

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2019-20 RECAPS

### Iyana Brown Named First Team All-American; Third in MCC Women's Basketball History

Muskegon Community College women's basketball guard Iyana Brown was named a National Junior College Athletic Associations (NJCAA) Division II First Team All-American for the 2019-20 season.

She becomes only the third MCC women's basketball player to earn NJCAA First Team All-American honors, joining Darcell Williams (2007-08) and Angie Bond (1991-92).

The five-foot, 10-inch sophomore paced the MCC squad to the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Western Conference title, a 25-5 overall record, and runner-up finishes in a both the state championship and the NJCAA Great Lakes Western Regional championship contests.

A graduate of Fruitport High School, Brown led the Jayhawks in points scored (16.5), rebounds (10.6), assists (4.3), steals (3.2) and blocks (2.5). She was voted the MCCAA Western Conference Player of the Year

#### NJCAA DIV. II 2019-20 FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICANS

PLAYER	COLLEGE	POS.	CLASS
Hallie Lawson	Pima (AZ)	F	So.
Alyssa Iverson	McHenry County (IL)	G	So.
Kirsten Kamholz	Moraine Valley (IL)	F	Fr.
Denijsha Wilson	Labette (KS)	G	So.
Alliyah Chaplin	Catawba Valley (NC)	G	So.
Iyana Brown	Muskegon (MI)	F	So.
Armani Jackson	Lakeland (OH)	F	So.
Mya Moye	CCBC Essex (MD)	G	So.
Carsyn Fearday	Lake Land (IL)	G	Fr.
Autam Mendez	North Iowa Area	G	So.

#### SECOND TEAM ALL-AMERICANS

PLAYER	COLLEGE	POS.	CLASS
Zyan Smith	Mesa (AZ)	G	Fr.
Paige Emborsky	Niagara County (NY)	G	So.
La'Janique Perry-Ellis	Bryant & Stratton (WI)	G	Fr.
Krystal Rice	Johnson County (KS)	G	So.
Paige Bradford	Kirkwood (IA)	F	So.
Sierra Morrow	North Iowa Area	F	Fr.
Sammiyah Hoskin	Wayne County (MI)	F	Fr.
Infinity Hammonds	Sullivan County (NY)	G	Fr.

Ciara Loyd	Lackawanna (PA)	G	So.
Summer Stoewer	Illinois Central	G	So.

<b>THIRD TEAM ALL-AMERICANS</b>			
<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>POS.</b>	<b>CLASS</b>
Prima Chellis	South Mountain (AZ)	F	So.
Imani Honey	National Park (AR)	G	So.
Kylah Collins	Lake County (IL)	C	So.
Tiana Gipson	Highland (KS)	G	So.
Armani Turner	Highland (KS)	F	So.
Monica Brooks	Central (NE)	F	So.
Sasha Penn	Mott (MI)	G	So.
Kortlyn Rounkles	North Central Missouri	G	Fr.
Brooke Worrell	Chesapeake (MD)	G	So.
Katryel Clark	Lincoln Land (IL)	F	So.

## **Women’s Basketball vs. Mid Michigan College-NJCAA Region XII Finals at Grand Rapids Community College**

March 7 @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Final	
<b>Mid Michigan College</b>	<b>71</b>
Muskegon CC	58

The Muskegon Community College Women’s Basketball team lost in the NJCAA Region XII Finals to Mid Michigan College, 71-58.

MCC got off to a slow start and that affected the game from start to finish. Mid Michigan led after the first quarter, 19-11. In the second quarter, the Jayhawks were more disciplined on both ends of the floor and they were able to get some stops on defense. They outscored the Lakers 20-15, but the Lakers still held a slim 3-point lead at the half, 31-34. The third quarter was a repeat of the first, with MCC struggling to find the right shot and Mid Michigan playing with energy. At the end of the third quarter it was 50-38 and Mid Michigan would roll to win.

Sophomore Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) led the Jayhawks with 21 points and Freshman Kacy Jeffries (Whitehall HS) contributed 12 points. Sophomore Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) finished with 13 rebounds and 9 points and Sophomore Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) grabbed 11 boards.

“We just didn’t play our best game tonight,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “After tonight we will look back at the great season we had, I’m very proud of my team.”

