

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2016-17 RECAPS

MCC Basketball Standout Kyle Ervin Jr. Named Third Team All-American

Muskegon Community College sophomore forward Kyle Ervin Jr. was named to the 2016-17 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's Basketball All-America Third Team.

The 6-7, 230-pound forward averaged 21.7 points and 12 rebounds per game for the 22-7 Jayhawks, who captured the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Western Conference title and advanced to the NJCAA Region IX semifinals this season.

A Detroit, MI, native and Wylie E. Groves High School graduate, Ervin finished the season ranked 7th nationally in rebounds and 16th in points per game. He played and scored in double figures in 21 games for the Jayhawks. He tallied 14 double-doubles and scored over 30 points in two contests. He shot 48.6% from the field, 36.3% from beyond the three-point arc, and 69.9% from the free throw line for the season.

He becomes the second consecutive MCC men's basketball All-America in the past two seasons. Last year, Jayhawk Eddie Tornes was named a Second Team All-America.

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MCC Men's Basketball Players and Coach Receive Post-Season Honors

The MCC men's basketball team, which captured the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Western Conference championship in 2016-17, also garnered several league post-season honors for its five starters and coach.

- Sophomore point guard Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights, MI/Muskegon Heights) and sophomore forward Kyle Ervin Jr. (Detroit, MI/Wylie E. Groves) were both named to the All-Region, All-MCCAA, and First Team All-Conference Teams.
- Freshman guard Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids, MI/Union) was named Second Team All-Conference as well as to the Western Conference All-Freshman Team.
- Sophomore forward Mike Williams (Grand Rapids, MI/Godwin Heights) was voted to the All-Defensive Team and an All-Conference Honorable Mention.
- Freshman guard Daryl Kirkland II (Grand Rapids, MI/Muskegon) was named to the NJCAA District 9 All-Tournament Team.
- MCC Head Coach Dave Schlump, who guided the Jayhawks to a 22-7 record this season, was voted Western Conference Coach of the Year.

"I am happy for the guys who were fortunate enough to be recognized," said Schlump.

"Individual awards are nice to get, but I truly believe that individual awards are more often than

not, the result of team success and this year is no different. And I know everyone on this team probably feels the exact same way.”

Men’s Basketball NJCAA Region XII Semi-Final

March 9 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Grand Rapids CC	78
Muskegon CC	74

The MCC men’s basketball team, the MCCA Western Conference champions, lost 78-74 to Grand Rapids CC on March 10 in the NJCAA Region 9 semifinals at the St. Clair County CC Fieldhouse. The Jayhawks finish the season with a 22-7 record.

The Jayhawks, who finish the season with a 22-7 record, used defense to hold GRCC to just 26 first half points while building a 34-26 halftime lead. Neither squad shot the ball well in the first half.

GRCAA changed that in the second half, while MCC continued to miss its shots. GRCC erased the eight-point lead early in the second half and for the majority of the half it was a one possession game.

With less than 10 seconds to go in the contest, the Jayhawks were down two points and missed a free throw attempt. The ball was tipped out but MCC couldn’t corral the loose ball and the Jayhawks fouled. GRCC hit both free throws to win 78-74.

“We just couldn’t get into a rhythm offensively and we got a little frustrated and I think it started to affect us defensively in the second half, but this is March and upsets like this happen,” said MCC Head Coach Dave Schlump. “It doesn’t take away for one second what this team has accomplished this season. They made history doing something that no other team ever has done at MCC by winning an outright conference championship and no one can’t take that away from them. I really feel for these guys right now but I could not be more proud of them for what they have done and overcame this season.”

Men’s Basketball at Schoolcraft College (MCCA State Title Game)

March 4 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Schoolcraft College	89
Muskegon CC	74

The 16th ranked Jayhawks of Muskegon Community College traveled to Livonia, MI to take on 10th ranked Schoolcraft College and fell by a score of 89-75 in the MCCA State Title game.

The Jayhawks struck first with a Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) 3 pointer and they were off and running. The entire first half was back and forth with Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) carrying the Jayhawks with 18 first half points, including 4 baskets from the 3 point line. The Jayhawks led by 5 at halftime 45-40.

To start the 2nd half the Jayhawks scored on their first couple of possessions but then they struggled to score as bad as they have all year, going about 7 minutes without a basket. Even though MCC defended well for the first 10 minutes, Schoolcraft eventually took the lead and never looked back. The Jayhawks were able to get great looks in the second half but simply just couldn't make shots.

"I'm proud of our effort, we just couldn't get shots to fall in the second half," said head Coach Dave Schlump. "We got great looks but we just couldn't get them to fall and I think that was the difference in the game. Now it's time to focus on playing in the regional tournament and getting to nationals."

Ervin Jr. led MCC in scoring with 22 points. Diaz put up 17 points, Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) finished with 13 points and Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) added 12 points.

