

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2016-17 RECAPS

## Women's Basketball NJCAA Region XII Semi Final

March 10 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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| Final                |           |
| <b>Lake Michigan</b> | <b>55</b> |
| Muskegon CC          | 52        |

The MCC women's basketball team lost 55-52 to Lake Michigan College in the NJCAA District G semifinals on March 10 at St. Clair County CC in Port Huron, MI.

The Jayhawks, who finish the season with a 21-7 overall record, put together a stellar defensive showing but struggled on offense.

"It is so heartbreaking when we did everything correctly on the defensive end, but can't buy a shot offensively," said MCC Head Coach Amanda Parker. "My kids played their hearts out and fell just short in the end. However, this team had a great season with some big, exciting wins. We want to thank our four sophomores who are going to be super hard to replace. They brought so much energy, dedication and leadership."

Against LMC, the Jayhawks trailed 15-11 after one quarter. MCC picked up its transition defensive play to tie the game at 23-23 at halftime. In the third quarter, MCC again hit a trio of three pointers and despite having its guard in a bit of foul trouble led 40-38 going into the fourth period.

"MCC did a great job defensively, especially on LMC's All-American, Hailey Maas, holding her to just 7pts (1-15 shooting), but her teammates stepped up," recounted Coach Parker about the final quarter of play.

The Jayhawks went super cold from the field, especially from the three-point line and had to start fouling. LMC drained free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

"We looked gassed," said Parker. "Our starters played a lot of minutes."

Sophomore guard Camaryia Williams (Muskegon, MI/Reeths-Puffer) had 13 points, 11 rebounds and two steals. Sophomore forward Kelsy Hackbardt (Howard City, MI/Tri-County) added 13 points. Freshman guard Kalisa Williams (Muskegon, MI/Reeths-Puffer) netted 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Sophomore forward Jena'a Matthews (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores) had three points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Bailey Freeland (Kent City, MI/Kent City) had six points and four assists, while freshman Sam Taylor (Cedar Springs, MI/Cedar Springs) scored three points and brought down six rebounds.

## Women's Basketball Home vs. Lansing Community College NJCAA Region XII Quarter Final

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

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>65</b> |
| Lansing CC         | 46        |

In the quarterfinals of the NJCAA District G Tournament on March 7, the MCC women's basketball squad defeated visiting Lansing CC 65-46 in Bartels-Rode Gymnasium.

The Jayhawks, who are now 21-6 overall, broke open the tight contest in the fourth quarter by outscoring the Stars, who finish their season at 15-14, by a 19-6 margin.

"I am extremely proud of each one of my players. Everyone filled their roles and stuck together the entire game," said MCC Coach Amanda Parker, whose team now faces #19 Lake Michigan College on Friday, March 10, in the semifinals at the St. Clair County CC Fieldhouse in Port Huron, MI. "Our energy was amazing from start to finish. It was truly an exciting game to watch and we look forward to the challenge of facing Lake Michigan again."

The Jayhawks were led in scoring by sophomore guard Camaryia Williams (Muskegon, MI/Reeths Puffer) with 17 points, freshman guard Kalisa Williams (Muskegon, MI/Reeths Puffer) with 15 points, and Kelsy Hackbardt (Howard City, MI/Tri-County) and Bailey Freeland (Kent City, MI/Kent City) both adding 10 points. Jena'a Matthews (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores) had 12 rebounds, six blocks and three assists to pace MCC in all three categories.

The MCC-Lake Michigan contest begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. The Jayhawks are ranked third in the regional and LMCC is ranked second. During the regular season, LMCC took both close games, winning by four points and, in overtime, by 10.

### Women's Basketball at Ancilla College

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

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>63</b> |
| Ancilla College    | 58        |

The Jayhawks made the long trip to Ancilla College to wrap up the regular season and beat the Chargers by a score of 63-58. MCC shot 45% from the field in the first half and played great defense on Ancilla, forcing them into some tough shots. The Chargers were able to grab 14 offensive rebounds but the Jayhawks scored 19 points in each of the first 2 quarters to take a 38-23 lead into the locker room. Sam Taylor (Tri-County HS) was a huge spark off the bench with 11 first half points.

In the 2nd half Ancilla focused on Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS), forcing Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) to take over most of the point guard duties. Ancilla was able to use some pressure defense to force MCC into some turn overs and unnecessary fouls, but the Jayhawks were able to step up their defensive efforts which forced Ancilla to take some long range 3's late

in the shot clock. Williams and Freeland both hit key free throws down the stretch to secure the victory.