**Women's Basketball vs. Grand Rapids CC-Region XII Semi-Final at Grand Rapids Community College**  
March 5 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	74
Grand Rapids CC	50

The Muskegon Community College Women's Basketball Team defeated Grand Rapids Community College in the semi-final round of the NJCAA Region XII Tournament, 74-50.

In the first quarter, GRCC was able to use their height advantage to rebound, but MCC was able to grab a 21-10 lead. In the second quarter the Raiders used the 3-point shot to outscore MCC and the Jayhawks took a 37-31 lead into the locker room at the half. MCC started to pull away in the third quarter as they used their defensive intensity to create fast break opportunities and a 54-42 lead. MCC totaled 19 steals for the game, many of them leading to easy baskets, and GRCC really wasn't able to pull any closer.

Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) led the Jayhawks with 18 points, 9 rebounds, and 5 steals. Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) finished with 17 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 steals and Joy Lee (Byron Center HS) added 12 points. Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) was also in double digits in scoring with 10 points and 8 rebounds.

"What a great win today," said Head Coach Jason Cooper. "We came together as a team to put together a solid performance."

The Jayhawks are now 25-4 on the season and they will play Mid Michigan College on Saturday, 3/7 at noon in the Championship Game at GRCC.

**Women's Basketball MCCA State Tournament vs. Macomb Community College**  
February 29 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
Macomb CC	79
Muskegon CC	65

Muskegon Community College hosted the Women's Michigan Community College Athletic Association State Championship, which pitted the Western Conference Champion, Muskegon Community College against the Eastern Conference Champion, Macomb Community College. Macomb came into the game ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the latest national polls, while the Jayhawks were ranked 19<sup>th</sup>. In the end, the Monarchs had a little too much firepower as they defeated the Jayhawks 79-65.

Both teams played with intensity from the opening tip with Macomb grabbing a 19-16 lead after the first quarter and maintaining the 3-point advantage 38-35 at half time. In the third quarter, the Jayhawks struggled to score in the paint, but Macomb racked up the fouls to keep Muskegon close at 56-51. In the fourth quarter Macomb pulled away for the final margin of victory.

Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) led the Jayhawks with 15 points and 16 rebounds. Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) contributed 14 points and 8 rebounds and Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) finished with 13 points. Kacy Jeffries (Whitehall HS) closed out the double-digit scorers with 11.

“We played against a great team today and we had our chances, but we have to play well the full forty minutes against a team like Macomb,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “I’m very proud of my team; we will take what we learned today into regionals.”

MCC finishes the regular season with a 24-4 overall record. The next action for the team will be the semifinal of the Regional Tournament at Grand Rapids Community College. As the number one seed, they will play the winner of Kellogg CC vs. Grand Rapids CC on Thursday, 3/5 at 3:00 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball at Glen Oaks Community College (postponed from 2/26) February 27 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>76</b>
Glen Oaks CC	53

The Muskegon Community College Women’s Basketball team wrapped up the Western Conference Championship with a win on the road at Glen Oaks Community College, 76-53.

In a game that was postponed for a day due to weather issues, the Jayhawks got off to a somewhat slow start. Despite low energy, MCC had a 19-10 lead after the first quarter and a 34-21 lead after two quarters. In the third quarter, the Jayhawks outscored GOCC 20-10 for a 54-31 lead. The two teams played an even fourth quarter, but Glen Oaks would not get any closer and the Jayhawks closed out the victory.

Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) led the Jayhawks with 24 points and 15 rebounds. Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) contributed 14 points and 9 rebounds and Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) added 13 points. Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) grabbed 11 boards.

“It was a good win on the road tonight, I’m proud of how the team completed this conference season.” Said Head Coach Jason Cooper.

The Jayhawks finish the regular season 16-2 in the conference and 24-3 overall. The next action for the team will be the MCCA Championship game against The Eastern Conference Champions, Macomb Community College. The Jayhawks will host the game on Saturday, 2/29 with the tip off scheduled for 1:00 pm.

## Women's Basketball home vs. Kalamazoo Valley Community College

February 24 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final

Muskegon CC	77
Kalamazoo Valley CC	37

The Jayhawk Women's Basketball team defeated Kalamazoo Valley Community College at home 77-37.

