

## JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Lake Michigan College's Labradford Sebree shoots over Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Tevis Robinson during the first half of Wednesday's game.

## Rallying to a win

LMC men hold off KVCC; RedHawk women fall on last-second shot

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**BENTONTOWNSHIP** — A solid opening 20 minutes was nearly undone by an uneven beginning to the second half.

The Lake Michigan College men's basketball team saw what was at one time a 16-point lead turn into a tie game with 14:14 left to play.

The RedHawks rallied, however, hitting 5 of 8 3-pointers down the stretch to beat Kalamazoo Valley Community College 71-61 in a Michigan Athletic Association West Division game.

The LMC women fell to KVCC 62-60.

"If they take the lead there it completely changes the look of the game," LMC men's coach Doug Schaffer said. "To be able to rally back after they tied was certainly the key to the second half. Our guys showed tremendous poise to stay focused and keep playing the way they



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Lake Michigan College's Shalay Stevens shoots over Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Daejia Hill during the first half of Wednesday's game.

know how."

The barrage of 3-pointers was started by Alec Brown, who made four in all, and was continued by Michael Bush to give the RedHawks (10-3 MC-CAA, 19-7) a small cushion.

LaBradford Sebree, the game's leading scorer with

23 points, connected on back-to-back 3-pointers to get the LMC lead back to double digits.

"When we see one go in and then another go we all start to get confidence," Sebree said. "We have some good shooters and

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Lake Michigan College's Michael Bush passes while under pressure from Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Davonte Harris during the first half of Wednesday's game.

## REDHAWKS

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we hit some big 3s on some big possessions."

The LMC defense has some equally important possessions.

The RedHawks zone allowed them to go on a 19-8 run and get the game back under control.

"We went zone and packed it in, and that threw them off," Schaffer said. "Those stops were huge because it allowed our offense to get back in form."

The LMC women were unable to hold off KVCC's second-half surge.

The RedHawks led by 12 at halftime, but were trailing by the 12-minute mark of the second half.

The two teams, who are first and second in the division, traded baskets before LMC (10-3, 18-8) took a slim 4-point lead.

"First half we were getting the ball down the court, but in the second half the

forced us into a half court game which favors them," LMC women's coach Jason Cooper said.

That lead wouldn't last either, as posts Mallory Sewell and Michaela DeKilder put the Cougars ahead.

Sabrina Trujillo looked to have salvaged the game for LMC with a game-tying 3-pointer with 18 seconds to go. But as it had twice before, KVCC took the lead and the game on a Daejia Jill layup with five seconds to go.

"It came down to a last second shot and defensively, again, we were unable to get a stop when we need it," Cooper said.

The RedHawks struggled with KVCC's size inside all game, being outrebounded 43-37 and giving up 41 points to the Cougar posts.

"We don't really have the size to be able to guard them inside, so their inside presence really hurt us," Cooper said.

Trujillo and Sewell each finished with 18 points



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Lake Michigan College's Nicole Decker shoots over Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Michaela DeKilder during the second half of Wednesday's game.

KVCC (14-0, 25-2) clinched the MCCA West Division with the win.

"This was a big game for us, but now we focus on the last couple games and hope we get to see them again in the regional," Cooper said.

### KALAMAZOO VALLEY 62, LMC WOMEN 60

**KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (62)**  
Khadajah Seawood 5 2-2 12, Mallory Sewell 9 0-0 18, Daejia Hill 2 1-1 5, Destiny Froberg 1 0-0 2, Taylor Leach 6 0-0 14, Michaela DeKilder 5 1-2 11. Totals: 28 4-5 62.  
**LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE (60)**  
Shalyn Frederick 3 0-0 6, Shalyn Stevens

2 6-9 10, Nicole Decker 6 3-4 16, Jasmine Love 3 0-0 7, Sabrina Trujillo 7 2-2 18, Lexi Firovich 1 0-0 3. Totals: 22 11-15 60.

Halftime — LMC 35-23. 3-point goals — LMC 5 (Trujillo 2), KVCC 2 (Leach 2). Total fouls — LMC 12, KVCC 10. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — LMC 37 (Stevens 11, Decker 10), KVCC 43 (DeKilder 12, Hill 8, Sewell 7). Assists — LMC 13 (Stevens 5, Trujillo 3, Lee 3), KVCC 13 (Hill 5, Cochran 4). Steals — LMC 11 (Stevens 4, Decker 3), KVCC 7 (Leach 3).

Records — LMC 10-3 MCCA West, 18-8; Kalamazoo Valley 14-0, 25-2.

### LMC MEN 71, KALAMAZOO VALLEY 61

**KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (61)**  
Tavis Robinson 2 0-0 4, Hunter Powell 3 1-2 7, Davonte Harris 7 3-3 17, Terry Davis 3 1-2 7, Jacob Watts-Jenkins 4 1-3 9, Jibreel

Hussein 5 0-0 15, Devrin Hill 0 2-2 2. Totals: 24 8-12 61.

### LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE (71)

Jamare Washington 1 0-0 2, Arsenio Arrington 4 0-1 8, Alec Brown 5 0-1 14, LaBradford Sebree 9 3-4 23, Michael Bush 3 6-9 13, Kevon Morse 2 1-2 5, Mitch Meyer 2 0-0 6. Totals: 26 10-17 71.

Halftime — LMC 34-26. 3-point goals — LMC 9 (Brown 4, Sebree 2, Meyer 2), KVCC 5 (Hussein 5). Total fouls — LMC 13, KVCC 18. Fouled out — Powell (KVCC). Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — LMC 33 (Morse 8), KVCC 26 (Harris 6). Assists — LMC 19 (Bush 6), KVCC 11 (Harris 5). Steals — LMC 11 (Sebree 5), KVCC 6.

Records — LMC 10-3 MCCA West, 19-7; Kalamazoo Valley 8-6, 13-14.

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