 71.

JOHN WOOD (70): Schlotzhauer 1 0-0 2, Easter 0 0-0 0, Burrows 0 0-0 0, Cramsey 4 0-0 9, Whiteman 5 6-7 19, Miller 4 0-0 8, Dahl 2 2-2 7, Gadeke 2 0-0 4, Oduocha 1 0-0 2, Fadika 7 5-7 19. Totals 26 13-16 70.

Halftime - Kirkwood 35, John Wood 30. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 6 (Ross 2, King 2, Kale 1, Small 1), John Wood 5 (Whiteman 3, Cramsey, Dahl 1).