Sam Taylor was the leading score for MCC with 14 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Williams finished with 12 points, 6 assists and 5 boards and Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) added 11 points and 4 rebounds. Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) grabbed a team high 13 rebounds and added 10 points and 2 blocks with Freeland adding 9 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists.

"I am incredibly happy how our team stuck together through all the adversity," said Head Coach Amanda Parker. "Ancilla is a tough, physical team and with us only having 8 healthy players, some of our kids had to play a lot of minutes." Parker continued, "We are still looking to put together 4 solid quarters with no let downs; next week would be a good time for that to happen. 20 wins in a season is tough for a lot of teams, especially in this conference. So kudos to this team for battling all season long and showing what they are truly capable of. However, we are not done yet.?"

The Jayhawks close out the regular season with a 14-4 conference record, good for 3rd place, and 20-6 record overall. Next up is the 1st round of the Region XII tournament on Tuesday, 3/7 at 5:30 pm when they host the 6th place Lansing Community College Stars.

### **Women's Basketball Home vs. Jackson College**

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

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>61</b> |
| Jackson College    | 55        |

### **Women's Basketball at Lake Michigan College**

February 24 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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| Final                        |           |
| <b>Lake Michigan College</b> | <b>74</b> |
| Muskegon CC                  | 64        |

### **Women's Basketball Home vs. Mid Michigan CC**

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

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| Final              |  |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> |  |

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| Mid Michigan CC | <b>60</b> |
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Muskegon Community College beat the Mid Michigan Community College Lakers by a score of 60-45. With the offense sputtering (6 for 33 from the floor) in the first half, the Jayhawks looked to its defense for a spark, and with the help of their full-court pressure, they were able to turn an 11 point halftime deficit into a big come back victory. MCC outscored Mid Michigan 25-4 in the 3rd quarter and 40-14 in the second half.

“We were disappointed, as coaches, in the first half, because we had no fight, no fire,” said MCC coach Amanda Parker. “We were really cold from the floor, too, which is uncharacteristic of us, because we have good shooters.” Parker continued, “We went in at the half and changed nothing. We just needed to play with some heart. And that third quarter, that’s when we played like we are capable of.”

Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) led the Jayhawks with 17 points and six assists. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) finished with 13 points and three steals, Taylor Schmitt (Fowler HS) added 10 points, Jena’a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) had eight rebounds and Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) registered six steals.

### **Women’s Basketball at Glen Oaks CC**

February 18 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>80</b> |
| Glen Oaks CC       | 29        |

The 23rd ranked Jayhawks traveled to Glen Oaks Community College and came home with a wire-to-wire victory over the Vikings 80-29. MCC played a solid first quarter, getting some steals and transition baskets. They switched between a 3-2 zone defense and full court man-to-man and were able to limit GOCC to 5 points in the quarter and 12 points for the half. MCC led at the half 31-12. In the 3rd and 4th quarters the Jayhawks were able to continue getting lots of possessions and they shot the ball well. Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) played great defense on Glen Oak’s best shooter, forcing her into some tough shots. There were a couple of lapses in the 4th quarter in rebounding but they were able to correct that and they cruised to the confidence boosting win.

“I am very happy with how we responded after a tough loss on Wednesday against KVCC. This was a good solid team win,” said Head Coach Amanda Parker. “Everyone got a lot of minutes and contributed in different aspects of the game.” She continued, “Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) had a great week and I am so proud of her for leading this team the way she did. Lastly, we have 4 huge games in 7 days to end the regular season, we have a lot of work to do to prepare and get ourselves ready for each challenge ahead of us”.

Williams finished the game with her first career triple-double with a game high 23 points, 10 rebounds, 10 steals and 7 assists. Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) was solid with 15 points, 4 boards, 4 assists and 3 steals and Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) added 11 points and 5 assists. Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) just missed a double double with 10 points and 8 rebounds and Hackbardt played a wonderful defensive game with 5 steals and 4 blocks.

MCC is now 11-3 in conference play (tied for 2nd with Lake Michigan College) and 17-5 overall. They return to the floor at home on Wednesday, 2/22 when they host Mid Michigan Community College at 5:30 pm.