Unlike the past few games, MCC had good intensity and energy from the opening tip. The combination of good defense and fast break opportunities on offense had the team leading 21-13 after the first quarter and 42-21 at the half. There was no let-up in the third quarter, which ended 59-31 and it was more of the same in the fourth for the final margin of victory.

Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) led all scorers with 23 points. Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) finished with 17 points and 5 boards and Joy Lee (Byron Center HS) had a season high 15 points. Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) finished with a double-double of 10 points and 15 rebounds and Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) also added 10 points.

"I'm so happy for the team and Muskegon Community College with this conference championship," said Head Coach Jason Cooper. "The team has worked very hard to accomplish this goal."

The Jayhawks are now 15-2 in conference play and 23-3 overall. With the win and one game left in the conference, they have officially earned at least a share of the MCCA Western Conference Champion title. They return to action on Wednesday, 2/26 at Glen Oaks Community College with a 5:30 pm tip off.

## Women's Basketball at Grand Rapids Community College

February 22 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Final

Muskegon CC	53
Grand Rapids CC	47

The Muskegon Community College Women's Basketball Team defeated the Raiders from Grand Rapids Community College 53-47.

Both teams struggled on the offensive end with the first quarter ending at 12-8 in favor of MCC. The Jayhawks were able to extend their lead to 26-17 at the half and 37-30 after three quarters. In the fourth quarter, it was back and forth, but ultimately MCC closed out the victory.

Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) led the Jayhawks with 20 points and 7 rebounds. Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) battled inside and gave the Jayhawks 12 points and 8 rebounds and Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) pulled down 10 boards and dished out 7 assists. Julia Tierman (Mona Shores HS) also had 8 rebounds.

“It was a hard-fought win today,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “We didn’t play our best, but we were able to put together a run to seal the deal.”

MCC is 14-2 in Western Conference play, good for first place, and 22-3 overall. They return to the court on Monday, 2/24 when they host Kalamazoo Valley Community College at 5:30 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball home vs. Kellogg Community College**

February 19 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>67</b>
Kellogg CC	62

Muskegon Community College earned a 67-62 victory over Kellogg Community College to remain in the lead in the Western Conference.

Once again, MCC got off to a slow start that saw KCC jump out to a 10-point lead, but the Jayhawks got a boost off the bench that sparked their offense and they were able to take a 16-15 lead after one quarter. There was an increased intensity in the second quarter as MCC’s defense led to Bruin turnovers and they increased the lead to 33-27 at the half. In the third quarter, the Bruins used their height to grab a 46-45 KCC lead. That set the stage for the Jayhawks to step up defensively on the KCC post players to stop them from scoring. MCC was able to convert free throws down the stretch for the final margin of victory.

Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) led the Jayhawks with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) contributed 14 points and 8 rebounds and Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) scored 12 points.

“It was a tough win tonight,” said Head Coach Jason cooper. “We had to fight through adversity. I’m very proud of my team!”

The Jayhawks are now 13-2 in conference play and 21-3 overall. Mid Michigan College lost to Jackson College, giving the Jayhawks sole possession of first place. The next action is Saturday, 2/22 at Grand Rapids Community College. Tip-off is scheduled for 1:00 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball home vs. Lake Michigan College**

February 14 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	

Lake Michigan College	67
	57

The MCC Women’s Basketball team took on the Lake Michigan College Red Hawks at home and ended the night with a 67-57 win.

The Jayhawks struggled defensively in the first quarter, as the Red Hawks were able to capitalize on second chance opportunities for a 22-20 lead. Both teams struggled to score in the second quarter, but MCC managed a slim 32-30 lead at the half. The offensive struggles continued into the third quarter with each team putting up 15 points and MCC hanging on to a 2-point lead, 47-45. Finally, in the fourth quarter, MCC was able to find the open player and LMC was forced to foul. Ultimately, MCC was able to build a 10-point lead for the win.

Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) led the Jayhawks with 25 points and 7 rebounds. Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) scored a double double with 18 points and 15 boards. Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) also contributed 15 points and 6 rebounds.

“We sure didn’t shoot well tonight but I’m glad we got the win,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper after the game.

The Jayhawks are now 12-2 in the Western conference and tied for first with Mid Michigan College. Their overall record is 20-3. They take the court on Wednesday, 2/19 when they host third place Kellogg Community College at 5:30 pm.

