

Appel nets 43 as Eagles trim Coe

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Luke Appel poured in a career-high 43 points Tuesday night as the 12th-ranked Kirkwood Eagles rallied to defeat the Coe junior varsity, 95-89, at Johnson Hall.

Appel, a 6-foot-7 sophomore from Marshalltown, shot 18 for 22 from the field and canned a pair of 3-pointers.

Coe led by nine points with about three minutes remaining, but the Eagles forced turnovers and surged to their 18th victory in 22 games.

DJ Purnell finished with 19 points and 15 rebounds for Kirkwood. Seybian Sims collected 10 rebounds, eight points, three assists and three steals.

Sean Oberman scored 19 points for Coe. The Kohawks made sixteen 3-pointers, with Zach Bushbaum nailing five triples.

COE (89): Zach Bushbaum 5-11 0-0 15, Dom Robertson 4-12 0-0 9, Dylan Eastman 3-6 0-0 6, Sam Auen 3-12 0-0 9, Boston Ferrie 1-3 0-0 2, Ben Coughlin 2-2 2-2 8, Denis Shchekin 0-0 5-5 5, Josh Willenbrink 2-2 2-2 6, Ray Kotula 4-7 0-0 10, Sean Oberman 8-11 0-0 19. Totals 32-66 16-35 89.

KIRKWOOD (95): Seybian Sims 3-5 0-0 8, Devonte Thedford 2-8 0-1 5, Luke Appel 18-22 5-10 43, Jamal Stephenson 2-12 3-4 8, DJ Purnell 6-8 7-9 19, Gacoby Jones 2-6 2-2 6, Griff Clark 2-5 0-0 6, Owen Coburn 0-1 0-0 0, Niko Gosnell 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 35-69 17-26 95.

Halftime - Kirkwood 42, Coe 42. 3-point goals - Coe 16-35 (Bushbaum 5-11, Robertson 1-5, Eastman 0-1, Auen 3-9, Coughlin 2-2, Kotula 2-3, Oberman 3-4), Kirkwood 8-24 (Sims 2-3, Thedford 1-3, Appel 2-3, Stephenson 1-8, Jones 0-2, Clark 2-5).