

KCC men earn 3-week break

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QUINCY, Ill. - The 12th-ranked Kirkwood men's basketball team raised its record to 10-3 Saturday with a 69-59 victory over John Wood College on the road.

The Eagles will return to action in three weeks on Saturday, Jan. 4 at Illinois Valley Community College.

Devonte Thedford shot 8 for 11 from the floor and led Kirkwood with 17 points. DJ Purnell collected a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds off the bench, along with four steals. Griffin Clark popped in three 3-pointers and scored 10 points.

Kirkwood held John Wood (5-9) to 25 points in the second half. Dallas Bryson scored 14 points for the Blazers.

Kirkwood defeated John Wood, 64-48, Nov. 20 in Cedar Rapids.

KIRKWOOD (69): Seybian Sims 2-4 0-0 5, Niko Gosnell 2-2 1-2 5, Devonte Thedford 8-11 0-0 17, Gacoby Jones 1-5 3-4 5, Chris Burnell 3-7 2-2 8, Luke Appel 1-5 2-5 4, Griffen Clark 3-6 1-2 10, Jamal Stephenson 0-1 0-0 0, DJ Purnell 5-13 5-9 15, Owen Coburn 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-54 14-24 69.

JOHN WOOD (59): Steve Wright 3-6 0-0 6, Ragar McKinney 2-9 1-3 7, Chandler Bevans 5-15 0-0 10, Aaron Shoot 2-7 3-4 7, TJ Jackson 4-8 1-1 10, Cooper Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Ja'Veon Taylor 2-9 0-0 5, Dallas Bryson 4-8 4-7 14. Totals 22-63 9-15 59.

Halftime - Kirkwood 38, John Wood 34. 3-point goals - Kirkwood 5-12 (Clark 3-6, Sims 1-1, Thedford 1-1, Burnell 0-1, Stephenson 0-1, Jones 0-2), John Wood 6-20 (Bryson 2-4,

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