

Women's Basketball 2015-16 Recaps

Women's Basketball Region XII Game vs. Ancilla College

March 1 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final

Ancilla College

65

Muskegon CC

59

Muskegon Community College's season ended with a 65-59 loss to Ancilla College in the opening round of the NJCAA Regional Basketball Tournament. The Jayhawks were led by Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) with 12 points and Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) with 11 points. They finish the season with a record of 10-6 in conference play and 20-10 overall.

Women's Basketball at JACKSON COLLEGE

February 26 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final

Jackson College

83

Muskegon CC

81

MCC traveled to Jackson College on Friday to finish out the regular season. Jackson held on for a 83-81 victory over the Jayhawks, which qualified them for the Regional Tournament. MCC got off to a slow, sluggish start and Jackson's post play was unstoppable in the first half as the Jayhawks were outscored in both periods, 20-18 and 19-17. The Jets took a 39-35 lead into the locker room at the half. In the third period the Jayhawks finally played inspired basketball as they were able to get out in transition and they outscored Jackson 27-18 to take a 62-57 lead. In the fourth period Jackson's players stepped up after their star player fouled out and they turned the tables on the Jayhawks, outscoring them 26-19 for the final score of 83-81.

Leading scorers for MCC were Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) with 19 points, followed by Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) with 16 points and 4 assists. Kelsy Hackbardt was solid off the bench with 11 points and 5 steals. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) and Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) both grabbed 8 rebounds and Brittany Todd (Cedar Springs HS) added 8 points and 7 boards.

"This game was 100% unacceptable. Take nothing away from Jackson because they played an amazing game. They truly wanted it more than we did. Jackson shot unbelievable all night long," said Head Coach Amanda Parker. "This seems to be a recurring factor in our opponents, which boils down to one common denominator, our defense. This is going to be our #1 focus in practice the next couple of days. We clearly have to make some changes and we will."

The Jayhawks finish the regular season in 4th place in the Western Conference at 10-6 (20-9 overall). They host Ancilla College in the first game of the Region XII Tournament on Tuesday, 3/1 with a 5:30 pm tip off.

Women's Basketball home vs. LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE

February 25 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final

Lake Michigan College

73

Muskegon CC

65

Muskegon Community College lost a tough game to Lake Michigan College by a score of 73-65. Lake Michigan, who is in second place in the conference, started a small, quick line up. They came out in a 2-2-1 press which slowed down the Jayhawks running game. MCC was outscored 20-11 in the first period but they were able to up the intensity in the second period as they had a 23-13 scoring advantage for a 34-33 lead heading into the locker room. The third period saw the Jayhawks come out cold (26% from the field) and they again only put 11 points on the board. MCC was down 49-45 after 3 periods but they would have to battle through some sickness and injuries. That, coupled with too many fouls down the stretch, would prove too much for the Jayhawks as they lost their 5th conference game.

Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) was held scoreless in the first period but she finished the night with a game high 19 points, 11 rebounds and 5 steals. Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) came off the bench and scored 11 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists. Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) scored 10 points and grabbed a team high 14 boards and Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) battled illness for a steady 9 points, 7 assists, 6 rebound and 3 steals. Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) chipped in 8 points and 6 boards.

“I thought my kids really battled tonight. This was a tough, physical, up and down game. We had to face some real adversity with injuries and foul trouble,” said Coach Amanda Parker. “We just had a few too many errors on both ends of the floor and you can’t do that against a great team like Lake Michigan. To sit back and think that we have 8 losses on the season and we’ve never lost by more than 10 points says a lot about these kids. They are right there. We just have to find the small piece that is missing or figure out what needs to be fixed to put us on the winning end of those games. Tonight, we turned a chapter, but our book is not done yet.”

MCC is now 10-5 in the conference (tied for 3rd) and 20-8 overall. They have to regroup as they look for a win when the travel to Jackson College for a rescheduled game today.

Women's Basketball at LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 22 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

Lansing CC

The Jayhawks defeated Lansing Community College by a score of 66-57. In the first period the Stars were able to utilize their post players successfully. MCC was cold from the floor and to compound the problem their point guard had to sit with 2 quick fouls. In the second period Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) hit three 3 pointers for an offensive spark. The defensive effort was better and they were able to get some easy baskets in transition. MCC was able to go into the half with a 7 point lead, 36-29. In the third period the Jayhawks missed lots of easy, open shots and LCC outscored them 15-13. The fourth period saw the Jayhawks hold on for the win in an overall sloppy and sluggish game.

