

## Appel shines as No. 1 Eagles top Coffeyville

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COFFEYVILLE, Kan. - Luke Appel collected a double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds Friday night as the Kirkwood Eagles defeated Coffeyville, 74-54, with a big second half at the Community State Bank Classic at Coffeyville.

Kirkwood is ranked No. 1 in NJCAA Division II men's basketball. Coffeyville is ranked No. 17 in the Division I ranks. The outcome left both teams at 3-1 for the young season.

DJ Purnell posted his third straight double-double for the Eagles with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Devonte Thedford finished with 15 points, six rebounds and four assists. Seybian Sims pitched in 12 points for Kirkwood.

Meikkel Murray and Kymani Dunham scored 11 points apiece for Coffeyville.

Kirkwood trailed 31-26 at halftime, but the Eagles smoked Coffeyville 48-23 in the second half for the 20-point victory.

Kirkwood will face Cowley County in the second round of the tournament Saturday.

**KIRKWOOD (74):** Seybian Sims 5-6 0-0 12, Devonte Thedford 6-13 2-3 15, Brady Satorius 2-5 0-0 4, Luke Appel 8-19 0-0 20, Owen Coburn 0-0 0-0 0, Chris Burnell 0-3 0-0 0, Gacoby Jones 1-3 0-0 3, Griffen Clark 1-1 0-0 3, Jamal Stephenson 1-8 0-1 2, DJ Purnell 3-10 6-6 12, Niko Gosnell 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 28-70 9-12 74.

**COFFEYVILLE (54):** Tony Hutson 1-8 2-4 5, Meikkel Murray 4-8 3-3 11, Manny Crump 1-8 0-0 2, Tylor Perry 3-6 0-0 9, Kymani Dunham 5-10 1-2 11, Tyronn Mosley 1-1 0-0 2, Jalen Smith 0-2 2-2 2, Larry White 0-1 0-0 0, Gentrell Taylor 1-4 2-6 4, Bostyn Holt 3-5 0-0 8. Totals 19-53 10-17 54.

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Halftime - Coffeyville 31, Kirkwood 26. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 9-25 (Appel 4-8, Sims 2-3, Clark 1-1, Thedford 1-2, Jones 1-3, Sartorius 0-2, Burnell 0-2, Stephenson 0-4), Coffeyville 6-18 (Perry 3-6, Holt 2-2, Hutson 1-6, Crump 0-2, Smith 0-2).