The Jayhawks are now 22-6 overall. They return to the floor on Thursday, 3/9 at 7:30 pm when they take on the winner of the GRCC-Mid Michigan match up.

Men's Basketball at Ancilla College

March 1 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	103
Ancilla College	102

In a season ending game to decide the Western Conference Championship, the 16th ranked Muskegon Community College earned that title with a victory over 13th ranked Ancilla College on the road by an overtime score of 103-102.

Ancilla came out on fire to start the game, shooting 53% from the field in the 1st half. With about 13 minutes to play, MCC was down by 11 points. The team stayed calm and weathered the run and at the end of the half Ancilla had a 2 point lead, 45-43.

The Jayhawks turned the tables early in the 2nd half and built a 9 point lead, 60-51, but then they had a 7 minute stretch where they struggled to score and the Chargers roared back to take the lead at the 10 minute mark. Ancilla held the lead for most of the rest of the 2nd half. With 5 minutes to play Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) sparked an MCC run. After a couple of 3 pointers and a lay up, the Jayhawks held a slim 1 point lead with 10 seconds to play. MCC was called for a foul, sending Ancilla to the free throw line with a chance to win it in regulation, but they would only make 1 of 2 free throws to force the tie and overtime. Stimage continued where he left off, hitting back to back 3 pointers to start the extra period. The teams traded baskets and with 10 seconds to play the Jayhawks were again up by 1 point. Ancilla's shot attempt at the

buzzer missed the mark and there was a scramble for the rebound as time expired to secure the hard fought victory for the Jayhawks.

“What a game and what an unbelievable win by our guys and for this program,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “Every single person contributed tonight. Everyone. At times it felt like we were playing this game for everyone who has worn a Jayhawk uniform in the past. This group is a tough bunch of guys who set their mind to a goal and made school history in the process. I just can’t say it enough how proud I am of this team. They deserve and have earned being called Champions.” “Ricarri Stimage was unbelievable tonight,” added Coach Schlump.

Stimage finished the game with 37 points on 10-19 (7-13 from 3 point range) shooting and 12 assists. Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) scored 23 before fouling out. Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) scored 18 points and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) scored 10 on 50% shooting.

The Jayhawks finish the rugged Western Conference with a 16-2 record and are now 22-5 overall. Next up is a game against the Eastern Conference Champion #10 Schoolcraft College to declare an MCCA State Champion. Tip off for that game is 3:00 pm in Livonia, MI. They have also earned a bye in the first round of the Region XII Championship and will play on Thursday, 3/9 at St. Clair County Community College with a 7:30 pm start.

Men’s Basketball Home vs. Jackson College

February 27 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	86
Jackson College	77

The 18th ranked Jayhawks picked up their 7th win in a row and clinched at least a share of the MCCA Western Conference title with a big win over Jackson College 86-77. MCC hit 9 first half 3 pointers with all 5 starters scoring at least 8 points for a 47-37 half time lead. In the second half the Jayhawk defense held the Jets to 16% from the 3 point line and once again got balanced scoring from all 5 starters. MCC never trailed in the game but Jackson kept it close. Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) hit 2 clutch jumpers inside two minutes and Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) was 5-6 from the free throw line to secure the win.

“It wasn’t pretty but our guys were tough tonight and made plays when it ultimately mattered most,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “That’s what sophomores do and that’s what our guys did. Give credit to our guys. They earned it.”

Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) scored another double double with 26 points and 19 rebounds. Stimage added 20 points and 8 assists and Williams chipped in with 15 points. Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) added 12 points and Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) rounded out the starters with 11 points. The Jayhawks improve to 15-2 in the Western Conference and 21-5 overall. They can win the conference title outright with a win on Wednesday, 2/28 in Donaldson, IN against Ancilla College. Tipoff is 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball at Lake Michigan College

February 24 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

99

Lake Michigan College

74

The 18th ranked Jayhawks got a big road win, blowing out Lake Michigan College 99-74. MCC used 8 first half 3 pointers to break open the game after a back and forth first 10 minutes. With under 2 minutes to go in the half, MCC was up by 14 points, but a 6-0 run by LMC cut the Jayhawk lead to 8 points heading into the locker room, 44-36.

The Jayhawks came out in the second half and imposed their will over LMC, extending the lead to double digits in the first two minutes. With 6 minutes to play the lead ballooned to 25 points. The Jayhawks notched win #20 and they continue to be alone in first place in the conference with just 2 games to play.

"I thought we played extremely well tonight for about 30 of the 40 minutes," said Head Coach Dave Schlump. "Our guys were focused and played with a sense of urgency tonight and that's exactly what we needed and are going to need moving forward. It was a great team effort and we got great contributions from everyone."

Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) and Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) each recorded monster double doubles. Ervin had 30 points and 16 rebounds while Stimage scored 26 points, including six 3 pointers, and dished out 10 assists. Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) also scored in double figures with 14 points.