### Women’s Basketball at Jackson College

February 12 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	63
Jackson College	58

The Muskegon Community College women’s basketball team traveled to Jackson College and pulled out a 63-58 victory.

Both teams struggled on offense in the first quarter, ending in a 10-10 tie. MCC continued to have trouble scoring as Jackson took a 23-18 lead at halftime. The second half was much better offensively for the Jayhawks as they were able to more than double their previous score for a 39-35 lead after the third quarter. Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) hit 3 triple tries in the fourth and they held on for the road win.

Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) was the clear leader in the books with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Colon finished the game with 18 points.

“What a tough hard-fought victory tonight,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper after the game. “I’m glad we played better the second half.”

The Jayhawks are now 11-2 in the Western Conference and 19-3 overall. They are currently ranked 18th in the latest NJCAA national poll and are tied for first place in the conference. The team returns to action on Friday, 2/14 with a 5:30 pm home contest against Lake Michigan College.

### **Women's Basketball at Ancilla College**

February 8 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	74
Ancilla	61

Ranked 20th in the nation, the MCC women's basketball team avenged its earlier defeat to Ancilla College with a 74-61 victory on the road on Feb. 8

The Jayhawks jumped to a 23-13 first quarter lead by capitalizing on opportunities at the rim as well as forcing turnover. But MCC lacked focus, intensity, and communication and had its lead cut to 35-34 at intermission.

The Chargers managed to take a brief four-point lead early in the third quarter before the Jayhawks' pressure defense got them in foul trouble. MCC regained a 53-48 margin heading into the final quarter, when the Jayhawks focused on boxing out and pulling down rebounds to eliminate the opponents' second chance opportunities.

Iyana Brown (Fruitport) led the Jayhawks with 23 points and 9 rebounds. Tierra Williams (Muskegon) had 14 points and 8 rebounds. Kacy Jeffries (Whitehall) contributed 11 points and Yasmine Colon (Hart) added another 10 for the win.

"Tough win against a good team today," said MCC Head Coach Jason Cooper. "We were tested in many different ways, I'm glad we answered the call."

The 18-3 Jayhawks, now 10-2 in the league, travel to Jackson on Feb. 12.

### **Women's Basketball home vs. Lansing Community College**

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

Final	
Muskegon CC	72
Lansing CC	53

The 20th ranked MCC women's basketball squad defeated Lansing CC 72-53 in Bartels-Rode Gymnasium on Feb. 5.

Freshman Kacy Jeffries (Whitehall) led the Jayhawks with 16 points. Yasmine Colon (Hart) and Iyana Brown (Fruitport) each had 15 points, with adding a team-high 7 rebounds.

“Good win tonight,” said MCC Head Coach Jason Cooper. “I’m happy with the result but we didn’t come out with the intensity needed.”

The Lansing CC Stars capitalized on the lack of intensity from the Jayhawks and led 17-13 after the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Jayhawks’ defensive pressure intensified, and the hosts took their first lead with 1:30 left in the half. The last minute was filled with fast break opportunities for the Jayhawks. Iyana Brown’s mid-court buzzer beater gave MCC a 37-39 halftime lead.

The energy from the second quarter clearly bled into the third. The Jayhawks moved the ball with more confidence on offense creating more open shot opportunities. Jeffries picked up the Jayhawk pace hitting crucial 3 point shots. The Jayhawks outscored their foes 19-11 for a 56-40 margin heading into the final period and never looked back.

The Jayhawks, who are now 17-3 overall and 9-2 in conference play, play on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Ancilla Community College

## **Women’s Basketball at Mid Michigan College**

February 1 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>69</b>
Mid Michigan College	59

The Muskegon Community College Jayhawks traveled to Mt. Pleasant to take on the first place Mid Michigan College Lakers in the second round of conference play. The Jayhawks defeated the Lakers 69-59, which moves MCC into a first place tie with the Lakers.

In the first 2 quarters, the teams played pretty even. Mid Michigan held a 19-17 lead after the first quarter and the Jayhawks took a 30-28 lead into the locker room at the half. In the third quarter MCC was able to extend the lead to 53-43, using second chance opportunities to score. The fourth quarter was a push with each team scoring 16 for the 10-point margin of victory.

Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) led the Jayhawks with 23 points and 9 rebounds. Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) contributed 12 points and 8 rebounds and Freshman Julia Tierman (Mona Shores HS) was 3-4 from the three-point line and contributed a total of 12 points.

“What a great win on the road today, I’m very proud of our team effort,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “Winning on the road against a great team like Mid Michigan shows the progress these young women have made so far this season.”

The Jayhawks are now 8-2 in conference play and 16-3 overall. They will host Lansing Community College on Wednesday, 2/5 with tip off scheduled at 5:30 pm.

### **Women's Basketball home vs. Glen Oaks Community College**

January 29 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>57</b>
Glen Oaks CC	38

Muskegon Community College continued their winning ways with a 57-38 victory over the Vikings from Glen Oaks Community College at home.

In the first quarter, the Jayhawks jumped out to a 7-0 lead, but GOCC battled back by breaking the press for easy scoring opportunities. MCC led 14-13 after one. In the second quarter, the Vikings struggled with MCC's intensity on defense as the Jayhawks outscored GOCC 21-4 for a 35-17 half time lead. In the third, it was more Jayhawks as they continued to apply pressure for a 48-24 lead. GOCC would try to get back into the game with a press, but the Jayhawks prevailed.

Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) led the Jayhawks with 23 points and 13 rebounds. Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) was also in double digits, scoring 10 points for the Jayhawks.

"It was a good defensive effort tonight," said Head Coach Jason Cooper. "Offensively we did not bring the same intensity but we're still happy with the win."

The Jayhawks are now 7-2 in conference play and 15-3 overall. They return to action on Saturday, 2/1 when they travel to Morey Courts in Mt. Pleasant to battle the first place Mid Michigan College Lakers. Tip-off is 1:00 pm.

### **Women's Basketball at Kalamazoo Valley Community College**

January 27 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>68</b>
Kalamazoo Valley CC	49

The Muskegon Community College Women's Basketball team traveled to Kalamazoo Valley Community College and defeated the Cougars 68-49.

The Jayhawks got off to a slow start against the Cougars. The Jayhawk's defense forced turnovers, but they struggled to finish on the offense end. At the end of the first quarter, the

score was 18-11 in favor of MCC. In the second quarter MCC outscored KVCC 17-11 for a 35-22 half time lead. In the third quarter the Jayhawks used some extra intensity on offense to extend the lead to 56-36, and despite some fatigue in the fourth, they finished the game strong.

Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) led the Jayhawks with 21 points. Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) had a double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds and Julia Tierman (Mona Shores HS) stepped up and contributed 11 points.

“This was a big road win for us,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “Our players showed toughness tonight.”

The Jayhawks are now 6-2 in Western Conference play and 14-3 overall. They host Glen Oaks Community College on Wednesday, 1/29 at 5:30 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball home vs. Grand Rapids Community College**

January 25 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>79</b>
Grand Rapids CC	40

The Muskegon Community College women’s basketball team hosted Grand Rapids Community College in the Bartels-Rode Gymnasium. Both teams had identical 4-2 conference records but at the end it was the Jayhawks over the Raiders 79-40.

The Jayhawks grabbed a 23-11 first quarter lead, using their press to force turnovers, then attacking the rim on offense. MCC continued to lead at halftime, 35-20 and then extended the lead in the third quarter, 58-32 and cruised to the victory in the fourth.

The Jayhawk sophomores provided the firepower with Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) scoring 21 points and grabbing 8 rebounds. Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) had a double-double of 20 points and 10 boards and Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) also had a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

“I’m very proud of our team effort tonight,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “We moved the ball well and played together.”

The Jayhawks are now 5-2 in conference play and 13-3 overall. They return to action on Monday, 1/27 with a road trip to Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Tip-off is 5:30 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball at Kellogg Community College**

January 22 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
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<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>78</b>
Kellogg CC	46

The Muskegon Community College Jayhawks defeated Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek by a score of 78-46.

Both teams got off to a slow start with the first quarter ending with the Jayhawks leading 9-8. In the second quarter, MCC turned up the intensity with a high-pressure defense that fueled the offense and they led 31-20 at the half. The Jayhawks used the third quarter to make a statement, forcing the Bruins into turnovers and capitalizing on fast break opportunities. At the end of the third, the Jayhawks had a 24-point lead, 57-33, and they cruised to the victory in the fourth.

Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) led the team with a double-double of 24 points and 12 rebounds. Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) was five for five from behind the 3-point line, contributing a total of 17 points for the night. Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) was also in double figures with 14 points.

“It was a good win for us tonight,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “I’m very pleased with how we responded against a very tough opponent on the road.”

MCC is 4-2 in Western Conference play and 12-3 overall. The next game is Saturday, 1/25 when they host rival Grand Rapids Community College at 6:00 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball home vs. Ancilla College (originally scheduled 1/11)**

January 20 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Final	
<b>Ancilla College</b>	<b>74</b>
Muskegon CC	67

The Jayhawk Women’s Basketball team lost to Ancilla College at home 74-67.

The first quarter ended with the Jayhawks up, 18-14 and they maintained a 39-34 lead at half time. The third quarter belonged to Ancilla College, but the Jayhawks managed to claw back for a 53-51 advantage. MCC struggled to score in the fourth quarter and Ancilla took the lead and they were able to hold off the Jayhawks to claim the victory.

Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) led the Jayhawks with 26 points and Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) had a double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds.

“Not one of our best performances tonight,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “We didn’t shoot the ball well, but our defense let us down. We will get better and learn from this.”

The Jayhawks are now 3-2 in conference play and 11-3 overall. Their next game is on Wednesday, 1/22 at Kellogg Community College with a 5:30 tip off scheduled.

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

January 18 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>91</b>
Lake Michigan College	58

The Muskegon Community College Women's Basketball team defeated the Lake Michigan College Redhawks in Benton Harbor, 91-58.

The Jayhawks used a high-pressure defense and focus on offense for a big 30-8 first quarter lead. In the second quarter the Jayhawks outscored LMC 18-12 for a dominating 48-20 half time lead. Lake Michigan started to get untracked on offense in the third quarter with a 24-point effort but the Jayhawks were a little bit better and at the end of three it was MCC 75-44.

Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) had a personal best scoring game with 25 points for the Jayhawks. Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) and Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) both finished with a double double; Williams finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds and Brown scored 15 points with 11 boards. Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) put up another 13 points for the Jayhawks.

"Great win tonight, I'm very proud of them," said Head Coach Jason Cooper. "They are starting to understand how hard you must work every day to win."

The Jayhawks are now 3-1 in conference play and 11-2 overall. Next action is Monday, 1/20 at home vs. Ancilla Community College with a 8:00 pm tip off.

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

January 15 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>69</b>
Jackson College	49

Muskegon Community College defeated the Jackson College Jets in Bartels Rode Gymnasium by a final score of 69-49.

The Jets were undefeated in conference play and working on an 11-game winning streak, but right from the tip the Jayhawks grabbed the lead and never gave it up. MCC had a 19-14

lead after the first quarter and a 31-26 lead at the half. In the third quarter MCC outscored Jackson by 11 for a comfortable 52-36 lead. Four Jayhawks finished in double digits with Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) and Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) leading the way with 16 each, followed by Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) and Kacy Jeffries (Whitehall HS) with 10 points each.

“I’m very happy with the team’s performance tonight,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “Their defensive intensity was exactly what we have been looking for all season. We now have a baseline to improve from.”

The Jayhawks are now 2-1 in conference play and 10-2 overall. Their next game is in Benton Harbor on Saturday, 1/18 when the take on Lake Michigan College at 1:00 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball at Lansing Community College**

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

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>76</b>
Lansing CC	39

The Muskegon Community College women’s basketball team dominated the Lansing Community College Stars in Lansing by a score of 76-39.

MCC juggled their line-up, pairing sophomores Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) and Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) for the first time since 2018. Joining them as starters were Yasmine Colon (Hart HS), Jaren Smith (Shelby HS) and Kacy Jeffries (Whitehall HS). The team played with a new intensity right from the opening tip. The Jayhawks held LCC to 5 points in the first quarter for a 19-5 lead and never looked back. Colon was the leading scorer for the Jayhawks with 20 points and 6 rebounds. Brown finished with a double-double of 13 points and 12 rebounds and Williams contributed 13 points. Also scoring in double digits was Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) with 11 points.

“It was a great win on the road tonight, we played a lot better as a team,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “Having Iyana back tonight really makes a difference. She is the anchor to our team chemistry.”

