

No. 1 KCC women crush No. 9 Illinois Central

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Paige Bradford and Kortney Drake collected double-doubles Saturday as the top-ranked Kirkwood women's basketball team belted No. 9 Illinois Central, 74-45, in the second round of the Kirkwood Classic at Johnson Hall.

Bradford finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds for her second double-double of the tournament. Drake pitched in with 10 points and 10 rebounds as the Eagles raised their record to 6-0 by winning their third tournament of the campaign.

Amara Lipsey hit three 3-pointers and notched 11 points for Kirkwood. Jheda Kennedy contributed six assists. Bradford blocked three shots.

Kirkwood outscored Illinois Central, 23-7, in the second quarter to take a commanding 40-20 lead at halftime.

Summer Stoewer scored nine points for Illinois Central (3-4).

ILLINOIS CENTRAL (45): Josi Becker 1-4 3-4 5, Summer Stoewer 4-11 0-0 9, Camryn Stafford 2-5 3-3 7, Maia Marshall 3-11 0-0 6, Ayanna Gibbs 2-4 0-0 4, Jordyn Hare 1-2 0-0 2, Kamryn Cuevas 0-2 0-0 0, Catora Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Raven Overman 0-4 0-0 0, Moriah Ward 2-6 2-6 6, Ariana Washington 1-2 0-0 3, Sh'coria Metts 0-1 0-0 0, Molli Mulder 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 17-55 8-13 45.

KIRKWOOD (74): Paige Bradford 7-9 3-5 17, Tatiana Hodges-Johnson 4-7 0-0 8, Ju Gaston 1-5 2-2 4, Amara Lipsey 4-8 0-0 11, Marissa Metz 2-6 0-0 5, Delani Harris 1-5 0-0 3, Jheda Kennedy 1-4 0-0 3, Kortney Drake 3-10 4-5 10, Addison Rath 0-3 0-0 0, Natalie Tomaszewski 3-5 1-2 8, Kemara Watson 2-5 1-2 5, Britney Smith 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 28-69 11-16 74.

Halftime - Kirkwood 40, Illinois Central 20. 3-point goals - Illinois Central 3-13 (Washington 1-1,

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Mulder 1-1, Stoewer 1-3, Cuevas 0-1, Metts 0-1, Becker 0-2, Marshall 0-4), Kirkwood 7-29 (Lipsey 3-6, Tomaszewski 1-1, Harris 1-2, Kennedy 1-4, Metz 1-5, Rath 0-1, Hodges-Johnson 0-1, Gaston 0-3, Drake 0-5).