MCC is now 14-2 in the conference and 20-5 overall. They return to the floor on Monday, 2/27 when they host Jackson College in the final regular season home game. It will also be Sophomore night. Tip off is 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball Home vs. Mid-Michigan CC

February 22 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

83

Mid Michigan CC

69

#18 Muskegon Community College used balance scoring and solid defense to secure the 83-69 win over Mid Michigan Community College. The Jayhawks were able to build an 11 point lead early in the first half but the offense stalled and Mid Michigan was able to take a 3 point lead

with 3 minutes to play. The Jayhawk defense was able to get some stops and MCC was able to take a 35-32 lead into the locker room at the half.

MCC would continue the defensive effort in the second half while finding their groove offensively. They extended the lead to as many as 20 points with 3:30 to go but Mid Michigan was able to close the gap. In the end, MCC's defensive effort held Mid Michigan to just 69 points, which was well short of the Lakers 83 point average.

"I'm really happy with our effort tonight. I thought we defended well for the most part and shared the ball and got each other going. This was a good, tough win," said Head Coach Dave Schlump after the game.

Once again the Jayhawks had 5 players in double figures, including 3 players with double doubles. Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) led the way with 23 points and 16 rebounds, Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) had 13 points and 13 rebounds and Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) finished with 12 points and 12 assists. Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) went for 19 points, including 5 three pointers, and Michael Williams (Godwin Heights HS) added 14 points.

With the victory the Jayhawks claim sole possession of first place in the Western Conference at 13-2 and 19-5 overall. They return to the court on Friday, 2/24 when they travel to Lake Michigan College for a 7:30 pm tip off.

Men's Basketball at Glen Oaks CC

February 18 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	99
Glen Oaks CC	84

The #19 ranked Jayhawks beat Glen Oaks Community College in Centreville, MI by a score of 99-84. MCC scored the first 10 points of the game by hitting their first 4 shots to go up 10-0 early. They were able to extend the lead to 13 by half time after Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) hit a 3 point shot at the buzzer.

Glen Oaks CC was able to match the Jayhawks in the first 12 minutes of the second half but in the final 8 minutes of the game MCC expanded it's lead to the final margin of 15 to secure the win.

"We knew going in we would get their best shot today and that's exactly what we faced," said Head Coach Dave Schlump. "We stuck together and did what we had to do win. That's what good teams do this time of year and that's exactly what we did."

The Jayhawks had an incredible 26 team assists and 4 players in double figures. Kyle Ervin, Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) led MCC with 24 points and 12 rebounds, his second straight double double. Diaz ended his day with 23 points and 9 rebounds. Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights

HS) scored 15 points and added a game high 9 assists and Michael Williams (Godwin Heights HS) finished with 14 points.

MCC is now 12-2 in the Western Conference (tied for first place) and 18-5 overall. They return to the hardwood on Wednesday, 2/28 when they host Mid Michigan Community College. Tip off is 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball Home vs. Kalamazoo Valley CC

February 15 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	86
Kalamazoo Valley CC	60

The #19 Jayhawks used defense and balanced scoring to defeat Kalamazoo Valley Community College by a score of 86-60. Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) led the Jayhawks with 12 first half points in what was an otherwise cold shooting half for MCC. The Jayhawks still maintained a 10 point lead going into halftime thanks to their defensive effort, holding KVCC to 25 points. The offense was able to get rolling in the second half as the Jayhawks scored 51 points to put the game away.

“I was really pleased with our defense, particularly in the first half, but overall as well. It was a great team win,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump.

There were 6 Jayhawks in double figures led by Diaz with 20 points on 7 of 10 shooting. Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) recorded a double double with 13 points and 12 rebounds and Michael Williams (Godwin Heights HS) also had a double double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Daryl Kirkland (Muskegon HS) scored 12 points with Israel Williams (Pontiac HS) and Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) each adding 10 points.

The Jayhawks are now 11-2 in the conference and 17-5 overall. They remain tied with Lansing Community College for the top spot in the Western Conference. Next up is a trip to Glen Oaks Community College on Saturday, 2/18 with a 3:00 pm tip off.

Men's Basketball at Lansing CC

February 11 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	85
Lansing CC	84

The #21 ranked Jayhawks traveled to Lansing and upset the #14 Lansing Community College Stars 85-84. It was the first home loss for LCC this year.

The Jayhawks jumped out to a 15 point lead with 14 minutes to play in the first half but LCC came back to take a 1 point lead into the locker room, 40-39. The second half was a series of runs with 5 ties and 5 lead changes. In the last 2 minutes of the game the Jayhawks hit two huge 3 pointers, first by Kyle Ervin, Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) to put MCC up two and then by Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Hts. HS) to go up 3, both of which the Stars answered to tie it back up on the following possession. With the game tied at 84-84 and 4.3 to play LCC fouled Stimage on a drive to the basket. Stimage hit a clutch free throw and the Jayhawks defended well as LCC threw up a half court attempt that fell short.

