

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2019-20 RECAPS

Two MCC Men's Basketball Players Earn All-American Honors

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Two Muskegon Community College men's basketball players, Vejas Grazulis (Marquette, MI/Marquette) and Kylan Shipp (Detroit, MI/Northwestern), have been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II All-America Team for the 2019-20 season

Grazulis, a 6-11, 238-pound freshman center from Marquette, MI, was named a NJCAA Second Team All-America and Shipp, a 5-10, 160 sophomore guard, was a third team All-America selection.

Both were key players on this year's MCC squad, arguably the greatest in school history, which captured conference, state and regional titles. The 26-4 Jayhawks was bringing a 21-game win streak into the national championship tournament, where they were seeded #3 in the 16-team field. The tournament – and MCC's memorable season – was abruptly cancelled by the COVID-19 crisis.

Grazulis, who is committed to play for Ferris State University next season, was an all-around force for the Jayhawks with his per-game averages of 14.2 points, 12.3 rebounds, 4.1 blocks and 1.7 assists. Shipp, from his point guard position, was the sparkplug who ignited MCC's explosive offense. He led the team in scoring with 19.1 point-per game, along with 5.1 assists, 5.0 rebounds and 1.6 steals.

The Jayhawks, under head coach Jimmy Booth, finished a perfect 18-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Western Conference, won their first state title in 74 years, and clinched their first national tournament appearance since 1990.

FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICANS

PLAYER	COLLEGE	POS.	CLASS
Ahamadou Fofana	Erie (NY)	G	So.
Justin Brookens	Iowa Lakes	G	So.
Jacob Falko	Cecil (MD)	G	So.
Darius Lee	Sullivan County (NY)	G	So.
Xavier Fuller	Scottsdale (AZ)	G	So.
Jamarius Hairston	Davidson County (NC)	G	So.
Marty Jackson	North Central Missouri	F	So.
Courtney Carter	South Suburban (IL)	G	So.
Jared Johnson	Prairie State (IL)	F	Fr.
Taylor Currie	Mott (MI)	C	Fr.

SECOND TEAM ALL-AMERICANS			
PLAYER	COLLEGE	POS.	CLASS
JaQuaylon Mays	Johnson County (KS)	G	So.
Sheldon Stevens	Southern Arkansas University Tech	G	So.
Chandler Bevans	John Wood (IL)	F	So.
Lorenzo Smith	Dakota County Technical (MN)	G	So.
Vejas Grazulis	Muskegon (MI)	C	Fr.
Tyreke Johnson	Lakeland (OH)	G	So.
Yuri Swinford	Milwaukee Area Tech (WI)	F	So.
Isaiah Jennings	Montgomery (MD)	G	So.
Luke Appel	Kirkwood (IA)	F	So.
Leon Ayers	Henry Ford (MI)	G	So.

THIRD TEAM ALL-AMERICANS			
PLAYER	COLLEGE	POS.	CLASS
Roman Behrens	Central (NE)	G	So.
Rick'Keem Mixson	Raritan Valley (NJ)	G	So.
Atavian Butler	North Central Missouri	G	Fr.
Kendall Robinson	Sullivan County (NY)	F	So.
Jalen Lynn	Arkansas State Mid-South	G	So.
Jake Lieppert	Pima (AZ)	G	Fr.
Cecelio Montgomery	United Tribes Tech (ND)	G	Fr.
Justus Baldwin	Wake Tech (NC)	G	So.
Joshua Morris	Morris (NJ)	F	So.
Kylan Shipp	Muskegon (MI)	G	So.

MCC Seeded Third in National Championship Tournament

March 10 @ 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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The Muskegon Community College men's basketball team has been awarded the third seed in the 16-team National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's Basketball Championship Tournament being held March 17-21 at Mary Miller Center in Danville, IL. The seeds were announced by the NJCAA on Tuesday afternoon.