Leading scorers for MCC were Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) with 14 points and 8 rebounds. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) added 11 points and Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) recovered from early foul problems to score 9 points with 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals. Hackbardt finished with 9 points and Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) chipped in 7 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals.

“It is super hard to get in the flow of the game when our motor (Morgan Giddings) is on the bench with foul trouble early in the 1st quarter. However, anything can happen on any given night and we need to be ready for all types of adversity,” said Coach Amanda Parker. “Some kids came in and made some huge shots for us down the stretch and that is really great to see. I was not entirely impressed with our overall efforts tonight, but any win in this league on the road, is a good win.”

They will host Lake Michigan College in a key match-up on Wednesday, 2/24 with a 5:30 tip off. MCC is currently 10-4 in the Western Conference and 20-7 overall.

Women’s Basketball at ANCILLA COLLEGE

February 17 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

62

Ancilla College

58

Muskegon Community College won a key game over Ancilla College by a score of 62-58 in Donaldson, IN. Every win is important as the Jayhawks try to position themselves into the best seed possible heading into the Regional Tournament that begins on Tuesday, March 1. Once again the Jayhawks struggled in the first 2 periods and the Chargers took a 4 point lead into the locker room at the half, thanks to a 3 point bucket at the buzzer. The coaching staff made some adjustments at the half and MCC played good defense as they were able to limit the Chargers to 9 third period points for a 39-37 lead after 3. Tootie Thompson (Muskegon Catholic Central HS) gave the Jayhawks some valuable minutes off the bench and she finished with 12 points on 6-7 shooting. MCC came out with full-court pressure in the fourth period, as they put a 5 guard line

up on the floor and they were able to get some turnovers and easy baskets. With 3 minutes left in the game Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) hit a huge 3 pointer and Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) made 1-2 from the free throw line for a 4 point lead with 15 seconds to play and the Jayhawks were able to hold on for the hard fought win.

Leading the Jayhawks were Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) with 15 points, 8 assists, 6 rebounds and 5 steals. She also played great help side defense and was key in the foul trouble of Ancilla's star player. Thompson added 4 rebounds to her 12 points, Freeland finished with 11 points and 4 steals and Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) added 8 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals. Hackbardt finished with 6 points, 5 boards and 6 assists.

"I thought we played pretty good defense in the first half. We forced Ancilla to take some tough shots; everything just seem to fall for them. We had some trouble boxing out on both ends of the floor, especially Ancilla's Bianca Maxwell; she's one strong, physical kid," said Coach Amanda Parker. "We made a few changes after halftime that increased our efforts and heightened our energy on both ends of the floor. My team knew how important this game was for us; we were in a must win situation tonight. They really stuck together as a team and did all the intangibles that were needed in order for us to get the win tonight. This game gives us some confidence moving forward, and that is huge with only 3 games left in the regular season and looking into the tournament. I am so extremely proud of them."

The Jayhawks are now 9-4 in the Western Conference and 19-7 overall. They travel to take on Jackson College on Saturday with a 1:00 pm tip-off.

Women's Basketball home vs. GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 10 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	83
Glen Oaks CC	56

The Jayhawks used a balanced scoring attack against Glen Oaks Community College on Sophomore Night and came away with an easy 83-56 win to remain in a tie for 3rd in the Western Conference. MCC came out hot in the first period with sophomore Sam McGhan (Oakridge HS) leading the way by hitting 3 3 point baskets and scoring all of her 11 points. The team shot 59% for the period with many baskets from close range. They continued to dominate in the second period with Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) scoring all her points in that frame. The team as a whole out rebounded Glen Oaks by a margin of 29-11 in the first half. The Jayhawks came out of the locker room with a 51-21 point lead but they were a little too aggressive in the third and Glen Oaks converted on 7-10 free throws. The Vikings outscored the Jayhawks 21-12 in the fourth period but they couldn't overcome the big lead as the Jayhawks cruised to their 18th win of the season.

Brittany Todd (Cedar Springs HS) led the Jayhawk attack with 14 points. Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) continued her steady play with 12 points and 8 rebounds and Tootie Thompson

(Muskegon Catholic Central HS) got back into the lineup and contributed 11 points. McGhan added 8 boards to her 11 points, Kelli McKinnon (Jenison HS) scored 10 points and Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) flirted with a non-traditional double double with 12 assists and 9 rebounds. Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) rounded out the top scorers with 8 points and 9 rebounds.