“I’m just so proud of our guys today. They played so tough the whole game and we stuck together as a team and battled,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “Our guys were just tough. And this is tough tough place to get a win”

The Jayhawks once again had great balanced scoring with 5 guys in double figures. Stimage led with 19 points on 50 % shooting. Michael Williams (Godwin Heights HS) had 17 points going 5-6 from the field (2-3 from the 3 point line). Ervin Jr. added 15 points and 9 rebounds and both Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) and Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) finished with 14 points.

The Jayhawks are now tied for 1st in the conference with a 10-2 record. They are 16-5 overall. The next action is on Wednesday, 2/15 when they host Kalamazoo Valley Community College at 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball Home vs. Kellogg CC

February 8 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon	91
Kellogg CC	64

Muskegon Community College used a big second half to cruise to victory over Kellogg Community College by a score of 91-64. After a back and forth first half the Jayhawks took a 4 point lead into the locker room at the half. They were able to turn things up defensively in the second half, allowing the Bruins only 26 points and 25.9% shooting. The Jayhawks exploded offensively with 5 players finishing in double figures.

“I was really disappointed in the way we played, mainly on defense, in the first half and I challenged them to play the way we expect,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “I thought they did a much better job in the second half.”

Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) led the Jayhawks with 23 points and 8 rebounds. Kyle Ervin, Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) finished with a double double of 16 points and 10 rebounds, Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) finished with 15 points on 6-7 shooting, 9 rebounds and 6 assists and Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) added 12 points and 9 assists. Daryl Kirkland II rounded out the double figure scorers with 12.

The #21 Jayhawks improve to 9-2 in conference play and 15-5 overall. On Saturday, 2/11 they travel to Lansing Community College to take on the first place Stars. Tipoff is at 3:00 pm.

Men's Basketball at Grand Rapids CC

February 3 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Grand Rapids CC	82
Muskegon CC	68

The #21 ranked Jayhawks started the 2nd round of conference play with a 82-68 loss at Grand Rapids Community College. MCC took a 3 point lead into the locker room after Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) went the length of the court and scored a layup at the buzzer.

The Jayhawks came out in the second half and struggled offensively while GRCC got hot, shooting 56% from the field and 50% behind the 3 point line. The Raiders were able to build a double digit lead with under 10 to go. The Jayhawks cut the lead to 9 with about 5 minutes to go but could not get any closer. It was just the second conference loss for the Jayhawks and first loss since January 11th.

“We were just bad in every aspect tonight,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “We didn’t do anything well. Give all the credit to Coach Bronkema and his kids. They played very well and they were the better team tonight.”

MCC was led by Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Hts. HS) with 19 points, followed by Ervin Jr with 14 points. Sergio Diaz (GR Union HS) finished with 12 points.

The Jayhawks are now 8-2 in conference play, good for 2nd place, and 14-5 overall. They tip off at home against Kellogg Community College on Wednesday, 2/8 at 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball Home vs. Ancilla College

February 1 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	87
Ancilla College	83

Muskegon Community College had 4 players in double figures in an exciting 87-83 victory over #15 Ancilla College. It was the 6th straight win for the Jayhawks who remain 1 game back of Lansing CC for the league lead. The first half saw 7 lead changes with the Jayhawks taking a 2 point lead into the locker room at the half. In the second half the game MCC was able to make a run and go up by 11 with 11:20 left to play, but Ancilla answered with an 11-0 run of their own

to tie it back up going into the last minute of play. Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS), Kyle Erin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) and Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) all hit clutch baskets down the stretch to secure the win.

Ervin Jr. led all scorers with 26 points, including a perfect 8-8 from the free throw line. Stimage scored 18 points and added a game high 9 assists. Kirkland II scored 17 points and grabbed 6 rebounds and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) scored 15 by shooting a perfect 3-3 from the field and 3-3 from the 3 point line.

“What a great, tough, gritty win by our guys tonight. Ancilla is a good team,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “I didn’t think we played our best tonight at times but I’m certainly happy with the way we closed it out and hit big shots when it mattered most”

With the win the Jayhawks improve to 8-1 in the conference and 14-4 overall. MCC will get only 1 day off before traveling to rival GRCC on Friday, 2/3. Tipoff is at 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Jackson College

January 27 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	80
Jackson College	76

Muskegon Community College picked up their 5th straight win at Jackson College by a score of 80-76. Working on one day of rest, they used 7 made 3 pointers in the first half to take a 37-36 lead into the locker room. The game stayed close until the end but the Jayhawks were able to get defensive stops and key buckets from Daryl Kirkland (Muskegon HS) and Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) to secure the victory.

The Jayhawks finished with four players in double figures. Erving Jr. finished with 26 points, Kirkland score 19 points, Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) added 16 points, including clutch free throws down the stretch. Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) chipped in 10 points.

“This was a grind from start to finish and I thought we did a great job of keeping our heads and executing when it ultimately mattered most,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “It was a good, tough win tonight.”

