

LINCOLN, Ill. - The 14th-ranked Kirkwood men's basketball team fell behind by 17 points at halftime Saturday and lost to No. 9 Lincoln College, 86-77, for its first setback of the year.

The Eagles pulled within seven points in the second half, but could not get any closer.

Tajen Ross tossed in 25 points for Kirkwood. Doug Wilson scored 20 points, Chris King had 12 and LJ Stansbury added 11.

Trayvon Tyler led six Lincoln players into double figures with 14 points in a balanced attack. Lincoln raised its record to 4-0 and Kirkwood fell to 3-1 for the campaign.

KIRKWOOD (77): Stansbury 5 1-4 11, Kale 3 0-0 7, Marble 0 2-4 2, Small 0 0-0 0, Ross 9 4-4 25, King 4 2-2 12, Taylor 0 0-0 0, Johnson 0 0-0 0, Storey 0 0-0 0, Wilson 10 0-0 20. Totals 31 9-16 77.

Halftime: Lincoln 45, Kirkwood 28. 3-point goals: Kirkwood 6 (Ross 3, King 2, Kale 1), Lincoln 10 (Simpkins 3, Griffith 2, Nelson 2, Tyler 1, Devane 1, Watkins 1).