“Tonight was really special as we honored our 7 sophomores. They are truly a fantastic group of young ladies. I was really happy with what I saw. The whole team was excited and supportive of each other; they really played as a team,” said Coach Amanda Parker. “It was so nice seeing our sophomores play some big minutes and making the most of it. This was a good win for us as we head into our final stretch of the regular season with 4 games in 7 days starting next Wednesday.”

The Jayhawks are now 18-7 overall and 8-4 in the conference. They travel to Donaldson, IN to take on Ancilla College on February 17. Game time is 5:30 pm.

Women’s Basketball at KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 6 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	62
Kellogg CC	57

The women’s team is now 7-4 in conference play and 17-7 overall. They return to action on Wednesday, 2/10 when they host Glen Oaks Community College. Game time is 5:30 pm.

Women’s Basketball at GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 3 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Grand Rapids CC	80
Muskegon CC	71

Muskegon Community College traveled to Grand Rapids to take on the Raiders of GRCC in a key conference match up. MCC came into the contest in 3rd place with a game lead on GRCC but hot shooting by the Raiders and a poor defensive effort by the Jayhawks led to a 80-71 loss. GRCC shot an impressive 7 for 10 from 3 point range in the first 2 periods and took a 17 point lead into the locker room at the half. In the 3rd period MCC jacked up the defensive pressure and energy and attacked the basket and they were able to outscore Grand Rapids, 21-9. The Jayhawks found themselves down 57-52 to start the 4th period and they were able to get with 3 points but the Raiders held on for the win.

Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) scored 17 points, followed by Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 15 points, 8 rebounds and 5 assists. Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) added 14 points, 7 boards and 5 assists and Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) scored 12 points while Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) grabbed a game high 12 rebounds.

"I was really disappointed in our overall efforts, especially because of how big this game was for us. GRCC shot the lights out, especially in the first half, but half of that is due to our lack of pressure defensively," said Coach Amanda Parker. "My kids have to understand that this league is one of the most competitive leagues in Junior College and anything can happen on any given night. We have to come to play on the both ends of the floor, every game, regardless of who's on the other side. With all excuses aside, were just not ready tonight, from players to coaches."

The Jayhawks are 16-7 overall and 6-4 in the Western Conference.

Women's Basketball home vs. KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

January 30 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
Kalamazoo Valley CC	82
Muskegon CC	74

The #17 ranked Jayhawks lost to the league leading and #11 ranked Cougars from Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 82-74. The first period was a tightly contested one as the two teams traded baskets and stops and at the end of the first 10 minutes KVCC held a slim 17-15 lead. In the second period the Cougars shot 50% from the floor and took a 42-34 lead into half time. The third period was the most productive for the home team as they outscored Kalamazoo Valley 21-15 and tied the game at 55 with a minute to go but KVCC went on a 9-2 run to start the fourth period to take control of the game. That forced the Jayhawks to foul late in the game and KVCC converted on 10-19 to seal the win.

Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) led the Jayhawks with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) scored 11 points and grabbed a team high 13 rebounds. Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) had a balanced game with 10 points, 8 assists, 7 rebounds and 4 steals. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) chipped in 10 points and Francesca Cerniglia added 8 points and 9 rebounds.

"We knew we had to play our best basketball for 40 minutes in order to get the win, and we did not do that. It is hard to win games when you give up 82 points, especially to a phenomenal team like KVCC," said Head Coach Amanda Parker. "We had two quarters where we gave up 25 points; some games we only give up 25 points in a half so it goes to show you how poor our defense was today. I am so disappointed in the amount of turnovers we had as a team and how many offensive rebounds we allowed KVCC to get. Overall, KVCC was just stronger, more physical and more disciplined than we were today. They did enough little things to get the win; they were the better team today."

The Jayhawks are now 16-6 overall and 6-3 in conference play. They are in 3rd place in the conference and travel to GRCC to take on the 4th place Raiders on Wednesday, 2/3. Game time is 5:30 pm.

Women's Basketball at LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE

January 27 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Lake Michigan College	78
Muskegon CC	70

The 17th ranked Jayhawks traveled south to Benton Harbor to face the Lake Michigan Red Hawks and lost 78-70 in a battle for second place in the Western Conference. MCC outscored LMC in the first, third and fourth periods but they were not able to overcome a poor second period, as they were outscored by 19. The Jayhawks found themselves down by a score of 67-52 after 3 periods. MCC came out with good fire & energy in the fourth and really stepped up the defensive pressure. A full court press pulled them to within 4 with a minute to go but LMC converted their free throws and they held on for the win. Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) led the MCC attack with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) scored 17 and added 4 assists and Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) had 15 points, 9 rebounds and 5 assists.