MCC is now 7-1 in conference play, good for 2nd place, and 13-4 overall. They have a big game on Wednesday, 2/1 when they host Ancilla College who is just a game back. Tip off is at 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball Home vs. Lake Michigan College

January 25 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	

Lake Michigan College	107
	84

Muskegon Community College came out firing on all cylinders and cruised to a 107-84 win over Lake Michigan College. The Jayhawks hit a season high 16 3 pointers. A balanced scoring attack led by Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) with 17 points and 9 rebounds helped give MCC a 15 point half time lead and they never trailed in the contest. Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) and Ervin Jr. wowed the crowd with some impressive dunks. Five different Jayhawks finished in double figures led by Ervin Jr with a season high 35 points and 11 boards. Williams scored a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds and Daryl Kirkland (Muskegon HS) finished with 18 points. Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) scored 13 with Blake Andrews (Muskegon HS) added 11 points off the bench.

“Tonight was one of those nights for us. LMC is a good team,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “The biggest thing I am proud of tonight is the balanced scoring and how well we shared ball with 21 assists to only 9 turnovers.”

MCC is now 6-1 in the conference and 12-4 overall. They travel to Jackson College on Friday, 1/27 for a 7:30 pm game.

Men’s Basketball at Mid-Michigan CC

January 21 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	96
Mid Michigan CC	83

The Jayhawks traveled to Mt. Pleasant to play against Western Conference new comer Mid Michigan CC and left town with a 96-83 win. Mid Michigan CC joined the MCCA Western Conference this year after previously competing as a D3 school. Both teams came into the game near the top of the conference standings. The first half was a back and forth affair for much of the period but it was the Jayhawks who were able to make a run and go into halftime up by 8, 45-37. Mid Michigan started the second half much better than they ended the first and quickly erased the Jayhawk lead. The Jayhawks had to battle foul trouble and the bench came through with Blake Andrews (Muskegon HS) and Israel Williams (Pontiac HS) both playing huge minutes and giving MCC exactly the type of spark they needed.

With about 7 minutes to go the Jayhawks started what turned out to be a 4 minute run that put them up by 11 points with 3 minutes to play and they held on for the road win.

Michael Williams (Godwin Heights HS) had himself a day scoring 24 points, 12 rebounds, 5 steals and 5 assists to lead MCC. Four other Jayhawks were in double figures as well; Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) finished with a game high 26 points and 8 rebounds, Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) continued his hot hand with 15 points (50% from the field) and Daryl

Kirkland (Muskegon HS) added 11 points. Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) continued his steady play at the point with 10 points along with a game high 10 assists with just 1 turnover.

“I am so proud of the way we played today as a team. It wasn’t always pretty but I thought we got some big time performances from some of our starters that we knew we were gonna need and I thought some of the guys that came off the bench played outstanding,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “Without those guys stepping up, I am not sure if we win this game. It was a great team effort and win today.”

MCC improves to 5-1 in the Western Conference and 11-4 overall. They return to the floor on Wednesday, 1/25/17 at 7:30 pm when they host Lake Michigan College.

Men’s Basketball Home vs. Glen Oaks CC

January 18 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	87
Glen Oaks CC	66

The Jayhawks won their second game in a row Wednesday night defeating Glen Oaks CC in dominating fashion by a score of 87-66. MCC jumped out to an 11-0 lead to start the game and never looked back. Led by their swarming defense MCC limited Glen Oaks to 24.3% from the field and 8.3% from the 3 point line in the first half as the Jayhawks built a comfortable 18 point half time lead 42-24. The two teams traded baskets for the first 10 minutes of the second half before stringing together stops to put the game away with just inside 8 minutes left to play. Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) exploded in the second half for 21 of his game high 28 points in the second half along with a career high 20 rebounds. Three other Jayhawks hit double figures as Daryl Kirkland (Muskegon HS) finished his strong night with 20 points. Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) recorded his second consecutive double double with 14 points and 11 rebounds and Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) flirted with a triple double having 18 points 8 rebounds 8 assists and 0 turnovers.

“I’m really happy with the way we came out in the first half and took the fight to them and also for the way we closed out the first half,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “I’m not happy at all with the way we defended during large stretches of the second half but I thought we did some good things offensively. Overall it was a good win.”

MCC improves to 4-1 in the Western Conference and 10-4 overall. They travel to Mid Michigan CC on Saturday, 1/21 for a 3:30 pm game.

Men’s Basketball at Kalamazoo Valley CC

January 14 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
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Muskegon CC

Kalamazoo Valley CC

89

74

The Jayhawks got a much needed bounce back win on the road against Kalamazoo Valley Community College 89-75. At the 12 minute mark of the first half the game was tied at 28 when the Jayhawks turned up their defensive effort and intensity to go on a 14-3 run and into the locker room up by 11 at the half. The Jayhawks would play even in the first 8 minutes of the second half before breaking open the game and securing the conference win.

