

IN BRIEF

LMC women claim share of league title

The Lake Michigan College women's basketball team defeated Kellogg Community College 79-65 Wednesday, and in the process a share of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Western Conference title.

Kaitelyn Smith scored 21 points for the Red Hawks (15-1 MCCA West, 25-4) and also pulled down 13 rebounds.

Lexi Hobbs also posted a double-double with 14 points and a team-high 18 rebounds, and Sabrina Trujillo scored 15.

LMC and Kellogg were tied at 34 at halftime, but the Red Hawks were able to take control in the second half.

"We came out and pushed ourselves to our level of play and I'm proud of us for that," LMC coach Jason Cooper said.

LMC will start postseason play at 3 p.m Saturday at Lake Michigan College.

Red Hawk men thump Kellogg

Behind 23 points from Ken Coates, the Lake Michigan College men's basketball team easily defeated Kellogg Community College 86-64 Wednesday.

Coates' 23 points was a game high, and he also got eight rebounds.

Micah Schaffer (14), Alec Brow (17) and T.J. Scott (13) also finished in double figures for the Red Hawks (9-7 MCCA West, 17-12).

Berrien Springs graduate Tyler Shelton scored seven points for Kellogg.

LMC awaits to see

whether it will travel to Grand Rapids or Ancilla next Tuesday for postseason play.

Bulls' Rose has started running again

CHICAGO (AP) — Injured Chicago Bulls star Derrick Rose has started running, although coach Tom Thibodeau says he's not ready to practice.

The former MVP point guard tore the meniscus in his right knee at Portland in November and was ruled out for the remainder of the season by the Bulls. He sat out last year while recovering from surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Thibodeau says Rose is "nowhere close to practicing," but he is able to run and perform lateral slides.

Blackhawks get Connelly from Wild

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Blackhawks acquired defenseman Brian Connelly from the Minnesota Wild on Wednesday in exchange for forward Brad Winchester.

The 27-year-old Connelly has played in 50 games this season with the AHL's Iowa Wild, leading the team in points (32) and assists (27). He also ranks second among team defensemen in goals (5).

The 32-year-old Winchester has 16 goals and 14 assists in 55 games this season with the AHL's Rockford IceHogs. He has played in 390 NHL games over seven seasons with Edmonton, Dallas, St. Louis, Anaheim and San Jose, recording 68 points.