

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2017-18 RECAPS

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MCC men's basketball guard Daryl Kirkland II (Grand Rapids, MI/Muskegon) was named to both the NJCAA All-Region XII First Team and the All-MCCAA First Team for the 2017-18 season.

Kirkland, a 6-3 sophomore who also was named First Team All-Western Conference, averaged 21.4 points and 6.8 rebounds per game this season. His 642 career points ranks him seventh on the MCC all-time list for single season points scored. He is tenth all-time in MCC scoring with 1,204 points.

Jayhawk sophomore Miguel Mahan (Baldwin, MI/Baldwin), a 6-7 forward, was named the Western Conference Defensive Player of the Year. He set the school record for most blocks in a season with 89, breaking the record of 85 by Phil Hoeker in 1992-93. Mahan averaged 10 points and 7.1 rebounds a game this year.

Sophomore guard Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids, MI/Grand Rapids Union), a 6-2 guard, was voted to the NJCAA District 9 All-Tournament Team and was named MCCA All-Western Conference Second Team. He averaged 15.2 point-per-game and is fifth all-time in three-point field goals made with 153.

MCC freshman Josh Smith (Lansing, MI/Waverly), a 6-6 forward, and sophomore Dequaveon Stuckey (Saginaw, MI/Grand Rapids Union), a 5-11 point guard, were all-conference honorable mention. Smith averaged 14.2 point and 7.1 rebounds per game, while Stuckey averaged 13.4 points, 6.5 assists and 5.2 rebounds per game.

The Jayhawks, under first-year Head Coach Jimmy Booth, finished 16-14 and advanced to the NJCAA District 12 Region 9 semifinals in 2017-18.

Men's Basketball at Region XII Tournament Semi-Finals

March 8 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final

Ancilla College

94

Muskegon CC

88

Muskegon Community College pushed the number two Ancilla College Chargers to overtime but the Chargers answered in to advance to the NJCAA District 9 Tournament Championship on Saturday by a score of 94-88. The Chargers (29-2) led by four at halftime and the teams exchanged the lead 12 times in the second half and overtime. Ancilla went up six with 1:52 left

in the second half, then Muskegon went on a 6-0 run capped by a Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) layup with 19 seconds to tie the game. MCC opened the overtime with a 5-2 run that was highlighted by a Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) three pointer with 2:01 left to give the Jayhawks (16-14) an 88-86 lead, but Ancilla tied the game with a pair of free throws with 1:11 left and they hit a three pointer with 32 second left to give the Chargers the lead for good.

The Jayhawks were led by Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) who had 24 points and 8 rebounds, while Diaz added 20 points and 10 rebounds. Kirkland II had 13 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists and Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) added 10 points, 15 rebounds and 5 blocks. Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS)/FL) threw in 10 points coming off the bench.

Men's Basketball Region XII Tournament vs. Lansing Community College

March 6 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	93
Lansing CC	69

Muskegon Community College won their quarterfinal game against rival Lansing Community College by a score of 93-69.

The Jayhawks had four players score in double figures, led by Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) with a game high 26 points, including 6 from three point range. Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) finished with 18 points, Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) had 16 and Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS/FL) added 10.

Next up for MCC is a semi-final match up with #1 seed Ancilla College at St. Clair County Community College on Thursday, 3/8 at 3:00 pm. The winner of that game will advance to the finals on Saturday, 3/10 at 1:00 pm at St. Clair CCC.

Men's Basketball vs. Jackson College

February 28 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Jackson College	88
Muskegon CC	79

The Jayhawks lost a tough game to the Jackson College Jets 88-79.

MCC was led by Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) who scored 32 points. Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS/FL) chipped in with 13 points.

“It was just a really frustrating night for us. I thought we did a poor job of defending in the first half and to start the second,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “One of the hardest things to do in basketball is for a player to keep defending when your shots are not falling. I thought we allowed that frustration to get to us too much and it effected our execution. But there’s no time to dwell, we have to move on and get ready for the tournament.”