Making its first trip to nationals since the 1989-90 season, MCC opens play against #14 Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC), the Plains District champions, on Tuesday, March 17, at 11 a.m. The Jayhawks have a 21-game winning streak that includes capturing conference, state and regional titles along the way. The KCKCC Blue Devils own an 18-13 record.

The winner of the MCC-KCKCC contest advances to the quarterfinals at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, to face the winner of the #6 South Suburban (IL) vs. #11 Glendale (AZ) contest. That winner advances to the semifinal game on Friday, March 20, at 8:30 p.m., with the championship game set for Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. All times listed are Central Time.

“We are extremely excited about receiving the number three seed in the tournament,” said MCC Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “We are looking forward to preparing for Kansas City Kansas and can’t wait to get to work.”

This year’s tournament participants, listed by seed with win-loss records, are:

- 1 – Milwaukee Area Tech (WI) 31-1
- 2 – Des Moines Area (IA) 29-4
- 3 – Muskegon (MI) 26-4**
- 4 – Sullivan County (NY) 28-2
- 5 – Schoolcraft (MI) 28-3
- 6 – South Suburban (IL) 29-4
- 7 – Davidson County (NC) 31-1
- 8 – Howard (MD) 25-6
- 9 – North Central Missouri (27-3)
- 10 – Parkland (IL) 23-7
- 11 – Glendale (AZ) 21-10
- 12 – Louisburg (NC) 21-12
- 13 – Lakeland (OH) 22-7
- 14 – Kansas City Kansas (18-13)
- 15 – Essex County (NJ) 20-7
- 16 – Dakota County Tech (MN) 21-10

Men’s Basketball-NJCAA Region XII Finals at Grand Rapids Community College

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

Final

Muskegon CC

Ancilla College

Muskegon Community College beat Ancilla College 94-82 to become the NJCAA Region XII Champs.

MCC got double digit scoring from 5 players; leading the way for MCC with a career high was Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) with 36 points, 8 rebounds and 5 assists. The Jayhawks also got double-doubles from their two big men, Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) and Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS). Bivins finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds and Grazulis added 15 points and 10 rebounds. Chris Simmons (Thornwood HS) added 13 points and Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) finished with 12.

The win MCC qualifies for the NJCAA National Championship Tournament hosted by Danville Community College in Danville, IL. The Jayhawks will find out the seed and the next opponent Tuesday evening.

Men's Basketball-NJCAA Region XII Semi-Final at Grand Rapids Community College

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

Final	
Muskegon CC	94
Kellogg CC	70

Leading the way for #1 seed Muskegon CC was Jerome Bivins with a double double, 26 points 10 rebounds followed up by Jermayne Golidy with 24 points 7 rebounds. Julian Walker pours in 11 points, Kylan Shipp with 10 points Vejas Grazulis with 8 points, Chris Simmons with the power of 7s- 7 points 7 rebounds and 7 assists Travez Nyx with 6 and Jamaal Bailey with added 2! The big blowout means your Muskegon Jayhawks will take on the #2 seed Ancilla Chargers for a trip to the National tournament on the line!

Men's Basketball MCCA State Tournament vs. Schoolcraft College

February 29 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	92
Schoolcraft College	89

Muskegon Community College hosted the MCCA Men's Basketball Championship with Western Conference Champions Muskegon Community College hosting Eastern Conference Champions Schoolcraft College. MCC captured their first state championship since 1946 with a 92-89 victory.

The Jayhawks led 47-42 at the half, and by as many as 12 points with 5 minutes remaining before Schoolcraft made a run to cut into the lead, but at the end it was MCC grabbing their 19th win in a row.

Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) led the way with 23 points and Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) scored 21. Also in double digits for the Jayhawks were Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) with 16, Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) with 13 and Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) with 12. Grazulis added 10 rebounds and 6 blocks.

The Jayhawks finish the regular season with a record of 24-4. As the number one seed in the NJCAA Regional Tournament, they will play in a semi-final game on Friday, 3/6 at Grand Rapids Community College at 3:00 pm against the winner of Lansing CC and Kellogg CC.

