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The Kirkwood women's volleyball team will face Illinois Central in the opening round of the NJCAA Division II national tournament on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 12 p.m. at the Charleston Civic Center in Charleston, W.Va.

Kirkwood (26-14) is the No. 9 seed in the 16-team tournament and Illinois Central (33-10) is the No. 8 seed.

Illinois Central trimmed the Eagles, 3-2, in their only meeting this season Sept. 20 at Illinois Central.

If Kirkwood defeats Illinois Central, the Eagles would face Parkland or Mercyhurst North East in the quarterfinals next Thursday at 6:30 p.m. If Kirkwood loses to Illinois Central, the Eagles would meet the Parkland-Mercyhurst loser on Friday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m.

Kirkwood finished fourth at the national tournament last year.

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Opening Round Thursday, Nov. 21

8 a.m. - No. 3 Scottsdale vs No. 14 Oakland

8 a.m. - No. 6 Gulf Coast State vs No. 11 McHenry County

10 a.m. - No. 2 Coffeyville vs No. 15 Montgomery

10 a.m. - No. 7 Northeast vs No. 10 Grand Rapids

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Noon - No. 1 Parkland vs No. 16 Mercyhurst North East

Noon - No. 8 Illinois Central vs No. 9 Kirkwood

2 p.m. - No. 4 Fort Scott vs No. 13 Waubonsee

2 p.m. - No. 5 Catawba Valley vs No. 12 Bismarck State