

Robinson sparks No. 11 Eagles by Owens

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MILWAUKEE - Leah Robinson played her best game of the season Friday night to help the Kirkwood Eagles defeat Owens Community College, 60-40, in the opening round of the Lady Bobcat Classic.

Robinson collected 15 points, four rebounds and four steals for the 11th-ranked Eagles in 20 minutes off the bench. She shot 5-for-7 from the field and was 5-for-6 at the foul line.

Kirkwood (8-4) will face Joliet Junior College (9-3) in the championship game Saturday at 3 p.m.

Kirkwood trailed 17-10 after the first quarter, but the Eagles outscored Owens 13-1 in the first 7 1/2 minutes of the second period to move ahead in the ballgame. Kirkwood pounded Owens 23-11 in the third quarter to firmly take control.

Ju Gaston contributed 11 points for Kirkwood. Paige Bradford snared 12 rebounds.

Taylor Works scored 18 points for Owens, which committed 31 turnovers in the 40-minute game and fell to 5-6 for the season. Kirkwood committed 21 turnovers, but compensated with 17 steals.

KIRKWOOD (60): Jenkins 1 2-2 4, Gaston 4 3-4 11, Hurst 0 2-4 2, Mullinnix 3 0-0 8, Tull 1 0-0 2, Bradford 2 2-4 6, Lipsey 2 0-0 6, Kennedy 0 0-0 0, Myers 1 0-0 2, Tomaszewski 1 2-2 4, Robinson 5 5-6 15, Mensen 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 16-22 60.

OWENS (40): Thames 2 1-3 5, Works 5 7-10 18, Moore 0 1-2 1, Velazquez 2 0-0 5, Kopp 2 0-0 5, Petroff 0 0-0 0, Wheeler 1 3-4 6. Totals 12 12-19 40.

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Halftime - Kirkwood 23, Owens 22. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 4 (Mullinnix 2, Lipsey 2), Owens 4 (Works 1, Velazquez 1, Kopp 1, Wheeler 1).