The men finish the regular season with a 11-7 record in the Western Conference and 14-14 overall record. They will host Lansing Community College in the opening round of the Region XII Tournament on Tuesday, 3/6. Game time is 7:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Lake Michigan College

February 26 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	91
Lake Michigan	75

Muskegon Community College won a big game at Lake Michigan College by a score of 91-75.

Six Jayhawks finished in double figures led by Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) who finished with a double-double of 14 points and 13 rebounds. Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) also recorded a double-double with 10 points and 11 boards. Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) led all scorers with 22 points, Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) and Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS/FL) each scored 17 points and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) chipped in 11pts.

“I really loved how tough we were tonight. We have come together lately and realized how dangerous we can be when we are playing together as evident by 6 different guys scoring double figures,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “I’m proud of the way we defended tonight as well. They scored 105 on us on our floor and are guys took that heart. Holding them to 75 points was a 30 point swing and is a huge credit to the guys.”

The Jayhawks are now 11-6 in the Western Conference and 14-13 overall. The regular season wraps up with a home game against Jackson College on Wednesday 2/28 at 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball vs. Mid-Michigan Community College

February 24 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	78
Mid-Michigan CC	62

The Jayhawks hosted the Mid-Michigan Community College Lakers and prevailed by a score of 78-62.

Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) scored a game high 28 points for the Jayhawks, including 9-11 from the free throw line. Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) added 22 points and Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) also scored in double digits with 10.

“Mid was tied with us in the league standings so today was a huge win for us,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “I thought we came ready to go and Josh played really well start to finish. I was the most pleased with the way we defended, we talk about it all the time. Our defense should never change even we are up. I thought we did a great job defending for 40 minutes today.”

MCC is 10-6 in the Western Conference and 13-13 overall. They are battling to host a first round regional game. Next up is a game at Lake Michigan College on Monday, 2/26. Game time is 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Glen Oaks Community College

February 21 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	110
Glen Oaks CC	106

Muskegon Community College picked up an important road victory over Glen Oaks Community College in overtime, 110-106.

Six Jayhawks hit double figures in the win. Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) led all scorers with a game high 35 points and 8 assists. Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) finished with 17 points and 7 steals, Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS, FL) scored 16 points and Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) each finished with 13 points. Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) added 12 points and 5 blocks.

“I’m very pleased with the way we shared the ball the whole game as evident by our 27 assists and 6 guys in double figures,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “I’m even happier with the way we kept our heads and composure tonight and for how hard we played when things were both good and bad. It didn’t change how hard we played.”

With the win the Jayhawks have clinched a spot in the NJCAA Region XII Tournament. They are now 9-6 in conference play and 12-13 overall. They return to action on Saturday, 2/24 when they host Mid-Michigan Community College. Game time is 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball vs. Kalamazoo Valley Community College

February 17 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
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Muskegon CC	107
Kalamazoo Valley CC	69

Muskegon Community College hit 19 three pointers and outscored Kalamazoo Valley Community College 107-69 in Western Conference action.

The Jayhawks got balanced scoring with 7 players in double figures, led by Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) with 19 points. Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS/Florida) had 16 points off the bench, followed by Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) who both scored 13. Kirkland finished with a triple double, adding 11 rebounds and 12 assists. Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) and Aaron Veihl (Fruitport HS) each scored 11 points and Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) finished with 10. By the end of the game MCC got points from every player on their roster.

“Tonight was a good win. We needed to defend our home court and we did that,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “Our guys love hitting the century mark but I am by far most pleased with the fact that we defended for the whole game holding them under 70 points, and our combined 33 team assists.”

MCC is now 8-6 in the Western Conference and 11-13 overall. They return to action with a trip to Glen Oaks Community College on Wednesday, 2/21 for a 7:30 pm contest.

