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LMC men lose at the buzzer in 2nd OT

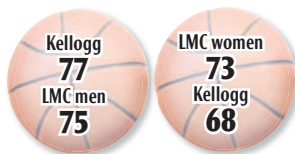
RedHawk women pull away for win over Kellogg

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — Michael Bush thought he had won the game.

The Lake Michigan College freshman had just buried his fourth 3-pointer of the night to put the RedHawks up one in double overtime. But Kellogg Community College's Joe Glover still had a shot.

Glover's banked-in 3 with



five seconds was just enough to top LMC 77-75 in a wild, back-and-forth MCCA West Division game Monday night.

"I thought that was it," said Bush, who scored 21 points in the loss. "All we had to do was sit down for one more play, but he hit a tough shot off the backboard."

The LMC women withstood two comebacks from the Cougars to win 73-68.



BUSH



SEBREE

The RedHawk men had one last possession following the Glover 3.

Bush drove the ball the length of the court, spun and dished it to a wide open Kevion Morse on the block. Morse rose to dunk, but before he could cram in the tying basket, the final horn sounded.

"That is probably the ultimate agony of defeat scenario," LMC coach Doug Schaffer said. "A guy banking in a 3 from the top (of the key). But that happens though, and you give Kellogg credit."

At points during the second half it looked as if the RedHawks would be blown out of their own gym.

Kellogg led by as many as 14, and with leading scorer LaBradford Sebree on the bench with four fouls, LMC was in search of offense.

Cue Bush and Alec Brown.

The duo scored 18 straight points for the RedHawks to null within 3 and

Sebree, who returned with under six minutes to go, capped off the comeback with a game-tying 3-pointer with 4:55 left to go.

"LA (LaBradford Sebree) is our leading scorer, so when we see him go out it's up to the rest of us to get it done," Bush said.

Both teams had a chance to win in the first overtime, but missed free throws cost both. Kellogg missed a go-ahead free throw with three seconds left that would have all but ended the game.

With tired legs, the RedHawks came back from a 4-point deficit in the second

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overtime to take the lead on Bush's 3-pointer.

LMC played the Cougars' set perfectly, but Glover heaved up a shot with the shot clock winding down and found the glass and the bucket.

"That's a tough way to go down, but I'll take that shot anytime and just hope it doesn't go in," said Sebree, who was the games leading scorer with 28 points. "Tonight it did though."

The LMC women led by 12 at halftime and 15 during the second half, but struggled putting away Kellogg.

The Cougars erased the halftime deficit to pull within one, then eventually took the lead 62-61 with 3:44 left after trailing 15.

"We got complacent," LMC women's coach Jason Cooper said. "We have these lulls where we just don't put the effort we need to out on the court and it allows these things to happen."

The RedHawks' Nicole Decker wouldn't be denied in her final home game though.

The sophomore scored eight of her 18 points in final three minutes to lift LMC (12-3, 20-8) to a win.

"I pride myself on being a finisher," said Decker, who finished with 18 rebounds to go along with her 18 points. "When we get to those final few minutes, I don't know, but I can kick it into another gear."

Shalay Stevens led all scorers with 30 points in a dominating offensive performance.

Stevens, who has become the RedHawks' go-to scoring threat, did it with powerful drives and artful jump shots.

"Shalay had a great game," Cooper said. "Both halves she was a force and along with Nicole they were the ones who really carried the team tonight offensively."

Kellogg drops to 7-8 in the division and 9-15 overall.