The Jayhawks had four players finish in double figures; Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) had 20 points followed by Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) with 17 points. Sergio Diaz (GR Union HS) added 12 points and Blake Andrews (Muskegon HS) dropped 11 points off the bench.

“I was very pleased with this road win. It is never easy to win on the road and this place is always a hard place to play,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “I’m pleased with our effort and with the win.”

MCC improves to 3-1 in the conference and 9-4 overall. They return to the court on Wednesday, 1/18/17 when they host Glen Oaks Community College. Tipoff is 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball Home vs. Lansing CC

January 11 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final

Lansing CC

96

Muskegon CC

89

Muskegon Community College lost a Western Conference match up against Lansing Community College by a score of 96-89. The game was tight for the first 10 minutes of the game with 5 lead changes, but LCC went on a run to go into the locker room up 46-34. MCC outscored LCC in the second half but the Stars held a +11 margin on the boards which allowed them to keep the game to 3 possessions most of the second half. The Jayhawks were paced by Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) with 26 points, including 50% shooting from the 3 point line. Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E Groves HS) recorded a double double with 18 points and 10 boards and Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) also had a double double with 17 points and 12 assists.

“It was an extremely frustrating night. We missed a ton of easy shots that you have to make against a good team like LCC,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “We have to do a better job on the boards as well. You’re not going to win games when you get out rebounded the way we did tonight. I am proud of our guys fight and how hard we competed and we had opportunities in the second half to take over and regain the lead but at the end of the day we didn’t make enough plays and they did.”

The Jayhawks are now 2-1 in the MCCA Western Conference and 8-4 overall. They travel to Kalamazoo to face the Cougars on Saturday, 1/14/17. Tip off is 3:00 pm.

Men's Basketball at Kellogg CC

January 7 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	83
Kellogg CC	63

The Jayhawks defeated the Kellogg Community College Bruins by a score of 83-63 in Battle Creek on Saturday afternoon. MCC hit 7 3 pointers and held KCC to just 28 first half points to take a double digit 42-28 half time lead. Kellogg hit some easy baskets to start the second half, but would get no closer than 9 points before the Jayhawks grabbed momentum back, extending the lead to double digits again and eventually putting the game out of reach.

Muskegon Community College was led by Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) with a game high 21 points, followed by Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) with a double double of 20 points and 15 rebounds. Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) finished with 11 points and 8 boards and Daryl Kirkland (Muskegon HS) added 10 points.

“Overall I’m pleased with our effort. I was not pleased with the way we started either half though,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “I thought we did a great job of sharing the ball as well as taking care of the ball with 21 team assists to only 7 team turnovers. Its never easy to win on the road in this league so defiantly happy with this win.”

The Jayhawks are now 2-0 in Western Conference play and 8-3 overall. They return to the court on Wednesday, 1/11 when the face off with conference foe Lansing Community College, who is also undefeated in the league. Tip off is 7:30 pm. Please come out and support MCC in this always exciting and intense game.

Men's Basketball Home vs. Grand Rapids CC

January 4 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	89
Grand Rapids CC	80

The Jayhawks opened conference play with a hard fought 89-80 win over the rival Grand Rapids Community College Raiders. The game was a back and forth affair with a total of 13 ties and 23 lead changes but in the end clutch free throws from Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) sealed the conference win for MCC.

The Jayhawks had 4 players in double figures with 2 of them scoring double doubles. Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) led all scorers with 28 points and 14 rebounds followed by Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids

Union HS) finished with 17 points on 50% shooting and Stimage ended the night with 14 points, 6 assists and no turnovers.

“I’m really proud of our guys tonight. We stuck together and to the game plan. A couple of our guys didn’t play well during some stretches of the game but when it mattered most they came up with some big time plays,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump. “That’s a dangerous GRCC team and they are well coached. Tonight was a good win.”

The Jayhawks are now 1-0 in the Western Conference and 7-3 overall. They tip off again on Saturday 1/7 at 3:00 pm when they travel to Battle Creek to take on Kellogg Community College.

Men’s Basketball Home vs. Delta College December 20, 2016 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	82
Delta College	68

Muskegon Community College defeated Delta College by a score of 82-68 in their final game before the Christmas break. The Jayhawks set the tone early with their defense as both teams struggled to score in the first 10 minutes of the game. With a slim 15-10 lead the Jayhawk offense would get on track and the 5 point lead expanded to a 21 point lead at the half.

The second half started much the same as the first with neither team able to generate much offense but the defensive pressure and rebounding by the Jayhawks was enough to secure the win. All 5 Jayhawk starters scored in double figures and they dominated the glass, out rebounding Delta 53-33. Daryl Kirkland (Muskegon HS) led the Jayhawks with 20 points and 8 rebounds. Michael Williams (Godwin Heights HS) scored 16 points on just 9 shots while also grabbing 9 rebounds. In his first game of the year Kyle Ervin Jr. (Wylie E. Groves HS) recorded a double double with 14 points and 14 rebounds. Sergio Diaz (GR Union HS) finished with 13 points and Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) chipped in 10 points.