“I am completely disappointed in our overall efforts tonight. We did not rebound well on either end and we were always a step behind when defending their shooters. LMC really shot well from the floor, just proves how poor our defensive pressure was. Looking at the stats you would wonder how we lost; winning 3 of the 4 periods and forcing 22 turnovers. However, playing against a good team like LMC at their place, you cannot take any time off; especially not a whole period. I've always said defense and rebounding are the keys to every game we play and that was definitely the difference in this game. Kudos to LMC, they just played like they wanted to win more than we did.” Head Coach Amanda Parker.

MCC is 6-2 in the conference and 16-5 overall. They return to the court on Saturday when they host the conference leading, 11th ranked Kalamazoo Valley Community College Cougars. Game time is 1:00 pm.

Women's Basketball home vs. LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

January 25 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	61
Lansing CC	

The #18 ranked Jayhawks defeated the Stars from Lansing Community College by a score of 61-44. MCC was able to withstand another slow start that saw the Stars out rebound them on the offensive end. A couple of Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) 3 pointers helped them grab a 16-13 lead after one period. In the second period the Jayhawks rebounded better which allowed them to run the floor and convert on some open layups and they went into the locker room with a 30-21 lead. The home team came out fired-up in the third period and outscored the Stars 18-4. The team defense was very good and the third period ended with the Jayhawks up by 23, 48-25. Lansing outscored MCC in the fourth (19-13) but it was too little, too late as the Jayhawks added another win to the column.

Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) led a balanced Jayhawk effort with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) continued her good play with a 14 point, 3 steal effort. Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) scored 8 points and grabbed 9 boards and Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) ran the Jayhawk attack with 7 assists and 6 rebounds.

“We knew coming into tonight that Lansing had some quick and athletic players and we could not overlook this game. In the first half we gave up too many offensive rebounds and had too many unforced turnovers. I thought the second half we really focused in and we did much better at both of these aspects. We did not shoot particularly well, but someone always seems to step-up and fill the void, which is great to see. I am not pleased with how we have been starting and finishing games. Somehow we need to fix this, and quickly. Moving forward, we have two more games this week and they are both huge games. We need to have good practices and make sure we are 100% ready.” Head Coach Amanda Parker.

Muskegon CC is now 6-1 in the conference and 16-4 overall. They travel to take on the Lake Michigan College Redhawks on Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Both teams sit at 6-1 in the conference and tied for 2nd place, 1 game behind the #11 ranked Kalamazoo Valley Community College Cougars. MCC returns home on Saturday when they take on the Cougars in a 1:00 pm contest.

Women’s Basketball home vs. JACKSON COLLEGE

January 23 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	75
Jackson College	61

The Muskegon Community College Jayhawks celebrated their #18 national ranking with a 75-61 home court win over the Jets of Jackson College. The first period started slowly for the home team but a quick timeout allowed them to regroup and reorganize. In the second period the Jayhawks were able to get some steals and fast break lay-ups. After an exciting half-court shot by Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) MCC was able to go into the locker room with a 40-28 lead. In the third period the Jayhawks moved the ball well on offense and played better defensively and they were able to extend their lead to 17 points. Some hot 3 point shooting had Jackson

outscored MCC in the fourth but it was too little, too late as the Jayhawks held on for the comfortable win.

MCC was paced by Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 23 points and 9 rebounds, Bailey Freeland with 19 points and 3 assists and Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) with 11 points. Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) just missed a triple double with 10 points, 12 rebounds, 8 assists and 2 steals. Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) led all rebounders with 13 boards.

“I thought our overall efforts tonight were just ok, nothing extraordinary, not MCC basketball. We were very lazy at times and didn’t do the little things. We were a little out of sorts because we practiced our man sets all week and then Jackson played zone all game. We had to make some adjustments on the fly. We went away from our transition and didn’t rebound particularly well, we gave up too many offensive rebounds to Jackson. Kudos to them, they played hard all game long and never gave up. At the end of the night, a win is still a win, and thankfully we came out on top tonight. However, we have a lot of aspects of the game that we need to be better at, especially moving forward into next week with 3 games.” Coach Amanda Parker.