### **Women's Basketball Home vs. Kalamazoo Valley CC**

February 15 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final

**Kalamazoo Valley CC**

**69**

Muskegon CC

**67**

The Jayhawks battled #6 ranked Kalamazoo Valley Community College in a clash at the top of the conference but came up just short 69-67. Both teams came out hot in the 1st quarter with each team scoring 18. In the 2nd quarter MCC picked up the defensive intensity and forced the Cougars into some tough shots, limiting them to 12 points in the quarter. MCC took a 37-30 lead into the locker room at the half. In the 3rd quarter #32 from KVCC got hot from the field, hitting 3 straight 3 point shots. The Jayhawks were out scored 21-12 and KVCC led after 3 by a score of 51-49. The Cougars went on a run to start the 4th and MCC was down by 8 with 3 minutes left to play. Coach Parker decided to go with a small lineup and a full court press which forced KVCC into some difficult shots and missed free throws down the stretch. The Jayhawks had the ball down by 2 with 8 seconds on the clock and a chance to tie but the play broke down and KVCC held on for the win.

"#32 was definitely the x-factor in the 2nd half; we had no answer for her," said Head Coach Parker. "She is a great player with such a quick release. So kudos to her for taking her team on her back and carrying them to victory. For us, I thought we did pretty good defensively in regards to transition defense and trying to slow down an explosive KVCC team. Unfortunately, we had too many turnovers that cost us a few possessions that we really could have used."

Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) played an outstanding game with 19 points and a game high 17 boards. Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) also scored 19 with 11 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists and Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) added 14 points and 2 assists.

MCC is now 10-3 in the Western Conference, good for 3rd place, and 16-5 overall. Next up for the Jayhawks is a trip to Glen Oaks Community College on Saturday, 2/18 for a 1:00 game.

### **Women's Basketball at Lansing CC**

February 11 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>72</b> |
| Lansing CC         | 67        |

The Jayhawks were able to overcome a double digit deficit for a 72-67 victory over the Lansing Community College Stars. The win keeps the Jayhawks one game back of league leading Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

LCC dominated on both ends of the floor in the first 2 quarters. The Star's defensive pressure kept MCC out of sync the entire half. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) provided a spark for the Jayhawks and two big 3 pointers by Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) and Sam Taylor (Cedar Springs HS) kept the Jayhawks with in 10 points at halftime. With 4 minutes to play in the 3rd quarter the Jayhawks were down by 19. Coach Parker decided to go with a small lineup and the quicker defense created some offense but they were still down 11 to start the 4th. That's when Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) took over the game by scoring 20 of her game high 28 points. MCC outscored LCC by 29-13 in the 4th to sneak away with the hard fought, exciting victory.

"Our team faced so much adversity during this game, but they never gave up. We were completely out of character in the first half and give credit to Lansing for that," said Head Coach Amanda Parker. "The second half, particularly the 4th quarter, we stuck to the game plan, stayed together as a team and pulled off an incredible win. I am extremely proud of each and every one of them for fighting until the very end."

Kalisa Williams added 8 rebounds and 3 assists to her 28 points and Camaryia Williams grabbed a game high 13 boards and added 11 points, 6 steals and 4 assists. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) chipped in 11 points and Taylor Schmitt (Fowler HS) added 10 points.

The Jayhawks are now 10-2 in conference play and remain in a 2nd place tie with Lake Michigan College. They are 16-4 overall. Next up is the league leading Kalamazoo Valley Community College team, who come in for what looks to be a huge, exciting game on Wednesday, 2/15. Tip off is 5:30 pm.

### **Women's Basketball Home vs. Kellogg CC**

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

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>60</b> |
| Kellogg CC         | 46        |

Muskegon Community College was able to outlast the visitors from Kellogg Community College by a score of 60-46. Both teams got off to a sluggish start. Turnovers plagued both teams and MCC's Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) got into quick foul trouble, but Taylor Schmitt (Fowler HS) came off the bench and hit two 3 pointers to help the Jayhawks to a 12-7 lead after

one quarter. Poor post defense in the 2nd quarter kept KCC within striking distance but the Jayhawks were able to take a 9 point half time lead. After having to sit for most of the first half Williams was a force in the 3rd with 11 points, 4 boards and 2 steals. After another sloppy quarter by both teams the Jayhawks sealed the win.

“I am extremely disappointed tonight, our team did not play to the level that we are capable of,” said Head Coach Amanda Parker. “We had absolutely zero energy, which is very frustrating. Give credit to Kellogg, they gave 100% effort in every aspect of the game. However, in this game, especially in this conference, any win is a good win and we will take it.”