Men’s Basketball at Lansing Community College

February 14 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Lansing CC	102
Muskegon CC	89

The Jayhawks lost to the host Lansing Community College Stars in Lansing, MI by a score of 102-89.

MCC got off to a slow start in the first half and found themselves down by as many as 15 before going on a run with about 3 minutes left to cut the deficit to 6. To start the second half they were able to get out in transition and found some rhythm on offense, but Lansing was able to match buckets and with 6 minutes left in the game they were up 73-71. MCC struggled to get any defensive stops and LCC extended their lead late in the game.

“We were not good enough on the defensive end, our execution defensively was awful,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “I thought we looked really good during some stretches in both halves but that’s not good enough to win. I’m extremely disappointed in our lack of consistency in our effort and focus”.

Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) each finished with 19 points. Kirkland also grabbed 10 rebounds. Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) chipped in 18 points while Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) had 16 points.

MCC is now 7-6 in the conference and 10-13 overall. They return to the court on Saturday, 2/17 when they host Kalamazoo Valley Community College for a 3:00 pm game.

Men's Basketball vs. Kellogg Community College

February 10 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	88
Kellogg CC	60

Muskegon Community College got back on the winning track with an 88-60 win over the visiting Bruins from Kellogg Community College.

Leading scorer for the Jayhawks was Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) with 18, followed by Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) with 17 and Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) with 16.

"I thought today was our most complete game start to finish. I thought we got back to defending the way we did earlier in the year and both of those are good signs moving forward this time of year," said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. "I challenged the team to try to hold them under 70 for the game and they did a great job of taking it a step further and holding them to 60".

MCC is now 7-5 in the Western conference and 10-12 overall. They return to the court on Wednesday 2/14 when they travel to Lansing Community College for a battle with the Stars. Tipoff is 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball at Grand Rapids Community College

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

Final	
Grand Rapids CC	103
Muskegon CC	92

The Jayhawks lost to Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids by a score of 103-92.

MCC is 6-5 in Western Conference action and 9-12 overall. They return to the court on Saturday, 2/10 with a home game vs. Kellogg Community College at 3:00 pm.

Men's Basketball vs. Ancilla College

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

Final	
Ancilla College	113
Muskegon CC	89

The Jayhawks lost a conference game to the 2nd ranked Ancilla College Chargers tonight by a score of 113-89.

The first half was a back and forth affair with Ancilla taking a 48-45 lead into the locker room. The Jayhawks would grab a short lived lead with 11:59 left in the game but they went cold from the field, shooting just 12% from 3 point range and only 32% for the entire second half.

The Jayhawks got a strong offensive performance from Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) who led all scorers with 26 points. Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS, FL) came off the bench and scored 18, Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) finished with 15 and Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) added 14.

“Our defensive effort and focus just isn’t there right now,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “We have to take pride in our defense and we’re simply not doing that. We can’t expect to win giving up 100 plus and allowing a team to shoot as well as them. Completely inexcusable.”

MCC is now 6-4 in conference play and 9-11 overall. They hit the road on Wednesday, 2/7 for a matchup with rival Grand Rapids Community College. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Jackson College

January 31 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Jackson College	90
Muskegon CC	77

Muskegon Community College lost a conference contest to the Jackson College Jets by a score of 90-77.

Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) led the Jayhawk scorers with 19 points. Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS, FL) and Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) each recorded a double-double. Mulder scored 11 points and grabbed 11 rebounds while Smith finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) scored 13 points and Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) added 11 points.

“You have to be able to win games when you’re not making shots and we are still learning that,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “We did a poor job of handling our offensive frustrations tonight and we allowed that to affect our defensive and rebounding efforts. Bad shooting or not 90 points is too many for a group like this to be giving up.”

The Jayhawks are now 6-3 in Western Conference play and 9-10 overall. The second half of the conference schedule gets under way on Saturday, 2/3 when the Ancilla College Chargers make a trip to Bartels-Rode Gymnasium for a 3:00 pm contest.