Women’s Basketball home vs. ANCILLA COLLEGE

January 20 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	89
Ancilla College	57

Muskegon Community College dominated Ancilla College from start to finish in a 89-57 win. MCC used their transition offense and phenomenal rebounding to jump out to a 29-8 lead after one period. The second period was more of the same as the home team was able to counter a couple of 3 point baskets by the Chargers with fast break lay-ups. Early foul trouble kept Ancilla’s best player on the bench for much of the game and MCC was able to take advantage. Both teams came out of the locker room with some sloppy play in the third period but a quick timeout helped MCC gain its composure and they were able to find the open player for easy baskets as they rolled to the blow out win.

The Jayhawks had 5 players in double figures led by Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) with 17 and Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) and Jena’a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) both had a double-double on the night. Freeland had 11 points and 10 assists and Matthews scored 10 points and added 13 rebounds. It was a total team effort as every Jayhawk registered meaningful minutes and points.

“I am extremely pleased with how we executed on both ends of the floor. We have really been working hard the past couple of days on Ancilla’s offense vs. our defense and it definitely paid off. Everything came together for us in regards to running the floor in transition, rebounding on both ends and passing through the press. To have 24 assists on 32 made baskets is really good team basketball and that is what we have been preaching all year. Also, we knew they had some

very athletic players, Khadijah Moore being the main focus, and to hold a kid like that to 13 points says a lot about our defensive efforts tonight.” Coach Amanda Parker.

The Jayhawks are now 4-1 in the Western Conference and 14-4 overall. They will host the Jackson College Jets on Saturday with a 1:00 pm tip-off.

Women’s Basketball at GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

January 13 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	73
Glen Oaks CC	42

Muskegon Community College battled the weather on a trip to take on Glen Oaks Community College and came home with a 73-42 win.

The Jayhawks are now 3-1 in the conference and 13-4 overall. They return to the court on Wednesday, 1/20 when they host the Chargers from Ancilla College.

Women’s Basketball home vs. KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

January 8 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	100
Kellogg CC	55

MCC picked up its second consecutive conference win by dominating Kellogg Community College by a score of 100-55. There was some concern about fatigue with this being the 3rd game in 5 days but the Jayhawks came out firing, especially from 3 point range. An active MCC defense helped them take a 47-34 lead into the locker room at half time. The third period saw the home team outscore the visitors 29-13 and the Jayhawks never looked back in cruising to an easy victory. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) scored 19 points and added 5 assists, Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) added 16 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists and Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) chipped in 14 points. Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) played another solid game off the bench with 13 points and 9 rebounds and Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) added 9 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists.

“It has been a long, tough, emotional week for all involved. It was so good to see such a well-balanced contribution from all 10 players that saw the floor. We have been struggling shooting the ball from the floor and the FT line, but everything finally came together tonight and it was so exciting to watch.” Coach Amanda Parker.

The Jayhawks next action will be on Wednesday, January 13 at Glen Oaks Community College. Tip-off is at 5:30 pm. They are now 2-1 in the conference and 12-4 overall.

Women's Basketball home vs. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

January 6 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	63
Grand Rapids CC	56

Muskegon Community College beat an improved team from Grand Rapids Community College by a score of 63-56. The Jayhawks were able to overcome some 2nd period foul problems and took a 32-25 lead into the locker room. The Raiders came out in the 3rd period and scored the first 7 points to pull into a tie at 32. From there it was a back and forth game as the Jayhawks were able to maintain a 2 point lead at the end of the 3rd. Clutch free throw shooting in the 4th period was enough to seal the win for the home team. Team leaders were Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 20 points and 15 rebounds, Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) with 13 points and 3 steals and Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) with 12 points and 6 rebounds. Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) added 7 points and 6 assists and Fran Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) played a solid game with 6 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists.

“The fact that we came out with the win tonight is huge for this team. We have been a little down, due to losing our last 3 games. We rebounded on both ends and made some clutch FT’s towards the end of the game. These ladies knew how important this game was tonight and they really showed some desire and dedication to finish the game with a win. I am extremely proud of every one of them! Moving forward, there is a lot of room for improvement and many aspects of the game we really need to work on. This conference is tough and we have to be ready for anything that is thrown our way.” Coach Amanda Parker.

The Jayhawks are now 1-1 in conference play and 11-4 overall. They return to the court on Friday, 1/8 when they host the Bruins from Kellogg Community College. Game time is 5:30 pm.

Women's Basketball at KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

January 4 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Kalamazoo Valley CC (#17)	68
Muskegon CC	61

Muskegon Community College dropped their conference opener to #17 ranked Kalamazoo Valley Community College in overtime by a score of 68-61.