Men's Basketball at Glen Oaks Community College (postponed from 2/26)

February 27 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	89
Glen Oaks CC	79

The Jayhawk Men's Basketball team completed a perfect 18-0 conference season with a 89-79 win over host Glen Oaks Community College.

MCC was led by Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) with 25 points, Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) with 17 points and Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) and Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) with 15 points each. Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) recorded yet another double double with 12 points and 13 rebounds. He also added 5 blocked shots.

The Jayhawks will host Eastern Conference Champions and 10th ranked Schoolcraft College for the MCCA title on Saturday, 2/29 at 3:00 pm.

Men's Basketball home vs. Kalamazoo Valley Community College

February 24 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	92
Kalamazoo Valley CC	79

The 9th ranked Muskegon Community College Men's Basketball team won their 17th game in a row with a home victory over Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 92-79.

Early in the game, it looked like KVCC had upset on their mind as the Jayhawks struggled to score. The Cougars went into the locker room at half time up 45-35, but the Jayhawks were able to reverse that trend in the second half with 57 points while holding KVCC to 34.

Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) led the way with 22 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists and 3 steals. Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) finished with 19 points and Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) and Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) each added 16. Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) was also in double digits with 13 points.

With one more conference game to play the Jayhawks are still a perfect 17-0 in the conference and 22-4 overall. They will wrap up the regular season with a road game at Glen Oaks Community College on Wednesday, 2/26 at 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball at Grand Rapids Community College

February 22 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	86
Grand Rapids CC	78

The #11 ranked Muskegon Community College Men's Basketball Team wrapped up the Western Conference Championship with an 86-78 victory over Grand Rapids Community College.

GRCC came out ready to play in the first half, as they were able to take advantage of poor shooting from the Jayhawks to grab a 46-39 half time lead. In the second half MCC came out hot, scoring 20 points in the first 5 minutes and they cruised to the win.

Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) led all scorers with 28 points and 14 rebounds. Jerome Bivins (Romulus) and Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) both finished with 19 points and Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) added 14 points, 9 assists and 7 rebounds.

MCC stands at 16-0 in conference play and 21-4 overall. They return home for their final regular season home game vs. Kalamazoo Valley Community College on Monday, 2/24. Tip off is scheduled for 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball home vs. Kellogg Community College

February 19 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	85
Kellogg CC	

Muskegon Community College used an 85-79 victory over Kellogg Community College to clinch at least a share of the MCCA Western Conference.

Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) filled up the stat sheet with 26 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 5 steals. Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) chipped in with 21 points and Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) had a double double with 13 points, 14 rebounds and 7 blocks.

The Jayhawks are now a perfect 15-0 in Western Conference play and 20-4 overall. MCC can claim the title outright on Saturday, 2/22 with a win at rival Grand Rapids Community College. Tip-off is scheduled for 3:00 pm.

Men's Basketball home vs. Lake Michigan College

February 14 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final

Muskegon CC	121
Lake Michigan College	75

Muskegon Community College beat Lake Michigan College at home, 121-75 for their 14th straight victory.

Every Jayhawk player contributed to the blowout win, led by Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) who had a monster night with 32 points and 17 rebounds. Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) scored 16 points and Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) and Julian Walker (Detroit Henry Ford) each added 14 points. As a team, they had 34 assists on 51 field goals with only seven turnovers. They also out rebounded Lake Michigan 62-35 and held the Red Hawks to 23% from the three-point line.

MCC is a perfect 14-0 in the Western Conference and 19-4 overall. They return to the court on Wednesday, 2/19 when they host the Bruins from Kellogg Community College at 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball at Jackson College

February 12 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final

Muskegon CC	79
Jackson College	77

The Muskegon Community College men recorded a 79-77 victory over Jackson College to secure a playoff spot.

Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) had himself a night with a double double of 32 points and 15 rebounds. Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) scored 23 points and Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) chipped in with 10 points.

“It wasn’t our best night, but great teams find a way to win when they’re not at their best, and that’s what our guys did tonight,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth after the game.

