

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL

LMC men drop finals opener

By HP STAFF

A poor second half from the Lake Michigan College men's basketball team ended the Red Hawks' opportunity to win the NJCAA Division II National Championship.



LMC was outscored by 14 in the second half and fell 70-48 to Phoenix College in the first round Wednesday.

The Red Hawks trailed by eight at the half, but Phoenix dominated the paint and held the LMC scorers in check in after the break.

"It was a really poor shooting night," LMC coach Doug Schaffer said. "Besides (Terrell) Clinton, nobody could get it going for us. They were too potent of a team for us to have the type of shooting night that we did."

Clinton led LMC with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Roy Napier was the lone other Red Hawk with double-digit points with 10. As a team, LMC shot 32 percent from the field.

Phoenix, located in Phoenix, Az., outscored LMC 34-14 in the paint and out-rebounded the Red Hawks 35-29.

"The assists, turnovers and rebounds tell most of the story," Schaffer said.

The Bears' Brandon Brown led all scorers with 20 points, and Derreck Brooks added 12.

LMC plays South Suburban at 2 p.m. today in the consolation bracket.

PHOENIX 70, LMC MEN 48

LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE (48)

Ken Coates 2 0-3 4, Alec Brown 2 3-4 7, Roy Napier 4 1-2 10, Terrell Clinton 6 2-2 16, T.J. Scott 1 0-2 3, Michael Schaffer 2 0-0 6, JaWuan Thompson 1 0-0 2. Totals: 18 6-13 48.

PHOENIX COLLEGE (70)

Brandon Brown 8 4-7 20, Derreck Brooks 4 2-2 12, Joel Feigler 2 0-2 4, Ronald Tadmery 2 0-0 4, Brend Pineda-Morales 3 0-0 7, Cameron Israel 4 0-0 9, Bryce Gosar 1 1-2 3, Neals King 4 0-1 8, Troy Conley 1 0-0 3. Totals: 29 7-14 70.

Halftime — Phoenix 30-22; 3-point goals — LMC 6, Phoenix 5; Total fouls — LMC 16, Phoenix 13; Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — LMC 29 (Clinton 10), Phoenix 35 (Brooks 6). Assists — LMC 7 (Napier 4), Phoenix (Brown 4, Brooks 4); Steals — LMC 5 (Scott 3), Phoenix 4; Turnovers — LMC 11, Phoenix 7; Blocks — LMC 0, Phoenix 5. Records — LMC 20-14.