The Jayhawks will look to get back in the win column on Wednesday when they host Grand Rapids Community College at 5:30 pm.

Women's Basketball at Delta College

December 22, 2015 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
Delta College	62
Muskegon CC	53

The Jayhawks travelled to Delta College to take on the Pioneers in non-conference action. MCC dropped its second game in a row by a score of 62-53. The team is off until January 4th, 2016 when they travel to Kalamazoo Valley Community College for a key early-season conference match up. Game time will be 5:30 pm.

Women's Basketball at Henry Ford vs. Niagara County CC

December 19, 2015 @ TBD

Final	
Niagara County CC	57
Muskegon CC	55

Muskegon Community College lost for only the second time this season in the championship game to Niagara County Community College by a score of 57-55. The Jayhawks were almost able to overcome a slow offensive night by outscoring Niagara in the 4th period. MCC was able to even the score at 55 off a Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) fade away bank shot but a put back after a missed shot at the buzzer sealed the win for Niagara. Giddings was the top scorer with 14 points. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) scored 13 points, collected 6 rebounds and added 4 assists. Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) added 10 points and 5 rebounds and Fran Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) chipped in 7 points and was the leading rebounder with 8.

“We have not lost since November 4th, so this one took a toll on everyone. Losing at the buzzer because of a missed box-out is a tough one to take in. We preach the little things every day in practice and games – the little things can make or break you; and tonight it broke us. We were just out of sync tonight. We did not play great defense, rebound very well or shoot great; hard to win not doing those 3 things. We did not play MCC basketball until that last 6mins of the 4th qtr. You cannot choose when to play hard and when not too; especially against a good team, they will take advantage of it. Unfortunately losing is a part of being an athlete. I told my players, it’s how you respond to a loss that defines who you are individually and collectively. We will see how we bounce back on Tuesday against Delta.” Coach Amanda Parker.

The Jayhawks return to action on Tuesday at Delta College at 1:00 pm.

Women's Basketball at Henry Ford Community College

December 18, 2015 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	74
Henry Ford College	69

The Jayhawks traveled to Dearborn, MI to take on Henry Ford College in game one of the Hawks Classic and came away with a 74-69 win. Leading players for Muskegon Community College were Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 18 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists and Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) with 13 points, 8 assists, 3 steals and 3 charges taken. Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) added 13 points and Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) grabbed 11 rebounds.

"I was not pleased with our effort in the second half. We turned the ball over way too much. You cannot give up a 20 point halftime lead to the home team, they will always find a spark and some energy with their fans supporting them. We still are not shooting the ball very well; somehow we need to fix this, especially before we get into conference play. Overall, coming out with a win was good for us tonight. We have a huge championship game tomorrow against a very good Niagara team." Coach Amanda Parker

Women's Basketball home vs. Mott Community College

December 12, 2015 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	77
Mott CC	70

Muskegon Community College defeated Mott Community College by a score of 77-70 on Saturday night in Bartels-Rode Gymnasium. The Jayhawks struggled to defend in the first two periods and the offense had a tough time scoring. The Bears went into halftime with a 10 point lead. In the third period MCC out-scored Mott by 16 to erase the deficit and take a 6 point lead into the final period. Good free throw shooting and key steals down the stretch secured the win. The Jayhawks were led by Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) who finished with 19 points, 7 rebounds and 6 steals. Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) had a double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds and Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) played a strong all-around game as she added 15 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists and 5 steals. Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) led all rebounders with 20 and Tootie Thompson (Muskegon Catholic Central HS) chipped in 15 points.

“We knew this was going to be a tough game for us. Mott has really been playing some good basketball and they have two fantastic guards. We have been dealing with some illness & injuries and it took a toll on us being able to guard in the half-court. At halftime, I was almost at a loss for words; this was not the team I had been coaching the past 9 games – no effort, no energy, poor defensively, and zero communication. So, we made some changes and I told them we needed to make a surge in the 3rd period. Mott was getting in the paint entirely too easy. We had to switch to our zone defense to save some legs and force Mott to take shots from the perimeter. We were down, but never out and they believed that. They kept plugging away and never gave up. I am so proud of all 12 of them”. Head Coach Amanda Parker.

Women’s Basketball home vs. Wayne County Community College

December 5, 2015 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	82
Wayne County CC	32

Muskegon Community College defeated Wayne County Community College by a score of 82-32 on Saturday. The Jayhawks will host Mott Community College on Saturday, 12/12. Game time will be 1:00 pm.