Men's Basketball vs. Lake Michigan College

January 27 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Lake Michigan College	105
Muskegon CC	86

The Jayhawks dropped a home game to Lake Michigan College on Saturday by a score of 105-86, snapping their 6 game winning streak.

Darryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) led all scorers with 31 points and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) poured in 26 points for the Jayhawks.

"We got our butts kicked tonight. We didn't come to play today and they did and they beat us in every aspect," said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. "It is disappointing to see us come out and play with such a lack of urgency."

MCC is now 6-2 in Western Conference play and 9-9 overall. They travel to Jackson College to take on the Jets on Wednesday, 1/31. Tipoff is 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball at Mid-Michigan Community College

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

Final	
Muskegon CC	78
Mid-Michigan CC	77

Muskegon Community College grabbed a close 78-77 victory from Mid-Michigan Community College in Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday night.

MCC was led by standout sophomore Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) who led all scorers with 28 points. Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) scored 14 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) chipped in 13 points and Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) added 12 points and a game high 6 assists. John Ivory (Detroit Northwestern HS) came off the bench and made a huge impact with a game high 9 rebounds and 5 blocked shots.

"This is a tough place to play and this was a good win," said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. "I am extremely disappointed with how careless we were with the basketball tonight but at the end

of the day we made enough plays when it mattered most and that's what good teams do, especially on the road. That's what our guys did tonight and I'm proud of them."

The Jayhawks are now 6-1 in Western Conference action and 9-8 overall. They host the 6-1 Lake Michigan College Red Hawks on Saturday, 1/27 at 3:00 pm.

Men's Basketball vs. Glen Oaks Community College

January 20 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	91
Glen Oaks CC	72

The Muskegon Community College Jayhawks squared off against visiting Glen Oaks Community College and cruised to a 91-72 victory.

Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) was the top scorer for the Jayhawks with 19 points and 8 assists with only one turnover. Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) both recorded double doubles. Mahan finished with 14 points and 13 boards while Diaz added 11 points and 11 rebounds. Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) added 15 points while Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) and Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS, FL) each scored 13 points.

"We picked up a good win today against a team that is much better than their record shows," said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. "I thought we did a good job flipping that switch defensively allowing us to get that big lead. I love seeing the way we are sharing the ball, which was evident by 6 different guys reaching double figures. That doesn't happen very often."

The Jayhawks are now 5-1 in Western Conference play and 8-8 overall. They return to action on Wednesday, 1/24 with a trip to Mt. Pleasant, MI to take on Mid-Michigan College. Tipoff is 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball at Kalamazoo Valley Community College

January 17 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	85
Kalamazoo Valley CC	77

Muskegon Community College won their 4th game in a row with a victory over Kalamazoo Valley Community College in Kalamazoo, MI by a score of 85-77. The Jayhawks dominated the game from the start as they never trailed during the game. Every Jayhawk not only played in the game but also scored at least one field goal. The Jayhawks were led by Daryl Kirkland II

(Muskegon HS) with 21 points, 8 assists and no turnovers. Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) had 14 points and John Ivory (Detroit Northwestern HS) and Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) each finished with 12 points and 4 blocks.

“I’m proud of the way we handled ourselves today and took care of business. Winning on the road is never easy in this league and we came in and did what we had to do to get the win,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “I was also glad we were able to get everyone involved in the game.”

The Jayhawks are now 4-1 in conference play and 7-8 overall. They return to action on Saturday, 1/20 when they host Glen Oaks Community College. Tipoff is 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball vs. Lansing Community College

January 13 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	92
Lansing CC	75

Muskegon Community College hosted the Lansing Community College Stars. Most of the game was a back and forth affair but the Jayhawks were able to pull away at the end for a 92-75 victory.

Five Jayhawks scored in double figures led by Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) who recorded a double-double with 25 points, 10 rebounds and 7 assists. Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) both ended up with 18 points, Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) chipped in 12 points and 8 rebounds and Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) added 10 points, 6 rebounds and 5 blocked shots.