With the win, the Jayhawks remain a perfect 13-0 in the Western Conference and 18-4 overall. Next up is a home game vs. Lake Michigan College on Friday, 2/14. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Ancilla College

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

Final	
Muskegon CC	89
Ancilla	86

The 19th ranked MCC men’s basketball team ran its unbeaten conference record to 12-0 with 89-86 win at Ancilla College on Feb. 8.

Leading the way for the Jayhawks as Kylan Shipp with 20 points, 5 rebounds 5 assists, Travez Nyx added 18 points and 7 rebounds, Vejas Grazulis 15 points 11 rebounds, Jermayne Golidy 13 points, 8 rebounds and 6 assists, and Jerome Bivins with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

“The game was up and down all night,” said MCC Head Coach Jimmy Booth, whose team is now 17-4 overall.

The Jayhawks held a 15- point lead in the second half before Ancilla made a run, but MCC’s strong defense and its free throw shooting provided the winning margin.

The Jayhawks make a road trip to Jackson College on Feb. 12.

Men’s Basketball home vs. Lansing Community College

February 5 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	94
Lansing CC	79

Two Jayhawks scored a combined 56 points to pace the 19th ranked MCC Jayhawks to a 94-79 win over visiting Lansing CC on Feb. 5 and extend their unbeaten conference win streak to 11 consecutive games.

Travez Nyx scored 29 points and Jermayne Golidy added 27 points to lead the hosts. Vejas Grazulis netted 14 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, while Kylan Shipp also scored 14 points. Simon Obi came off the bench to add 8 points.

A slow start quickly turned as the Jayhawks found their stroke, shooting just under 40 percent from the 3-point line. The Jayhawks head into a pivotal game with Western Conference implications when they travel to Ancilla College on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Men's Basketball at Mid Michigan College

February 1 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	90
Mid Michigan College	78

Muskegon Community College was on the road for a game with Mid Michigan College and grabbed a 90-78 victory.

Mid Michigan rode a strong shooting half to a 41-35 half time lead. In the locker room Coach Booth encouraged his team to "sit down and guard" and the team took that to heart, holding the Lakers to 37 second half points while pouring in 55 of their own. MCC got double digit scoring from Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) with 22, Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) with 21, Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) with 18 and Jerome Bivins (Romulus) with 15.

The win was the 10th straight for the Jayhawks who are still perfect at 10-0 and 15-4 overall. They return to action with a home game on Wednesday, 2/5 vs. Lansing Community College at 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball home vs. Glen Oaks Community College

January 29 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	109
Glen Oaks CC	81

Muskegon Community College defeated the Glen Oaks Community College Vikings 109-81 to wrap up the first half of the conference schedule.

The Jayhawks got double digit scoring from six different players. Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) led the way with 20 points, followed closely by Julian Walker (Detroit Henry Ford HS) off the bench with 19. Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) finished with 18 points, Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) had 12 and both Chris Simmons (Thornwood HS) and Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) added 11.

“This is an unbelievable group that has risen to every challenge they have been given and now we get to do it all over again,” said Assistant Coach Mike Janikowski.

The Jayhawks continue to lead the Western Conference with a perfect 9-0 record (14-4 overall). They will take on Mid Michigan College on Saturday, 2/1 at Morey Courts in Mt Pleasant, MI. Tip-off is 3:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Kalamazoo Valley Community College

January 27 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	65
Kalamazoo Valley CC	63

Muskegon Community College held on to the top spot in the Western Conference with a 65-63 point victory at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The Jayhawks rank as one of the top scoring teams in the NJCAA, averaging around 93 points a game, but they struggled to score in the low scoring affair. Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) finished with with 22 points followed by Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) with 14. Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) was the only other Jayhawk in double digits with 10 points.

With the win MCC remains a perfect 8-0 in conference play and 13-4 overall. Up next, they host Glen Oaks Community College on Wednesday, 1/29 at 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball home vs. Grand Rapids Community College

January 25 @ 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	96
Grand Rapids CC	75

Muskegon Community College got contributions from everybody in a big win at home over rival Grand Rapids Community College, 96-75.