The Jayhawks will travel to Dearborn, MI to play Friday and Saturday at Henry Ford Community College. Game time on Friday is 8:00 pm with Saturday’s game time to be determined. They are now 9-1 on the season.

Women’s Basketball at Alma College JV

December 1, 2015 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	77
Alma College JV	51

Muskegon Community College beat the Alma College JV by a score of 77-51. In the first period the Scott’s zone defense forced MCC into early turnovers and missed shots but in the second period they found their energy. The defensive effort paid off in steals and fast break lay-ups and the Jayhawks took a 36-17 halftime lead. In the third period MCC knocked down some 3 point baskets to retain a comfortable lead. Alma outscored the Jayhawks in the fourth period 24 to 23 but it was too little, too late as MCC held on for the easy win.

Key contributors for the game were Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 25 points and 6 steals, Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) with 14 points, 5 steals and 5 assists and Tootie Thompson (Muskegon Catholic Central HS) with 13 points. Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) added 9 rebounds and 5 blocked shots and Sam McGhan (Oakridge HS) chipped in with 7 rebounds and 4 assists. This was a very balanced game as all 9 players finished with very even minutes.

“We always seem to get off to slow starts; somehow we have to change that. I have told my team time and time again that we are going to miss shots, but there is no excuse for being inactive and lethargic on the defensive end. Once we picked up the enthusiasm, we started playing MCC basketball. We cannot allow ourselves to ever be satisfied because there is definitely always room for improvement. Overall, a win is still a win and if that is the outcome of the game, then this team has fulfilled its goal for the night.” – Coach Amanda Parker.

The Jayhawks are now 7-1 on the season and they return to action on Saturday, December 5 when they host Wayne County Community College at 1:00 pm.

Women's Basketball home vs. Oakland Community College

November 28, 2015 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	78
Oakland CC	62

Muskegon Community College beat the Raiders from Oakland Community College on Saturday night in the final game of the MCC Thanksgiving Classic by a score of 78-62. The Jayhawks were led by Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) who played a well-rounded game. She picked up 22 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals. Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) added a hard earned 12 points in the paint and she also collected 11 rebounds. Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) continued to work hard on the boards and she was rewarded with 9 points and a game high 14 rebounds. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) handed out 7 assists.

“To hold a team like Oakland to only 18 fast break points and 28 points in the paint when they are averaging almost triple that says a lot about our defensive efforts tonight. When I first met this group of young ladies I told them my philosophy was defense and rebounding. Those are two effort parts of the game that we can control. So far, this team has lived up to all my expectations in those two categories. This group is playing some great TEAM basketball right now, offensively and defensively and it's truly exciting to watch” said Coach Amanda Parker after the game.

The Jayhawks will travel to Alma College on Tuesday, 12/1 to play the Scotts at 6:00 pm. They are now 6-1 on the young season.

Women's Basketball home vs. Alpena Community College

November 27, 2015 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

70

Alpena CC

42

Muskegon Community College defeated Alpena Community College for the second time in one week by a score of 70-42. The Jayhawks finished with 4 players scoring in double digits led by Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) with 21. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) added 14 points and 3 steals, Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) finished with 11 points and 11 assists and Tootie Thompson (Muskegon Catholic Central HS) added 11 points. Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) collected 14 rebounds and Sam McGhan (Oakridge HS) grabbed 7 boards.

“We have really been struggling shooting the ball, so it was good to see us knock down some shots. We truly shared the ball well on offense tonight; having 25 assists on 27 made shots. This group is really clicking lately, having less turnovers and playing good team defense. We look to build off this and continue to make strides every day in the right direction” commented Coach Amanda Parker after the game.

Women's Basketball home vs. Alpena Community College

November 21, 2015 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

68

Alpena CC

43

Muskegon Community College finished off a fine week of basketball with a 68-38 win over Alpena Community College in the East/East Classic. It was the 3rd win in 3 games for the Jayhawks. Kimyonna (Tootie) Thompson (Muskegon Catholic Central HS) led a balanced Jayhawk attack with 11 points and 7 rebounds, followed by a 10 point effort from Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) and 8 points, 8 rebounds and 3 steals from Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS). Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) continued her tenacious rebounding with 13 boards. Brittany Todd (Cedar Springs HS) added 7 rebounds and Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) chipped in with 7 assists.

“It was so good to get a well-balanced contribution tonight. We have really been rebounding well (125 total rebounds in 2 games). However, we have not been shooting well and that will be our focus the next couple of days. To get 3 wins in one week is tough for any team. I am so proud of this team and the time and effort they have been putting in; it is really starting to pay off” said Coach Amanda Parker after the game.