“I was really proud of our guys for the way we closed the game out today, especially on the defensive end,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “I thought we did a poor job defensively in the first half but to our credit we did a great of executing the adjustments we made at halftime. I was also pleased with the way we kept our heads and stayed focused when they were clearly getting frustrated. That’s a good sign of mental toughness and moving forward. Today was a good win but we have to continue to get better.”

MCC is now 3-1 in MCCA Western Conference play and 6-8 overall. They return to action with a game at Kalamazoo Valley Community College on Wednesday, 1/17 at 7:30 pm and then they return home to host Glen Oaks Community College on Saturday, 1/20 at 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Kellogg Community College

January 10 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
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Muskegon CC	83
Kellogg CC	75

The Jayhawks traveled to historic Battle Creek Central Field House to take on Kellogg Community College and came home with a 83-75 victory.

Sophomore Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) led MCC with 27 points while 3 other Jayhawks scored in double figures; Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS), Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS), and Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS, FL) who all scored 14 points.

“I told the team over and over that this was going to be tough place to play because it is so big and therefore it’s a dead gym,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “I also told them that Kellogg was gonna come ready for a 40 minute fight. I’m extremely proud of the way we defended when it ultimately mattered most to end the game.”

Men’s Basketball vs. Grand Rapids Community College

January 6 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	94
Grand Rapids CC	86

Muskegon Community College defeated rival Grand Rapids Community College by a score of 94-86.

The Jayhawks finished with 4 players in double digit scoring, led by Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) with a game high 26 points, 8 rebounds and 6 assists. Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) finished with 23 points and 9 boards, Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) had 20 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists and Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) chipped in 15 points.

“I’m so proud of these guys for the effort and focus today, “said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “I could tell early that they were dialed in and ready to go and told them after the game that if we can come ready to go the way they did today there isn’t a team we can’t beat. GRCC is a heck of team and Coach Bronkema is a heck of a coach. It was a great team win today.”

The Jayhawks are now 1-1 in the Western Conference and 4-8 overall. They return to the court on Wednesday with a road trip to Kellogg Community College. Tipoff is 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Ancilla College

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

Final	
Ancilla College	

Muskegon CC	102
	100

Muskegon Community College lost a tight game to the 4th ranked Ancilla College Chargers 102-100.

The Jayhawks had five players in double figures, led by Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) with 21 points, all in the second half. Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) and Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) both added 19 points, Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) had 13 points and 13 rebounds and Dylan Mulder (Zion Lutheran Christian HS – Florida) added 18 points off the bench.

“We are struggling right now to close out games and make good decisions at the end of games,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “We work on it every day in practice. This team is young but also tough and extremely talented. We will figure it out. Ancilla is a good team. So are we. We just have to make better decisions with the basketball. That falls on all of us, including me.”

The Jayhawks are now 0-1 in the Western Conference and 3-8 overall. They return to action on Saturday, 1/6 when they host Grand Rapids Community College. Tip off will be 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Delta College

December 21, 2017 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
Delta College	78
Muskegon CC	66

Muskegon Community College closed out 2017 with a 78-66 loss to the 13th ranked Delta College Pioneers.

Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) finished the game with 14 points, 9 rebounds and 7 blocks. Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) added 13 points and Dequaveon Stuckey (Grand Rapids Union HS) and Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) each chipped in 11 points.

“As a team you can’t have 25 turnovers on the road and expect to win many games,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “We didn’t shoot the ball well today but that is going to happen and we held them under their average points per game by almost 20. I thought the turnovers were the clear difference and something we have to get cleaned up.”

The Jayhawks are now 3-7 as they get ready to kick off the conference portion of their schedule. They return to action with a trip to Ancilla College for a 7:30 pm game on Thursday, 1/4.

Men’s Basketball vs. Owens Community College

December 16, 2017 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Owens CC	82
Muskegon CC	81

Muskegon Community College lost a heart breaker to Owens Community College 82-81 in overtime.