Williams finished with a team high 14 points, along with 6 boards and 4 steals. Schmitt totaled 13 points, including three 3 pointers and Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) scored 11 points with 5 assists and 4 rebounds. Jena’a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) grabbed a team high 16 rebounds.

The Jayhawks are tied for 2nd place with a 9-2 conference record, 15-4 overall. They travel to Lansing Community College on Saturday, 2/11 for a 1:00 pm game against the Stars.

### **Women’s Basketball at Grand Rapids CC**

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

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>59</b> |
| Grand Rapids CC    | 32        |

Muskegon Community College started the 2nd half of conference play with a win over rival Grand Rapids Community College by a score of 59-32. The Jayhawks got off to a great start, especially defensively, by forcing 21 GRCC turnovers and holding the Raiders to 10 points after 2 quarters of play. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) had 8 steals that led to some transition buckets and Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) fought through a hip injury to hit two big 3 pointers. The Jayhawks got the the free throw line 15 times in the first 2 quarters.

The 3rd quarter was more of the same for MCC as they outscored the Raiders 16-7. GRCC was able to out-score MCC in the 4th but it was too little too late as the Jayhawks cruised to their 14th win of the season.

MCC was paced by Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 14 points and 4 boards. Camaryia Williams played a fine all around game with 12 points, 9 steals, 7 rebounds and 7 assists and Freeland finished with 12 points and 4 rebounds. Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) put up a solid 7 points, 7 boards, 2 steals and 2 blocks and Jena’a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) grabbed a game high 8 rebounds.

“I thought we were stellar tonight defensively and keeping them off the offensive glass,” said head Coach Amanda Parker. “To hold a team like that to 10 points in the 1st half is a true testament to our team’s hard work and focus. On the other end, we missed a lot of high efficiency shots that we should be making. But since we attempted 22 more shots than GRCC, a

few misses are reasonable. We look forward to continuing to improve this upcoming week in practice.”

They Jayhawks are now 8-2 in the conference, tied for second, and 14-4 overall. They return to the court on Wednesday, 2/8 when they host Kellogg Community College at 5:30 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball Home vs. Ancilla College**

February 1 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>62</b> |
| Ancilla College    | 52        |

The Jayhawks closed out the first half of the conference schedule with a 62-52 win over the visiting Ancilla College Chargers. MCC played good defense on the Chargers in the 1st quarter, forcing them into 1-19 shooting and taking a 14-4 lead. The 2nd quarter was a complete turnaround with Ancilla scoring 20 and grabbing 11 offensive rebounds. MCC had a slim 1 point lead going into half time. In the 3rd quarter MCC came out with some good energy and rebounded much better. They were able to extend the lead with some key steals and transition baskets. In the 4th quarter Ancilla stayed close by utilizing the 3 point shot but the Jayhawks scored their last 8 points from the free throw line to secure the victory.

Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) led all scorers with 24 points. Kalisa William (Reeths-Puffer HS) finished with 12 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals and Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) just missed a double double with 8 points and 8 rebounds. Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) finished with 7 points, 8 boards and 3 steals and Jena’a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) grabbed a game high 10 rebounds.

“I thought we played three really good, tough quarters with a small slippage in the 2nd quarter,” said Head Coach Amanda Parker after the game. “Ancilla played really great defense on Kalisa, double teaming her all game long. Bailey stepped up tonight and played the best game of her career, which is one of the reasons why we pulled off the win. A few kids are really giving us a lot right now by filling up the stat sheet and it is great to see. We are playing some good team basketball, which is exactly what we want, specially this time of year.”

The Jayhawks are now 7-2 in conference play, good for 2nd place, and 13-4 overall. The travel to Grand Rapids Community College on Friday, 2/3 for a 5:30 pm contest.

### **Women’s Basketball at Jackson College**

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

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>76</b> |

Muskegon Community College edged Jackson College in Jackson, MI by a score of 76-73. The Jayhawks got off to a slow start with zero energy and horrific defense. Jackson was able to get their offense rolling and at the end of the 1st quarter MCC found themselves in the unusual position of being down 23-13. In the 2nd quarter MCC was able to get some offensive rebounds and they got a spark from Taylor Schmitt (Fowler HS) defensively but the deficit was still 40-31 at the half. In the 3rd quarter MCC came out attacking the basket and playing a 3-2 extended zone, which got them a few steals. They outscored the Jets 20-12 in the quarter but were still down by 1 after 3 quarters. The 4th quarter was back and forth with Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) and Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) both hitting key 3 pointers. With a minute to go the score was tied at 73 and MCC was able to hit some big free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Williams finished with a game high 28 points and added 6 assists, 4 steals and 4 rebounds. Freeland scored 16 points with 6 assists and 5 boards and Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) added 12 points. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) grabbed 9 rebounds, scored 6 points and added 3 assists.