MCC is 1-1 in Western Conference play and 9-2 overall. They host Ancilla College on Saturday, 1/11. Tip- off is at 1:00 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball home vs. Mid Michigan College**

January 4 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
<b>Mid Michigan College</b>	

Muskegon CC	82
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Muskegon Community College opened conference play by hosting the undefeated Lakers from Mid Michigan College. Mid Michigan prevailed by a score of 82-64.

Both teams came out with intensity at the start of the game. After the first quarter, the Jayhawks held an 18-16 lead, but the Lakers started to hit shots from outside and take control of the game. The half time score favored Mid Michigan, 40-31. In the third quarter, the two teams played even but MCC could only cut the Laker lead to 58-50 and in the fourth quarter, the Lakers continued to convert from the 3-point line while the Jayhawks missed some opportunities under the basket.

Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) led the Jayhawks with 15 points and 6 rebounds. Freshman Kacy Jeffries (Whitehall HS) finished with 14 points and 8 rebounds and in her first game back from an injury Tierra Williams (Muskegon HS) put in 12 points and pulled down 9 rebounds. Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) was also in double digits, scoring 10.

“That was a tough conference loss today,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “We did some good things today and are getting better each game. I’m excited about our future.” Cooper

MCC is now 0-1 in conference play and 8-2 overall. They return to action with a trip to Lansing Community College on Wednesday, 1/8. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 pm.

### Women’s Basketball at Henry Ford College

December 28, 2019 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	51
Henry Ford	43

The MCC women’s basketball team defeated host Henry Ford College 51-43 in the last non-conference game on their schedule.

It was evident from the start that the Jayhawks were coming off a long break. Henry Ford led after the first quarter, 12-11 but MCC was able to capitalize on defensive rebounding for a 24-22 lead at the half. Both teams continued to battle in the third quarter, but the game stayed close with the Jayhawks up 34-32 heading to the final quarter. MCC finally started playing to their abilities and they were able to use defensive pressure for steals leading to fast break baskets. The Jayhawks finished the game with 9 steals and 9 blocks.

Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) led the Jayhawks with 14 points and 7 rebounds. Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) followed with 12 points and 6 rebounds and Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) grabbed a game high 13 boards and added 11 points.

“It was a good win on the road tonight,” said head Coach Jason Cooper. “Our team defense was good; we just need to knock down some perimeter shots to improve our offensive output.”

The Jayhawks take an 8-1 record into conference play when they host Mid Michigan college on Saturday, 1/4. Tip-off is 1:00 pm.

### **Women’s Basketball at Owens Community College**

December 17, 2019 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>72</b>
Owens CC	65

The Muskegon Community College Jayhawks defeated Owens Community College 72-65 in Perrysburg, OH.

MCC was able to overcome a slow start that saw them being outscored in the first quarter by a score of 19-13 to gain a tie at the half, 31-31. In the second half, they were able to use offensive rebounds to create second chance opportunities for a 51-44 lead after the third quarter and held on for the final 71-65.

Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) led the Jayhawks on the stat sheet with a double-double of 20 points and 12 rebounds. Gracie Reinhold (Oakridge HS) also had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds, Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) contributed 17 points and Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) added 12 points.

“I am happy to go into Christmas with a win,” said Head Coach Jason Cooper. “This was a hard-fought game on the road against a very well coached opponent.”

MCC is now 7-1 in early season play. They return to action on Saturday, 12/28 with a 1:00 pm tip off at Henry Ford College.

### **Women’s Basketball home vs. Alpena Community College**

December 7, 2019 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>61</b>
Alpena CC	54

The Muskegon Community College women's basketball team welcomed Alpena Community College to Bartels-Rode Gymnasium for their last home game of 2019 and outlasted the Lumberjacks by a score of 61-54.

Freshman guard Kacy Jeffries (Whitehall HS) led the Jayhawks with a double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) pulled down 12 rebounds and added 9 points and sophomore Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) added 10 points.

"The long Thanksgiving break showed our rust today," said Head Coach Jason Cooper. "We have a lot of work to do."

MCC is now 6-1 on the season. The team returns to action at Owens Community College on Tuesday, 12/17. Tip off will be 5:30 pm.