“It’s nice to be able to get a quality W going into the break that we can build on heading into conference play,” said head coach Dave Schlump.

MCC improves to 6-3 on the year and is off until Wednesday, 1/4/17 when the Jayhawks host cross town rival GRCC to open Western Conference play. Tip off is at 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball Home vs. Mott CC December 10, 2016 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Mott CC	

Muskegon CC

69

52

Muskegon Community College lost to state power Mott Community College, 69-52. The Jayhawks were able to out rebound the Bears (49-42), committed less turn overs, scored more points in the paint, scored more points off turnovers and had more second chance points, but they only shot 26% from the field, 18% from the 3 point line and 41% from the free throw line.

The Jayhawks were down in the first half by as many as 14 points but they were able to cut the lead to 11 at the half; 37-26. Despite scoring just 26 first half points, MCC was able to play tough defensively and hold Mott to just 37 first half points. Mott's lead would grow in the first 10 minutes of the second half as MCC shooting struggles got worse. With just under 10 minutes left to play Mott was in control, up 24. Head Coach Dave Schlump's squad continued to battle and defend. The Jayhawks cut that lead to just 9 with a little over 4 minutes left to play in the game, but that would be as close as they would get. MCC was led by Sergio Diaz (GR Union HS) with 19 points. Diaz who was the lone scorer in double figures for the Jayhawks.

"It's so frustrating as a coach when you simply just cant make shots and even more so as a player. That was clearly the difference in the game. They made shots and we didn't. The one thing I am pleased with is despite our pathetic shooting night, we kept competing and defending and playing as hard as we could and as a result we were able to make it interesting for a bit with about 4 minutes to go. But at the end of the day we have to be able to make shots," said MCC Head Coach Dave Schlump after the game.

The Jayhawks fall to 5-3 on the season. They travel to Schoolcraft College on Saturday, 12/17. Tip off is 3:00 pm.

Men's Basketball at Owens CC

December 3, 2016 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final

Owens CC

91

Muskegon CC

77

Muskegon Community College continued their two day road trip with a game at Owens Community College. A poor shooting performance (23.1% from the field and 9.1% from 3 point) contributed to their 91-77 loss, even though the Jayhawks forced 19 turnovers and out-rebounded the Express 47-40 for the game. JaQuan Pannell (Holland HS) was the only bright spot offensively in the first half scoring 8 points on 4-6 shooting, with 4 rebounds, 3 blocks, and one steal in the half.

In the second half the Jayhawks were able to find their offense but Owens continued with their hot shooting. The Jayhawks played the Express dead even and made a couple of runs to cut the lead to 10 but they couldn't get any closer. Daryl Kirkland (Muskegon HS) led MCC with 26 points and Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) recorded a double double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Pannell finished the game with 12 points off the bench.

“Despite the horrific shooting night we had, particularly in the first half, I thought we played ok. I am extremely proud of our fight and toughness. It’s so easy to quit playing when you cant make shots but our guys hung in there and fought for 40 minutes. We have got to be able to make those easy shots we missed tonight but I’m pleased with our effort and fight. I know we will make shots down the road. We work too hard not to.” MCC Head Coach – Dave Schlump

MCC is now 5-2 and will host Mott Community College on Saturday, 12/10. Tip off is 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Adrian College JV

December 2, 2016 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	81
Adrian College JV	54

The 4-1 Jayhawks traveled to Adrian College and beat Adrian’s JV team by a score of 81-54. MCC was in control right from the opening tip. Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) scored 10 points in the first half and Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) scored 11. The Jayhawks were up comfortably at the half 43-27.

The second half was a repeat of the first with MCC extending the lead, which allowed every player to score. Diaz and Stimage lead the scoring with 18 points and 17 points respectively.

“I was very pleased to see how well we shared the ball and continued to play defense. I thought all of our guys came in and were able to contribute to this win,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump.

The Jayhawks are now 5-1. Next up is a game at Owens Community College on Saturday, 12/3.

Men’s Basketball at Alpena CC

November 19, 2016 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	84
Alpena CC	58

The Jayhawks took a road trip to Alpena, MI to take on Alpena Community College and came home with a 84-58 victory. It was the third game in four days for the Jayhawks and they jumped out to an early 6-0 lead to start the game and would never trail. The Lumberjacks made a run just inside 10 minutes left in the first but MCC’s defensive pressure caused fits for ACC and lead to transition buckets that extended their lead to a comfortable halftime score of 43-26.

MCC went back to work in the second half and was able to extend the lead early in the half. Everyone on the team was able to contribute throughout the game which allowed the staff to get

some players extended minutes and valuable experience. Every Jayhawk scored, led by Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS) with 17 points.