GRCC jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the game, but MCC took control of the game from that point on. At the end of the first half the Jayhawks held a 46-40 edge and the second half was all MCC, as they scored an additional 50 points while holding GRCC to 35 for the final margin of victory.

Big man freshman Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) posted a team high 20 points with 11 rebounds, Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) added 18 points and 7 assists and Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) chipped in a double double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

“That’s one hell of a win,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “7-0 in the conference, four games in seven days, and one big time rivalry win makes for a good week!”

The Jayhawks remain a perfect 7-0 in the Western conference and 12-4 overall. They continue their grueling schedule with a trip to Kalamazoo Valley Community College on Monday, 1/27 at 7:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball at Kellogg Community College

January 22 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	91
Kellogg CC	83

Muskegon Community College defeated Kellogg Community College on the road, 91-83.

MCC started slow, likely due to the fatigue of playing 4 games in 7 days. After 5 minutes of play, it was 10-1 Kellogg, but the Jayhawks were able to correct the ship and take a 10 point lead into the locker room at the half. In the second half, Kellogg played with more energy, and the game remained close until some late game free throws by the Jayhawks sealed the deal.

Three Jayhawks posted double doubles in the game; Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) scored 22 points and grabbed 15 boards, Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) scored 13 points and had 10 rebounds and Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) scored 11 points and had 11 rebounds. Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) also added 19 points and 7 assists.

“Teams during this time of year that find ways to win ugly games are special, and we did that tonight,” said Coach Jimmy Booth. Assistant Coach Mike Janikowski continued, “It wasn’t pretty, it wasn’t even good, but we got it done and a win is a win.”

MCC is now 6-0 in conference play and 11-4 overall. They return home to host rival Grand Rapids Community College on Saturday, 1/25. Tip off is scheduled for 8:00 pm.

Men’s Basketball home vs. Ancilla College (originally scheduled for 1/11)

January 20 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	91
Ancilla College	81

Muskegon Community College knocked off 1st place and #15 ranked Ancilla College by a score of 91-81.

Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) led the Jayhawk offense with 30 points, Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) added 24 points along with 4 assists, 3 rebounds, and 2 steals, and Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) chipped in 10 points and played a great defensive game. Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) had another double-double with 10 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocked shots.

“The teams that stay mentally tough this time of the year usually come out on top and we think we have the guys that can do just that.” said Head Coach Booth.

With the win, the Jayhawks move into sole possession of 1st place in the Western Conference with a perfect 5-0 record. They travel to Kellogg Community College Wednesday, 1/22 for a 7:30 pm tip off.

Men’s Basketball at Lake Michigan College

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

Final	
Muskegon CC	97
Lake Michigan College	82

Muskegon Community College rolled into Benton Harbor and defeated the Red Hawks of Lake Michigan College, 97-82.

MCC had four starters finish in double figures, led by Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) with 17 points and 10 rebounds, Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) with 16 points, Simon Obi (Romulus HS) with 14 points, Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) with 13 points and Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) with 12 points. In addition, three other players finished in double digits; Simon Obi (Romulus HS), Christian Simmons (Thornwood HS) and Jamaal Bailey (Godwin Heights HS).

Men’s Basketball home vs. Jackson College

January 15 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
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Muskegon CC	85
Jackson College	67

The Jayhawks defeated the Jackson College Jets at home by a score of 85-67.

MCC came out with early energy and they got the crowd involved with 3 ally-oop plays in the first 10 minutes of the game. The Jayhawks stormed out to a 15 point lead, but the Jets whittled the game down with good 3-point shooting. MCC led at the half, 41-37. The Jayhawks ended the game with four players in double figures; Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) had 16 points, 11 assists and 7 rebounds. Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) finished with 15 points, Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) added 14 points and Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) chipped in 13 points and 8 rebounds.

“We were letting them get a little too comfortable shooting,” said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. “We know we can score, it’s how well we can defend that will determine our success this season.”