“I am entirely disappointed in our efforts tonight, on both ends of the floor,” said Coach Amanda Parker after the game. “Nothing against Jackson, they played really hard all game long. I am trying to preach to this team that they have a bulls-eye on their backs because they are a pretty good team this year. They need to bring it every day and never take a night off, otherwise they will not like the outcome at the end of the game. Luckily, we made one more play than Jackson tonight, that put us on top.”

MCC is now 6-2 (2nd place) in the Western Conference and 12-4 overall. They return to the floor on Wednesday, 2/1 when they host Ancilla College. Tip off is 5:30 pm.

### Women’s Basketball Home vs. Lake Michigan College

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

Final

**Lake Michigan College**

**59**

Muskegon CC

**55**

Muskegon Community College lost a hard fought battle to Lake Michigan College by a score of 59-55. In the first quarter LMC jumped out to a quick lead but MCC was able to battle back to within 2 points. The second quarter saw some foul problems from the Jayhawk starters and Lake Michigan took a 3 point lead into the locker room at the half. With 7 minutes to go in the 3rd quarter the Jayhawks were down by 7 but a lock down defense and some transition offense allowed them to tie the game just before the end of the quarter. In the 4th quarter MCC missed some open shots and key free throws and LMC held on for the win.

Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) finished as the high scorer for the Jayhawks with 17 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) added 11 points, 4 steals, 3

rebounds and 3 assists and Haven Johnston (Loy-Norrrix HS) finished with 11 points and 7 rebounds. Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) grabbed a game high 13 boards and Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) dished out 4 assists.

"I thought we really got Lake Michigan out of sync offensively, but we just couldn't capitalize on our end," said Head Coach Amanda Parker. "We did a great job defending Hailey Maas, their All-American and Freshman of the Year in the MCCA last year, but other players stepped up for them and made some big plays." She continued "I am getting a little frustrated as to why we are continually shooting so poorly on our home floor, when it is supposed to be an advantage for us. So we need to figure some things out and add a few new things in during practices to get us game ready."

The Jayhawks are now 5-2 in conference play and 11-4 overall. They are tied with Ancilla College for second in the conference. They have a quick turnaround against a good Jackson College team in Jackson on Friday, 1/27. Game time is 5:30 pm.

### **Women's Basketball at Mid-Michigan CC**

January 21 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>74</b> |
| Mid Michigan CC    | 69        |

Muskegon Community College traveled to Mt. Pleasant to take on 19th ranked Mid Michigan CC and came home with a 74-69 victory. The Jayhawks jumped out to an early 1st quarter lead with good transition basketball and tough defense. In the 2nd quarter Mid Michigan shot the ball better, especially in the paint. MCC's post players got in some foul trouble but they were able to take a 38-33 half time lead. The 3rd and 4th quarters were back and forth and with 1 minute to go the score was tied at 69. The Jayhawks were able to lock down defensively and hit some free throws late to seal the win.

MCC had 4 players score in double figures led by Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 23 points, 4 steals and 3 assists. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) just missed a double double with 16 points, 9 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals and Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) finished with 16 points. Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) added 10 points and 7 boards and Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) grabbed 5 rebounds.

"This was a big win for us; but then again, any win on the road in this conference is huge," said Head Coach Amanda Parker. "This game had some highs and lows for us, but these kids never gave up. They believed in themselves and each other and that was awesome to see. It is great that we are all clicking on so many levels because we have another big week ahead of us vs. Lake Michigan and Jackson."

The Jayhawks are now 5-1 (tied for 1st) in the Western Conference and 11-3 overall. They host Lake Michigan College on Wednesday, 1/25/17. Tip off is 5:30 pm.