Leading scorers for the Jayhawks were Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) with 23 followed by Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) with 21. Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) chipped in 12 points and 8 blocks.

“We’ve got to be able to do a better job of closing games out,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “I have to do a better job preparing them and our guys have to do a better job executing. I thought we played some of our best basketball of the season so far for most of the game but stupid and unforced turnovers just killed us tonight.”

MCC is now 3-6 on the year. They return to action on Thursday, 12/21 with a 5:00 pm tip off at Delta College.

Men’s Basketball at St. Clair County Community College

December 9, 2017 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	97
St. Clair County CC	87

Muskegon Community College was on the road for their 5th consecutive game and came home with a victory over St. Clair County Community College by a score of 97-87 in double overtime.

The Jayhawks were sluggish in the first half, scoring only 29 points but they were only down by 8, even after SC4 made nine 3’s. MCC was finally able to tie the game With 19.4 seconds to play, then with 1.4 seconds left they got an offensive rebound, put back and a free throw from Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) to go up 70-67. But SC4 tied the game with a half-court shot to send it to overtime. In the first OT the Jayhawks held a 2 point lead with 4.6 seconds left but SC4 again scored at the buzzer to send it into double OT at 79 all. Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) took over the scoring with back to back 3 pointers and the Jayhawks were finally able to seal the victory.

Five Jayhawks scored in double figures, led by Diaz with a double-double of 35 points and 13 rebounds. Smith also finished with a double-double, pulling down a game high 17 rebounds and adding 15 points. Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) recorded 13 points and 12 rebounds and Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) added 12 points and 10 rebounds. Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) also had 16 points and 8 boards.

“I could not be more proud of this group, it was an unbelievable effort and display of mental toughness,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “For them to keep battling being down the whole game and put themselves in a position to take the lead and then for them to keep their heads after both the last second shots went in showed how tough this group is, especially after how many close games we have had already this year. Huge win for us and extremely proud of our guys.”

Next up for the 3-5 Jayhawks is a home game on Saturday, 12/16 vs. Owens Community College. Tipoff is 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Macomb Community College

December 2, 2017 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Macomb CC	84
Muskegon CC	81

Muskegon Community College lost a close game on the road to Macomb Community College by a score of 84-81.

Sergio Diaz (GR Union HS) led the Jayhawks with 21 points, followed by Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) with 18 points. Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly) added 17 points and Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) chipped in 13 points.

“This is a tough loss to stomach,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “When you lose a game like this the way we did you take a look at everything. Everybody has to be better. I have to coach better and we have to play better. We didn’t finish the game like we needed to and in a 3 point loss when we missed 16 free throws is gonna haunt you a little bit. But we will get back to work and get better.”

The Jayhawks are now 2-5 in non-conference play. They return to the court on Saturday, 12/9 with a road trip to St. Clair County Community College. Game time is 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Mott Community College

November 21, 2017 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Mott CC	73
Muskegon CC	62

Muskegon Community College traveled to Flint, MI and dropped a contest to 8th ranked Mott Community College by a score of 73-62 despite inspired play from the Jayhawk defense.

Unfortunately the offense gave up some untimely turn overs at the end of the first half and then suffered an 0-6 spell from the 3 point line in the second half.

The Jayhawks were led by freshman Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) with 17 points, Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) with 16 points and Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) with 10 points.

“It’s extremely frustrating to lose a game, but it’s even more frustrating to lose a game because you keep shooting yourself in the foot,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “That’s exactly what we did tonight with all those turnovers, especially in the first half, and all those missed lay ups and open shots. But I challenged our guys defensively and they answered. I am proud of that and proud of how hard we are competing, we just have to stop making life so hard on ourselves.”