MCC is now 3-0 in Western Conference play and 8-4 overall. They return to the hardwood on Saturday, 1/18 with a trip to Lake Michigan College for a 3:00 pm tip off.

Men’s Basketball at Lansing Community College

January 8 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	104
Lansing CC	81

The Jayhawks defeated the Lansing Community College Stars in Lansing 104-81.

The Jayhawks came out with a chip on their shoulder against the stars. Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) led the way with 25 points followed by Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) chipped in 16 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists and big man Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) collected yet another double double with 14 points and 13 rebounds along with 4 blocks. The defense made all the difference in the second half as the Jayhawks held the Star’s leading scorer to only 5 points on the night.

“Tough, hard nose defense will win games in this league and we really stepped it up tonight,” said Assistant Coach Mike Janikowski. “Our guys are starting to take pride in getting stops and it is turning into quick points for us on the offensive end.”

MCC is 2-0 in Western Conference play and 7-4 overall. They return to action on Saturday, 1/11 when they host 2-0 Ancilla College at 3:00 pm.

Men's Basketball home vs. Mid Michigan

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

Final	
Muskegon CC	91
Mid Michigan College	70

The Jayhawk men's basketball team defeated Mid Michigan College in the opener of conference play by a score of 91-70.

A back and forth first half ended with the Jayhawks up by 4 points at halftime. MCC came out with a focus on defense and energy in the second half and stunned Mid Michigan, holding them to just 28 points. MCC used a rotating cast of players to defend Mid Michigan's top scorer, Jaylen Rutherford, holding him to 20 points on 22 shots.

6'8 G/F Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) led the Jayhawks with 27 points and 9 rebounds on 13-18 shooting. 6'11 F Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) posted a double double with 23 points and 13 rebounds and also blocked 4 shots. Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) added 21 points and 9 boards and Chris Simmons (Thornwood HS) scored 12 with 4 assists.

"Our goal was to hold them to 80," said Head Coach Jimmy Booth. "We know we can score with anyone but now we need to sit down and defend."

MCC is now 1-0 in Western Conference play and 6-4 overall. They return to the court with a trip to Lansing Community College on Wednesday, 1/8 at 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball at Henry Ford College

December 28, 2019 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Henry Ford	84
Muskegon CC	80

The MCC men's basketball team lost a road contest 84-80 to defending Eastern Conference Champs, Henry Ford College.

The Jayhawks played without two key guards in the lineup. The scoring was back and forth for most of the first half but rebounding and missed free throws haunted MCC. The Jayhawks were out rebounded 29-33. Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) was the leading scorer for the Jayhawks with 24 points and 6 rebounds. Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS)

added 18 points, Jerome Bivins (Romulus HS) finished with 16 points and Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) added 14 points.

“They wanted the ball more than us, rebounding is about want, heart and effort”, said Assistant Coach Mike Janikowski. “When we leave 5+ points at the free throw line it’s hard to win close games.”

MCC finishes the non-conference portion of their schedule with a 5-4 record. They are back in action at home on Saturday, 1/4 at 3:00 pm when they host Mid Michigan College.

Men’s Basketball at Owens Community College

December 17, 2019 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Owens CC	91
Muskegon CC	87

Muskegon Community College dropped a non-conference matchup at Owens Community College, 91-87.

The Jayhawks are 5-3 overall. They return to action with a road contest at Henry Ford College on Saturday, 12/28 at 3:30 pm.

Men’s Basketball home vs. Macomb Community College

December 13, 2019 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
Macomb CC	101
Muskegon CC	93

Muskegon Community College lost 101-93 in overtime to visiting Macomb Community College.

Both MCC teams had similar records going into the game but the Jayhawks were plagued by turnovers and the Monarchs from Macomb were able to take advantage. Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) lead the way with 25 points and Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) chipped in 23 points, including 5 triples. 6’11 Freshman, Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) added a double-double with 13 points and 14 rebounds. The Jayhawks held a 3 point lead at the end of the game, but a 3 pointer by Macomb with 5 seconds in regulation sent the game to OT.