“I thought we played hard from start to finish and was happy with the play from our bench, it was a big positive for us. Being able to walk away with a win here is never easy. That’s a testament to Frank McCourt, [Alpena CC Head Coach] his kids, and the job he has done over the years. This season being his 50th is truly incredible and something special and my hat’s off to Frank. I have nothing but respect and admiration for him,” said MCC Head Coach Dave Schlump.

The Jayhawks are now 4-1 and they will get a short break before returning to the road on Friday, 12/2 when they travel to take on the Adrian College JV at 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball Home vs. St. Clair County CC

November 17, 2016 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	75
St. Clair County CC	71

Muskegon Community College defeated St. Clair County Community College by a score of 75-71. In what was the second home game in two nights for the Jayhawks, they had to rely on their defense on a night when they struggled on offense. With the Jayhawks down by 9 points in the first half, Blake Andrews (Muskegon HS) provided some instant offense off the bench when he went 5-6 from the floor, including 4 consecutive 3 point shots, in just 8 minutes of play. MCC took a 35-31 lead into the locker room at half time. In the second half it was more of the same, as neither team could gain more than a two possession advantage. Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) and Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) both shot better in the second half; Stimage would finish as the leading scorer with 21 points, followed by Andrews with 19 and Kirkland II with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

“This was a blue collar, tough win. I could not be more pleased with our focus and effort, especially defensively when we were really struggling to score the ball at times. I’m pleased with the way our guys grinded out this win,” said MCC Head Coach Dave Schlump.

The Jayhawks are now 3-1 on the year and head to Alpena Community College to play on Saturday, 11/19. Game time is 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball home vs. Hope College JV

November 16, 2016 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	77

In the first of two back-to-back home games the Jayhawks defeated the JV team from Hope College by a score of 77-67. MCC never trailed in the game as they jumped out to a 20-9 lead and never looked back. Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) had the hot hand early, scoring 8 straight points and providing the offensive spark the Jayhawks needed. He finished with 23 points and 4 assists, followed by Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS), who added 16 points and 7 rebounds. Michael Williams (Godwin Heights HS) finished with 13 points and 8 rebounds and Sergio Diaz chipped in with 13 points.

“I’m proud of the effort, especially defensively, in the first half. I thought we took our foot off the accelerator for a bit in the second half and it allowed Hope to get back into it. I’m not pleased with that but in the end we closed it out and came away with a win.” MCC Head Coach Dave Schlump.

The Jayhawks are now 2-1 on the year. They don’t have much time to enjoy the win or to rest as they tip off against St. Clair County CC in less than 24 hours on Thursday, 11/17. Tip off is about 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Mott CC

November 11, 2016 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final

Mott CC

92

Muskegon CC

64

The Jayhawk men traveled to Flint to take on the 17th ranked Mott Community College Bears and left with a 92-64 loss. The game started out well for the Jayhawks as they got a stop on Mott’s first possession and immediately came down and hit a 3 by sophomore Mike Williams (Godwin Heights HS). Mott would answer and take an early 10 point lead. The Jayhawks responded with a run of their own that cut the Mott lead to 30-22. The Jayhawks struggled to score the entire game and it was evident as Mott took a 16 point lead going into half time. In the second half the Jayhawks were unable to find their groove offensively, and Mott was able to extend their lead inside the first 10 minutes of the second half to put the game out of reach.

“I thought we let our poor shooting effect us on the defense end and in our shot selection and our frustration showed,” said Head Coach Dave Schlump.

MCC was lead Daryl Kirkland (Muskegon HS) with 19 points. Sergio Diaz (GR Union HS) added 14 points.

The Jayhawks are now 1-1 on the young season and they host back to back home games this week. First up is the Hope JV team on Wednesday, 11/17 followed by St. Clair County CC on Thursday, 11/18. Tip off for both games will be around 7:30

Men's Basketball home vs. Grace Bible College

November 7, 2016 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

94

Grace Bible College JV

77

The Muskegon Community College men's basketball team defeated the Grace Bible College JV team by a score of 94-77 in their 2016-17 home opener. MCC begins the year with many fresh new faces and a few familiar ones. The Jayhawks struggled early to find their groove on both ends of the floor but would overcome an early 8 point deficit to take a 4 point half time lead 43-39. In the second half things started to come together for the Jayhawks with defensive stops and some transition baskets to allow them to pull away for the comfortable win. Newcomer Daryl Kirkland (Muskegon HS) finished the game with 29 points on 50% shooting from the floor and freshman Sergio Diaz (Union HS) finished the night with 21 points, including 6 three pointers on 9 attempts. Ricarri Stimage (Muskegon Heights HS) handed out 9 assists against only 1 turn over and sophomore Blake Andrews (Muskegon HS) added 16 points on 5-8 shooting from beyond the arc.

"We struggled in the first half and I think our guys were a little surprised by how hard and physical they played. But we're happy with the way the guys responded and it's a good sign for our team moving forward" said MCC head coach Dave Schlump.

The Jayhawks travel to Flint to take on Mott Community College on Friday, 11/11. Tip off time is approximately 7:30 pm.