No. 11 Eagles win Lady Bobcat Classic

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MILWAUKEE - The Kirkwood women's basketball team cruised to an 85-56 victory over Joliet Junior College Saturday in the championship game of the Lady Bobcat Classic.

The 11th-ranked Eagles (9-4) trailed 18-17 after the first quarter, but they smoked Joliet 26-9 in the second period to take a commanding 43-27 lead at halftime.

Ashley Tull finished with a double-double for Kirkwood with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Ju Gaston collected 15 points, six assists and five rebounds.

Anasha Hurst and Paige Bradford scored 13 points. Haley Mullinnix grabbed 10 rebounds. Mackenzie Jenkins had eight points, seven rebounds, five assists, two steals and two blocks.

Kierra Tyler scored 10 points for Joliet (9-4). Joliet hit only 21 of 74 shots for 28.4 percent, compared to 35 of 71 for 49.3 percent for Kirkwood.

KIRKWOOD (85): Jenkins 3 2-4 8, Gaston 4 7-9 15, Hurst 6 1-1 13, Mullinnix 2 0-0 6, Tull 7 1-3 15, Bradford 6 1-1 13, Lipsey 1 0-0 3, Kennedy 3 0-0 6, Myers 0 0-0 0, Tomaszewski 1 0-0 2, Robinson 1 0-0 2, Mensen 1 0-0 2. Totals 35 12-18 85.

JOLIET (56): Mitchell 1 1-2 3, Atsinger 2 5-6 9, Best 0 0-0 0, Johnson 3 1-2 7, Edwards 3 1-2 7, Tyler 4 2-4 10, Raymond 0 0-0 0, Creal 4 1-2 9, Vollmer 0 0-0 0, Ojo 0 0-0 0, Brennan 0 0-0 0, Williams-Scott 0 0-0 0, Norris 1 0-0 2, Pelton 0 0-0 0, Harris 3 0-0 9. Totals 21 11-18 56.

Halftime - Kirkwood 43, Joliet 27. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 3 (Mullinnix 2, Lipsey 1), Joliet 3 (Harris 3).