

No. 11 Eagles eye title at Cougar Classic

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PEORIA, Ill. - Anasha Hurst popped in 16 points Saturday to help the Kirkwood women's basketball team defeat Parkland, 67-47, in the semifinals of the Cougar Classic holiday tournament.

The 11th-ranked Eagles (11-4) will face fourth-ranked Illinois Central (13-1) in the finals Sunday at 4 p.m.

Kirkwood and Parkland were tied at halftime, 23-23, but the Eagles outscored Parkland 44-24 in the second half for the comfortable 20-point victory in Illinois.

Paige Bradford contributed 12 points for Kirkwood and Ashley Tull chipped in with 10 markers.

Olivia Babcock scored 11 points for Parkland (9-3), which shot 30.2 percent from the field and was 2 for 24 on 3-pointers.

Kirkwood was drubbed by Illinois Central by 45 points, 94-49, when they met Dec. 10 in Peoria, so the Eagles will be looking for revenge in the finals Sunday.

KIRKWOOD (67): Bradford 4 3-4 12, Jenkins 3 0-0 6, Gaston 1 4-4 6, Lipsey 2 0-0 4, Kennedy 2 0-0 4, Myers 0 2-2 2, Hurst 6 2-6 16, Tomaszewski 0 0-0 0, Robinson 1 1-2 4, Mullinnix 1 0-0 3, Mensen 0 0-0 0, Tull 4 2-2 10. Totals 24 14-20 67.

PARKLAND (47): Babcock 3 4-6 11, Miller 0 0-0 0, Rescasens 2 1-2 5, Cole 2 0-0 4, Tinsley 0 0-0 0, Russell 1 4-8 6, Mathis 0 0-0 0, Tapscott 4 1-2 9, Meinert 1 0-0 2, Russo 2 1-2 5, Nuckols 0 0-0 0, Brouwer 1 2-2 5. Totals 16 13-22 47.

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Halftime - Kirkwood 23, Parkland 23. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 5 (Hurst 2, Bradford 1, Robinson 1, Mullinnix 1), Parkland 2 (Babcock 1, Brouwer 1).