The Jayhawks fall to 2-4 on the year and travel to Eastern Conference power Macomb Community College on Saturday, 12/2 for game 4 of a 5 game road trip. Game time is 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Schoolcraft College

November 18, 2017 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final

Muskegon Community College dropped a road game to #5 ranked Schoolcraft College, 89-81. The Jayhawks struggled to shoot the ball in the first half and found themselves down by as many as 18 points. They were able to put together a little run just before the half and that continued into the second half where they were much better offensively, shooting 65% from the field. They were able to cut the lead to 4 at about the 4 minute mark but ultimately Schoolcraft was able to secure the win with clutch free throws down the stretch.

Four Jayhawks were in double figures led by Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) who ended his night with 24 points. Sergio Diaz (GR Union HS) and Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) both had 18 points and Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) chipped in 16 points.

“I am really proud of this young group to come in and compete and battle the way they did,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “Things were not looking good for us in the first half, but they did a good job of weathering that storm and that allowed us to make that late run. However, we still have got to be able to make those key plays in those crucial moments down the stretch. But we will learn from this and get better.”

The Jayhawks are now 2-3 on the season. They return to action on Tuesday, November 21 with a road game at Mott Community College. Tip off will be around 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Hope College JV

November 15, 2017 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final

Hope College JV

Muskegon CC

Muskegon Community College lost to the Hope College JV team by a score of 81-71. The Jayhawks led for most of the first half but the home team Flying Dutchmen were able to take control of the game in the second half for the win.

The Jayhawks were led by sophomore Sergio Diaz (GR Union HS) who recorded a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) also had 17 points while Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) and Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) added 14 and 15 points respectively.

“It was unacceptable for us to come out and play the way we did. There was a complete lack of urgency and effort on both ends of the floor”, said head Coach Jimmy Booth. “We have to come ready to play every night. They did and we didn’t.”

The Jayhawks are now 2-2. They return to action on Saturday, 11/18 with a road trip to Schoolcraft College in Livonia, MI. Game time is 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball vs. Alpena Community College

November 11, 2017 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	93
Alpena CC	69

Muskegon Community College defeated the Alpena Community College Lumberjacks by a score of 93-69 for their second consecutive home win.

The Jayhawks were led by Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) with a game high 23 points, followed by 15 points from Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) and 14 points from Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS). Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) added 11 points and Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) had 10 points and 9 assists.

“I’m really pleased with our effort today from every single one the guys,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “We are getting better every day and playing selflessly and for one another and it shows with 5 guys in double figures.”

The Jayhawks travel to Holland, MI on Wednesday, 11/15 for a match up with the Hope College JV team. Tip off will be approximately 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball vs. Aquinas College JV

November 8, 2017 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	80

Muskegon Community College won their home opener over the Aquinas College JV team by a score of 80-63. The Jayhawks were led by Darryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) with 27 points and 9 assists. Sergio Diaz (Grand Rapids Union HS) added 15 points and freshman Aaron Veihi (Fruitport HS) came off the bench and scored 13. Miguel Mahan (Baldwin HS) grabbed 10 rebounds and added 9 points.

“It is always nice to get that first win of the year,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “Aquinas has some good players and they run a good program with coaches that coached right here at MCC. We still have a lot of work to do, but we will certainly take the win.”

The Jayhawks are now 1-1 on the season. They return to the court on Saturday, 11/11 when they host Ancilla College. Tip off will be approximately 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Oakland Community College

November 4, 2017 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Oakland CC	98
Muskegon CC	76

Muskegon Community College opened the 2017-18 season with a road loss to Oakland Community College, 98-78.

The Jayhawks were led by sophomore guard Daryl Kirkland II (Muskegon HS) with a game-high 34 points and freshman Josh Smith (Lansing Waverly HS) with 22 points.

“We knew going in that our ability to rebound and take care of the ball was going to be huge because of the style and size that Oakland plays with,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “We didn’t do a good enough job at either of those things and I thought that was the difference in the game. We are extremely young and I think that showed. But I am extremely proud of how hard we competed for 40 minutes. We have to do a better job at executing on both ends of the floor.”