## Women's Basketball Home vs. Glen Oaks CC

January 18 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>94</b> |
| Glen Oaks CC       | 40        |

Muskegon Community College jumped out to an early lead and cruised to a 94-40 victory over the visiting Vikings from Glen Oaks Community College. The Jayhawk defense flexed it's muscle by holding Glen Oaks to 6 points in the first quarter and 5 points in the 3rd quarter. The outcome was never in doubt as MCC took a 20 point lead into the locker room at the half and continued to build on that lead in the 3rd and 4th quarters. Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) led all Jayhawks with 20 points, 7 boards, 6 assists and 3 steals. Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds, Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) added 12 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists and Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) just missed a triple double with 11 points, 8 rebounds and 8 assists. Every Jayhawk scored in the contest.

"This game was truly fun to watch because everyone was involved and contributed to this win," said Head Coach Amanda Parker. "This is a great group of young ladies and when everything is clicking for them, on both ends of the floor, I would put them up against anyone. Still maybe a few minor tweaks we need to make before Saturday, but with two solid practices, I am hoping we are ready for the challenge."

MCC is now 4-1 in the rugged Western Conference (tied for 1st with KVCC and Mid-Michigan CC) and 10-3 overall. They take to the road on Saturday, 1/19 for a show down in Mt. Pleasant with Mid-Michigan CC. Tip off is set for 1:00 pm.

## Women's Basketball at Kalamazoo Valley CC

January 14 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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| Final                      |           |
| <b>Kalamazoo Valley CC</b> | <b>82</b> |
| Muskegon CC                | 66        |

Muskegon Community College suffered their first conference loss to 13th ranked Kalamazoo Valley Community College 82-66. The opening quarter was a back and forth affair, with both teams clicking on offense. KVCC stayed hot in the 2nd quarter but the Jayhawks went cold from the floor and they went into half time down 46-31. The 3rd and 4th quarters were back and forth but the big 2nd quarter was too much to overcome for the Jayhawks and KVCC cruised to the conference win.

MCC was led on offence by Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) with 14 points and 7 rebounds. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) continued her strong all-around play with 12 points, 5 boards, 3 assists, 2 steals and 3 charges taken. Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) and Kelsy

Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) each scored 9 points and Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) added 12 rebounds and 6 points.

"I thought we had one really bad quarter (2nd) and the other 3 quarters could have gone either way," said Head Coach Amanda Parker. "However, against a great team like KVCC it only takes that one quarter to cost you the game. We were in a constant battle to chip away at the lead and we could never get it below 10. KVCC shot the ball really well and we were not as precise defensively, so definitely some things we need to work on before our game on Wednesday."

The Jayhawks are now 3-1 in Western Conference play and 9-3 overall. They return to the court on Wednesday, 1/18/17 when they host Glen Oaks Community College. Tip off is 5:30 pm.

### **Women's Basketball Home vs. Lansing CC**

January 11 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>82</b> |
| Lansing CC         | 71        |

MCC hosted the Stars from Lansing Community College in a Western Conference match-up and sent them home with a 82-71 loss. The Jayhawks started the contest blazing hot from both the 3 point line (43%) and the field (51%). Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) scored 14 first half points, including hitting on 4 from long distance and Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) scored 15 on her way to a 32 point, 6 assist and 5 rebound night. MCC went into half time with a 44-27 lead and would extend it to 60-42 after 3 quarters. In the 4th quarter the Stars got hot behind the shooting of Kelsey Finch as LCC outscored the Jayhawks but it was too little, too late and the Jayhawks picked up their 3rd league victory. Freeland finished the game with 20 points, Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) scored 12 points with 4 rebounds and Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) continued to do it all with 10 points, 9 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals.

"I am really pleased with how we started the game, everything was finally falling into place," said Head Coach Amanda Parker after the game. "In the second half we went away from everything that was working for us in the first. It is very frustrating that we are being so inconsistent on both ends of the floor. We 100% got out played tonight; luckily Bailey and Kalisa were lights out and carried us on their backs tonight."

The Jayhawks record is 3-0 in the Western Conference and 9-2 overall. They return to the floor with a road game at 13th ranked Kalamazoo Valley Community College on Saturday, 1/14/17. Tip off is 1:00 pm.

### **Women's Basketball at Kellogg CC**

January 7 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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## Muskegon CC

64

Kellogg CC

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The Jayhawks defeated the Kellogg Community College Bruins by a score of 64-33 for their second conference victory. MCC got off to a fantastic start on both sides of the ball, shooting 57% from 3 point range and 42% from the field while limiting KCC to 8 points in the first half. The teams played a back and forth game in the 3rd and 4th quarter with MCC struggling from the free throw line but ultimately sealing the big win.

Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) finished with a double double of 14 points and 14 rebounds, Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) finished with 11 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists and Taylor Schmitt (Fowler HS) added 9 points. Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) had 8 points to go with 6 assists and Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) grabbed 9 rebounds.

“I was pleased with our efforts on both sides of the floor,” said Head Coach Amanda Parker. “Everyone played ample minutes and contributed to this win, which is fun to see. We have a tough week ahead of us, but we are looking forward to the challenge.”

MCC is now 2-0 in the Western Conference and 8-2 overall. They return to the court on Wednesday, 1/11/17 when they host Lansing Community College. Tip off is 5:30 pm.

## Women’s Basketball Home vs. Grand Rapids CC

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

Final

Muskegon CC

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Grand Rapids CC

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Muskegon Community College opened conference play with a 60-39 victory over the Raiders from Grand Rapids Community College. MCC outscored GRCC in 3 of the 4 quarters and took a comfortable 31-18 lead into the locker room at half time. The Jayhawks came out in the 3rd quarter and used their transition game and pressure defense to get some steals and easy baskets and extend the lead to 47-24. MCC was able to overcome an uneven scoring night, especially from the 3 point line, by forcing a total of 33 Raider turnovers (including 20 in the first half) with their mix of man to man and an extended 3-2 defense.

The Jayhawks were led by Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) with 13 points and 5 steals, Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 11 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists, and Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 9 points, 8 rebounds, 7 assists and 5 steals. Sam Taylor (Cedar Springs HS) came off the bench to score 8 points and grab 5 rebounds and Kelsy Hackbardt (Tri-County HS) finished with 4 assists.

“We did not shoot the ball well at all. However, I was really pleased with our efforts defensively,” said Head Coach Amanda Parker. “That has been a focus for us all year long because we are a smaller team and it all came together tonight.” She continued, “We talk about

controllables all the time. Defense and effort are two things we can control every night. Sometimes our shots are not going to fall, but if we play defense like we did tonight, we will be in pretty good shape throughout the conference season.”

MCC is now 7-2 overall and 1-0 in Western Conference play. They travel to take on Kellogg Community College on Saturday, 1/7/17. Tip off will be 1:00 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball Home vs. Delta College**

December 20, 2016 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>69</b> |
| Delta College      | 52        |

Muskegon Community College hosted Delta College in the last non-conference game of the season and came away with a 69-52 victory. MCC executed well in the 1st quarter with some transition baskets and took a 21-14 lead after one. MCC shot a season low 16% from the field, including 0-12 from the 3 point line, in the 2nd quarter and Delta was able to get to the basket to cut the lead to 30-27 at the half. The Jayhawks came out in the 3rd quarter with a lot of energy and they locked down the Pioneers defensively to take a commanding 52-35 lead. The 4th quarter was even and the Jayhawks walked away with the win.

Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) was the leading scorer with 18 points, 5 assists and 4 steals. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) scored 15, including three 3 pointers in the pivotal 3rd quarter. Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) recorded a double double with 10 points and 10 rebounds and Jena’a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) grabbed a game high 15 boards with 8 points. Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) filled the stat line with 9 points, 8 rebounds, 7 assists and 7 steals.

“Consistency is a huge issue for us right now,” said Head Coach Amanda Parker. “We will have a stellar quarter, followed by a horrific quarter. We need to get everyone on the same page for the entire game before conference play starts. We have a few players that are carrying the team and that’s exciting to see. Delta is a good team and it was good to get a big win before the break to give us a little momentum going into conference play.”

The Jayhawks are now 6-2. They will host Grand Rapids Community College in the opening game of Western Conference play on Wednesday, 1/4/17. Opening tip is 5:30 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball Home vs. Mott CC**

December 10, 2016 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>85</b> |

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| Mott CC | 61 |
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### Women's Basketball at Owens CC

December 3, 2016 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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| Final           |           |
| <b>Owens CC</b> | <b>86</b> |
| Muskegon CC     | 55        |

Muskegon Community College played their first game in 2 weeks at Owens Community College and the Express would prove too much for the Jayhawks as MCC lost by a score of 86-55. OCC had a big 2nd period, outscoring the Jayhawks 22-7. Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) got into early foul trouble and it hurt the Jayhawks efforts while she was on the bench. Owens scored 21 points off 17 MCC turnovers for the game. MCC also shot poorly from the field and didn't get to the free throw line enough. Kalisa Williams finished with 12 points, Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) added 11 points, 6 steals and 4 assists and Sam Taylor (Cedar Springs HS) and Bailey Freeland (Kent City High School) both finished with 8 points. Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) grabbed 7 rebounds and Haven Johnston (Loy Norrix HS) finished with 5 boards.