The Jayhawks are off until Friday when they open with Alpena Community College on day one of the MCC Thanksgiving Classic. MCC is now 4-1 on the season.

Women's Basketball home vs. St. Clair Community College

November 20, 2015 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	83
St. Clair CCC	78

Muskegon Community College overcame a slow start and poor free throw shooting to defeat St. Clair County Community College in overtime by a score of 83-78 in the first game of the East/West Classic at Bartels-Rode Gymnasium. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) led the Jayhawks offensively with 25 points, 9 rebounds and 4 assists. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) chipped in with 17 points, including 4 3-pointers and Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) added 14 points and 6 assists. Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) had a monster rebounding game with 19 and Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) added 12 boards. Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) provided an offensive spark off the bench, including a key 3 pointer in overtime.

“What an exciting game, from start to finish. Take nothing away from St. Clair, they have two of the best guards we have faced all season and they were a hand full for us defensively. My kids battled through sickness, injuries and adversity to get this win tonight and I couldn't be more proud of the effort we gave as a team” commented Coach Amanda Parker after the game.

Women's Basketball home vs. Calvin College JV

November 18, 2015 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	68
Calvin College JV	58

Muskegon Community College beat Calvin College JV in their home opener by a score of 68-58. After an evenly played 1st period the Knights were able to dominate MCC in the 2nd period and took a lead of 32-28 into half time. In the 3rd period the Jayhawks went into a full court press which caused turnovers and easy baskets for the home team. MCC was able to pull away for the 10 point win despite inconsistent play throughout the game. MCC was led by the guard play of Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) and Camaryia Willaims (Reeths-Puffer HS) who each scored 15 points. Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) added 11 and Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) chipped in with 8. Kaylie Caverley (Tri-County HS) and Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) led all rebounders with 8 each and Giddings rounded out her line with 5 assists and 8 steals.

“I was not pleased with the first half at all. We cannot turn the ball over 16 times in a half, especially to a good basketball program like Calvin.” said Coach Amanda Parker after the win. “If you look at the stats on paper, you would wonder how we ended up with the win; Calvin shot better, had more rebounds, assists and steals. But our players really dug deep defensively and forced some more turnovers in the second half and turned up the energy. Our guards have really been playing well, having 3 of them in double figures tonight is good for our team and helps us win big games”.

The Jayhawks return to their home court on Friday and Saturday when the host St. Clair CCC and Alpena CC in the MCCA East West Classic. Game time each day is approximately 5:30 pm.

Women’s Basketball at Mott Community College

November 11, 2015 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	77
Mott CC	66

Muskegon Community College traveled to Flint, MI to take on the Mott Community College Bears and came home with a 77-66 victory. “We had a great first half, allowing only 22 points defensively. We moved the ball around really well on offense and got some good looks” said first year coach Amanda Parker. After the Jayhawks dominated for 3 quarters then Mott CC went on an offensive run to get within 10 with 3 minutes left to play. MCC hit some key free throws and locked in on defense to get the victory.

Point guard Morgan Giddings (Oakridge HS) scored 18 to lead four players in double figures. Giddings also added 8 assists and 7 rebounds. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) added 16 points, Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) had 13 points, and Tootie Thompson (Muskegon Catholic Central HS) scored 10 points respectively. Jena’a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) chipped in with some big rebounds in the 4th quarter, with a total of 8 in the game. The Jayhawks finished with a total of 20 assists for the game.

The Jayhawks return to action on Wednesday, November 18 when they host the JV team from Calvin College. Tip off is 5:30 pm.

Women’s Basketball at Owens Community College

November 4, 2015 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Final	
Owens CC	69
Muskegon CC	

Muskegon Community College lost its 2015-16 season opener to Owens Community College 69-59 on November 4 in Toledo, Ohio. “We had a tough first quarter – couldn’t seem to find a rhythm offensively,” said First Year Head Coach Amanda Parker. “We battled all night, but we could not seem to close that 10-point gap from getting down in the first quarter. I am very pleased with the defensive effort of our team. However, a loss is still a loss and we have a lot to continue working on.” Kamaryia Williams (Reeths Puffer HS) led the Jayhawks with 25 points and five steals. Francesca Cerniglia (Fruitport HS) and Brittany Todd (Cedar Springs HS) both had eight rebounds for the Jayhawks. The team will travel to Flint for a game at Mott Community College on Wednesday.