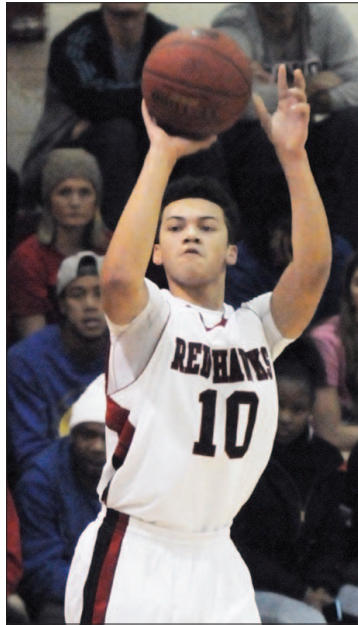




ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



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Lake Michigan College's Alec Brown shoots from the outside against Schoolcraft College during a Nov. 19 game.

Alec Brown:

New season, new role for sophomore

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Lake Michigan College sophomore Alec Brown has embraced a new role for the Red Hawks.

The only returning starter from last season's National Junior College Athletic Association national finals qualifying team, Brown has upped his scoring from 10 points per game last season to 16 this year.

According to coach Doug Schaffer, he has become a leader on the team as well.

"Alec is an outstanding shooter and a proven scorer," Schaffer said. "He is already receiving interest from four-year colleges to continue his basketball career."

Originally from Niles, Brown will be getting his associate's degree in the spring. While he does not know where he will attend next year, Brown hopes to study sports management or sports marketing.

"My being a leader is more from the experience of making the national tournament last year," said Brown. "I want to pass that along to the other guys so we hopefully make it back this year."

In the classroom Brown

carries a 3.16 GPA.

What got you started playing basketball? When I was 2 or 3 years old I used to always watch "Sportscenter" on ESPN. My parents then got me a mini hoop to play indoors. I saw my brother playing and you always want to be like big brother so I started playing.

Who did you want to be growing up? Tracy McGrady, he just caught my eye. He can do anything on the court, I liked that.

If you could work for any pro team, who would it be? The Miami Heat. Miami's a pretty nice area and Dwyane Wade is my favorite player. I think it'd be pretty cool working for the Heat.

What's your favorite part about playing basketball? Growing up it was just dreaming about playing in the NBA, watching all the guys on ESPN and dreaming about being one of them someday. I just like the limelight. It's fun to do, if I have a bad day I can relax out there on the court.

What do you like doing in your spare time? I like working out and hanging out with my friends, we play a lot of NBA 2K. I usually win, they can't stop me.

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