"I thought we were really prepared for this game going into it. We watched a lot of film, had a scout team come in and went over our scouting report thoroughly (plays, inbounds, press, etc)," said Head Coach Amanda Parker. "Owens has a tendency to go on a huge run in the first half and they did exactly that in the 2nd quarter against us. Also, Owens is a team full of talent and if you break one piece of their puzzle, another player will fill that void. Ariel Brethea had an amazing night off the bench for Owens and we did not have an answer for her. However, we did a really great job on Owens leading scorer Jeryn Reese, holding her to just 2 points on the night. Good and bad to take from this game, which will make us a better team in the long run."

MCC is now 4-2 overall. They return to action on Saturday, 12/10 when they host the Mott Community College Bears. Tip off is 1:00 pm.

### Women's Basketball at Alpena College

November 19, 2016 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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| Final              |           |
| <b>Muskegon CC</b> | <b>63</b> |
| Alpena CC          | 39        |

### Women's Basketball Home vs. St. Clair CC

November 17, 2016 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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| <b>Muskegon CC</b>  | <b>73</b> |
| St. Clair County CC | 48        |

The Jayhawks bounced back from their first loss of the season by defeating St. Clair County Community College by a score of 73-48 on Thursday at home. MCC got off to a quick start with 15 transition points and some quick 3's. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) scored 12 of her game high 17 points with two 3 pointers in each of the first two quarters. That spark, along with solid defense allowed MCC to take a 40-27 lead into half time. In the 3rd quarter the Skippers went cold from the field and the Jayhawks played great pressure defense, which allowed MCC to extend the lead. In addition to Freeland's 17 points, the Jayhawks got 14 points and 4 steals from Kalisa Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) and 11 points from Montaijah Kitchen (Muskegon HS). Jena'a Matthews (Mona Shores HS) pulled down a team high 10 rebounds, Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) recorded 8 boards, 4 assists and 3 steals and Yojaira Campos (West Ottawa HS) finished with 7 rebounds. Sam Taylor (Cedar Spring HS) dished out 4 assists.

"I was pleased with our overall intensity tonight. Coming off a tough loss the day before, you never know how your team is going to respond. They all did great and I am really glad everyone was able to contribute to this win," said Head Coach Amanda Parker.

The Jayhawks are now 3-1 on the season. They return to action on Saturday, 11/19 at Alpena Community College. Game time is 1:00 pm.

### **Women's Basketball Home vs. Hope College JV**

November 16, 2016 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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| Final                  |           |
| <b>Hope College JV</b> | <b>65</b> |
| Muskegon CC            | 55        |

Muskegon Community College dropped their first game of the year to the JV team from Hope College by a score of 65-55. The Jayhawks got off to an uncharacteristically slow start as the Flying Dutch were able to shred their defense for early baskets. MCC was outscored in the first quarter 22-13 and Hope extended that lead to 20 with 2 minutes to play in the half. MCC went on a 10-1 run to cut the lead to 11 at halftime. Bailey Freeland (Kent City HS) was 3-4 from the 3 point line in the first hand to provide some offensive energy for the Jayhawks. MCC came out and played their style of basketball in the 3rd quarter by forcing turnovers and hitting easy transition baskets. They were able to hold Hope to 7 points in the quarter and the two teams started the 4th quarter tied at 48. In the 4th quarter the Jayhawks started to run out of gas, missing some key free throws and going cold from the field. They had to start to foul Hope and the Dutch were able to seal the win. Leading scores for MCC were Kalisa William (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 21 points, 4 assists and 3 steals and Camaryia Williams (Reeths-Puffer HS) with 12 points, 6 rebounds, 6 steals and 3 assists. Freeland finished with 12 points and Jena'a Matthews grabbed 22 rebounds.

“This game was extremely frustrating. My team displayed two different versions of themselves tonight. Our inconsistency has to change, and quickly. With that being said, we have no time to dwell on this loss due to the fact that we have another game tomorrow. We must move forward, learn from our mistakes and be better because of it.” Head Coach Amanda Parker.

The Jayhawks are now 2-1 on the season. They return to the floor for game 2 of back-to-back home games Thursday, 11/17 against St. Clair County Community College. Tip off is 5:30 pm.