The Jayhawks are 5-2 overall. They travel to Owens Community College for a 7:30 pm tip off on Tuesday, 12/17.

Men's Basketball home vs. Alpena Community College

December 7, 2019 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	98
Alpena CC	48

The Jayhawks downed Alpena Community College at home by a lopsided score of 98-48.

MCC built a 30 point half time lead by shooting 56% from the field, while holding Alpena to just 22% shooting in the first half and 29% in the second half. The Jayhawks also dominated the glass 57 to 31 in rebounds and had a team high 10 blocks led by freshman center Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) who also grabbed a game high 14 rebounds. The Jayhawks never trailed and were up as many as 54 points.

MCC is now 5-1 on the season. They return to action with home game on Friday, 12/13 against Macomb Community College. Tip off is 7:00 pm.

Men's Basketball at SC4 Tournament vs. St. Clair County CC

November 23, 2019 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	105
St. Clair County CC	92

In just 24 hours after beating a tough Columbus State team the Jayhawks had to face the #18 team in the country on their home floor in SC4. This would be a big test for the Jayhawks and a test they passed with flying colors. The Jayhawks along with SC4 would struggle to score to start the game but SC4 got hot and gained a 10pt advantage over MCC with about 10 to go. However, it was Kylan Shipp again with a huge first shooting 8-10fg and 4-53pt scoring 26 points in the first half to that helped the Jayhawks erase the lead and gain a lead of their own at the break. Jayhawks led 54-48. The second half was sparked by soph guard Travez Nyx (Wayne Memorial HS) scoring 17, including 10 straight points, in the second half for the Jayhawks and soph forward Simon Obi (Romulus HS) coming off the bench scoring 13 points that allowed the Jayhawks to extend their lead throughout the half and walkaway with a top 25 win on the road with a final score of 105-92. Kylan Shipp finished with 31 points, Travez Nyx had 22 points, while Simon Obi added 13 points, and Jermayne Golidy had 10 points and Vejas Grazulis added 12 points.

Men's Basketball at SC4 Tournament vs. Columbus State CC

November 22, 2019 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

85

Columbus State CC

63

The Jayhawks played Columbus state on Friday November 22 in Port Huron as part of the SC4 Classic. The Jayhawks came out a little slow down 5 early in the first but that wouldn't last long as soph. PG Kylan Shipp (Detroit Northwestern HS) would score 22 first half points and the Jayhawks would go into the locker room at the half up 41-29. The second half the Jayhawks would have a balanced attack having a multitude of players scoring to help extend the lead. The Jayhawks would outscore Columbus state by 10 in the second half to walk away with a comfortable 22 point win 85-63. Kylan Shipp led all scorers with 24 points. Freshman Center Vejas Grazulis (Marquette HS) recorded his 4th straight double double with 12pts and 12 rebounds. Jermayne Golidy (Muskegon HS) added 13 points and Jakob Martinson (Big Rapids HS) added 10 points.

Men's Basketball at Schoolcraft College

November 16, 2019 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final

Schoolcraft College

103

Muskegon CC

92

The Jayhawks dropped a road game to Schoolcraft College, 103-92.

MCC is now 2-1 on the season. They return to action on Friday, 11/22 when they take on Columbus State Community College at the St. Clair County Community College Tournament in Port Huron, MI. Tip off is scheduled for 4:00 pm.

Men's Basketball home vs. Aquinas College JV

November 13, 2019 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

95

Aquinas College JV

Muskegon Community College defeated the JV team from Aquinas College 95-57.

MCC is now 2-0 on the season. They return to the court on Saturday, November 16 at Schoolcraft College for a 3:00 pm contest.

Men's Basketball home vs. Grace Christian University JV

November 4, 2019 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final

Muskegon CC

107

Grace Christian University JV

67

The Jayhawk Men's basketball team opened the season in high scoring fashion with a 107-67 victory over the Grace Christian University JV team.

The men return to action on Wednesday, 11/13 when they host the Aquinas College JV team at 7:00 pm.