### **Women's Basketball at Hope College JV**

November 25, 2019 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Final	
<b>Hope College JV</b>	<b>64</b>
Muskegon CC	61

The Muskegon Community College Women's Basketball team lost for the first time this season to the Hope College JV team, 64-61.

Sophomore Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) led the Jayhawks with 19 points and 6 rebounds. Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) scored 15 and Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) was also in double digits with 11 points.

"It was a really hard-fought game tonight," said Head Coach Jason Cooper. "Our team showed a lot of physical and mental toughness tonight. If we play this hard the rest of the season, we can compete with any team."

MCC is now 5-1 on the early season. The team will take a short break for the holidays and then return to action on Saturday, December 7 when the Alpena Lumberjacks visit Bartels Rode Gymnasium for a 1:00 pm tip off.

### **Women's Basketball at SC4 Tournament vs. St. Clair County CC**

November 23, 2019 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final	
<b>Muskegon CC</b>	<b>61</b>
St. Clair County CC	59

## Women's Basketball at SC4 Tournament vs. Columbus State CC

November 22, 2019 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	76
Columbus State CC	48

Muskegon Community College traveled to St. Clair County Community College for a pair of weekend games. They opened play with a defeat of the Cougars from Columbus State Community College 76-48 on Friday.

Leading the Jayhawks in Friday's game was Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) with a double-double of 26 points and 15 rebounds. Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) finished the game with 15 points and Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) played strong inside, pulling down 11 rebounds and scoring 9 points. Gracie Reinhold (Oakridge HS) also gave the Jayhawks 8 points and 8 rebounds.

"It was a great win today," said Head Coach Jason Cooper. "Our defense and rebounding were the keys to our victory."

The Jayhawks are 4-0 on the season.

## Women's Basketball at Cornerstone University JV

November 18, 2019 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	55
Cornerstone University JV	46

Muskegon Community College made the trip over to Cornerstone University for a contest with their JV team. Even though both teams had to play through early season mistakes, MCC pulled out the 55-46 victory.

Sophomore, Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) led the Jayhawks with 17 points.

"I'm proud of how the team came together tonight and everyone contributed to get us this win," said Head Coach Jason Cooper.

MCC is now 3-0 on the young season. They return to action with a trip to St. Clair County Community College for a pair of games on Friday and Saturday, 11/22-23. Friday's game will be against Columbus State Community College at 2:00 pm.

## Women's Basketball at Schoolcraft College

November 16, 2019 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	72
Schoolcraft College	67

The Muskegon Community College women's basketball team traveled to Schoolcraft College to play the Ocelots and pulled out a 72-67 victory.

The Jayhawks led the entire first half, but in the second half, a combination of early season mistakes and increased intensity from the home team resulted in the Ocelots taking their first lead of the game about 5 minutes into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The score was 56-55 in favor of Schoolcraft at the end of three quarters of play. In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter the Jayhawks regained the lead and finished with the victory. Leading scorers for MCC were Tanae Hamer (Hudsonville HS) with 23, Yasmine Colon (Hart HS) with 14 points, Iyana Brown (Fruitport HS) with 13 points and Gracie Reinhold (Oakridge HS) with 12 points.

"The team fought hard to pull out a win tonight," said Head Coach Jason Cooper. "We still have some work to do, but it's always easier to work on those things after a win."

MCC is 2-0 on the season and they return to action with a contest at Cornerstone University on Monday, 11/18 at 7:30 pm.

## Women's Basketball home vs. Grace Christian University

November 4, 2019 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Final	
Muskegon CC	65
Grace Christian University	55

The Muskegon Community College Women's basketball team opened the 2019-2020 season with a 65-55 victory over Grace Christian University in their home opener.

Grace held the advantage after the first quarter, 14-10 and held on to a slim 30-28 lead at halftime, but the Jayhawks came out in the third quarter with a renewed effort on defense and rebounding and they were able to hold Grace to only 7 points in the quarter. MCC led after 3, 48-37 and held on for the win.

"I'm proud of how the girls battled in the first game of the season, said Head Coach Jason Cooper. "There are some things we know we need to work on, but we look forward to continuous improvement as the season goes on."

MCC returns to action on Saturday, 11/16 when they hit the road for a contest at Schoolcraft College. Tipoff is 1:00 pm.