

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Too close for comfort



Ron DeKett / HP correspondent  
Lake Michigan College guard Hailey Maas fights for the ball with Muskegon's Jena'a Matthews during Wednesday's game.



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Lake Michigan College forward Arsenio Arrington drives to the basket during Wednesday's game against Muskegon.

## LMC women hold on late; men's team can't stop Muskegon offense

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — After a barrage of 3-pointers from guard Hailey Maas, the Lake Michigan College women's basketball team led Muskegon by 15 points heading into the fourth quarter on Wednesday.

But the Jayhawks cut that lead to four by the final minute of play. "We've got to learn how to close games better," LMC coach Jason Cooper said. "They were fighting the whole way, the second half."

The Red Hawks held on for a 78-70 win over Muskegon. The

win puts LMC within a game of first place in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Western Conference. LMC (7-1 MCCA West, 17-3), trails only 8-0 Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The win was the first game of a doubleheader Wednesday. The LMC men's team lost the nightcap to Muskegon 95-84.

Maas led the LMC women with 29 points. The Red Hawks trailed by six late in the first quarter, then used a 17-0 run over the next eight minutes of play to pull ahead.

"It all pretty much came with defense," Maas said. "We did some scouting and knew their plays. We just executed on defense and offense comes with defense."



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Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

**Lake Michigan College guard Kelsee Kinder drives toward the basket during Wednesday's game against Muskegon Community College.**



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**Lake Michigan College forward Ja'Mare Washington leaps for a rebound as Muskegon Community College's Terrance Cosby watches during Wednesday's game.**

## RED HAWKS

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LMC forward Christy Gonzalez sparked the Red Hawks inside during that stretch. She was a force on the defensive end and under the boards.

She finished with eight points and 10 rebounds. Maas hit three 3-point shots near the end of the third quarter to help extend the lead to 67-52.

But with a 15-point lead, LMC slowed down the pace. Cooper wanted to limit the possessions for Muskegon.

The plan nearly backfired.

Muskegon cut the lead to seven with 90 seconds left, and then to four with 45 seconds remaining.

"I think in the last quarter it came down to us not making our free throws and being aggressive going to the basket," Cooper said.

The Jayhawks did not get

any closer than four. LMC hit its final four free throws to finish the game.

Other than Maas, Kelsee Kinder scored 12 for LMC and Tammy Lee and Dennee Brown scored nine each.

Maas's 29 points came on eight field goals, including five made 3-pointers and a perfect 8-for-8 from the free throw line.

Guards Bailey Freeland and Camaryia Williams scored 16 and 15 points, respectively, to lead Muskegon.

The LMC men's team lost in a high-scoring affair. Muskegon (6-2 MCCA West, 16-4) led by 11 midway through the first half, but LMC (5-3, 15-6) battled back, largely on the play of point guard Michael Bush — who finished with 26 points.

The Red Hawks pulled within two at halftime, but were beat in the second half.

"We just couldn't get stops tonight," LMC coach

Doug Schaffer said. "Our defense could not slow down their very talented offense."

Like Maas, Bush hit five 3-point field goals on the night.

Defensively, LMC couldn't stop Muskegon. Six Jayhawks players finished in double figures. Eddie Tornes led the way with 22. Will Roberson, Jr., scored 20.

"This type of game does not work to our favor most nights," Schaffer said. "(Muskegon) really played well offensively and hit tough shots all night. I felt like our defense came ready to play, but we couldn't get stops."

Behind Bush, Terry Davis scored 19 for LMC. Ja'Mare Washington scored 13 and pulled in 15 rebounds.

### LMC WOMEN 78, MUSKEGON 70

**MUSKEGON (70)**  
Kiryonna Thompson 0 0-0 0, Morgan Giddings 2 1-2 5, Kaylie Caverley 2 2-2 6, Camaryia Williams 5 7-9 15, Bailey Freeland 6 2-5 16, Samantha McGhan 0 0-0 0, Francesca Cerniglia 8 3-4 19, Kelsy

Hackbart 1 2-3 4, Killi McKinnon 0 0-0 0, Jena'a Matthews 2 0-0 4, Brittany Todd 0 0-0 0. Totals: 25 10-25 70.

### LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE (78)

Kelsee Kinder 4 3-4 12, Shawnee Dame 1 0-0 2, Tammy Lee 2 4-4 9, Alyson Yingling 0 0-0 0, Hailey Maas 8 8-8 29, Haley Madison 1 1-2 3, Shannon Dingman 2 0-0 6, Rylee Thompson 0 0-0 0, Dennee Brown 3 3-6 9, Aylin Ponce 0 0-0 0, Sarah Punched 0 0-0 0, Christy Gonzalez 3 2-2 8.

**Muskegon 18 10 24 18 — 70**  
**LMC 16 29 22 9 — 78**

3-point goals — Muskegon 3 (Freeland 3), LMC 9 (Maas 5). Rebounds — Muskegon 26 (Williams, Cerniglia 9), LMC 39 (Gonzalez 10). Team fouls — Muskegon 23, LMC 24. Fouled out — Williams (M), Kinder (LMC). Technical fouls — none. Records — Muskegon 6-2 MCCA West, 16-5; LMC 7-1, 17-3.

### MUSKEGON 95, LMC MEN 84

#### MUSKEGON (95)

Will Roberson Jr. 5 9-9 20, Eddie Tornes 8 2-2 22, Aaron Sydnor 6 2-2 15, Marcus Tumblyn 5 0-0 10, Mike Williams 2 2-2 6, Bruce Bailey 0 0-0 0, Carl Stinson 0 0-0 0, Jamarie Collins 4 2-4 10, Terrance Cosby 6 0-0 12. Totals: 36 17-19 95.

#### LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE (84)

Darrell Ivy 2 4-4 9, Terry Davis 9 0-1 19, John Robinson 1 0-03, Michael Bush 9 3-5 26, Malik Hall 1 0-1 2, Arsenio Arrington 2 0-0 4, Jason Walter 3 0-0 8, Ja'Mare Washington 6 1-6 13. Totals: 33 8-17 84.

Halftime — Muskegon 49-47. 3-point goals — Muskegon 6 (Tornes 4), LMC 10 (Bush 5). Rebounds — Muskegon 40 (Tumblyn 10), LMC 35 (Washington 15). Team fouls — Muskegon 18, LMC 16. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — LMC bench, Ivy (LMC), Williams (M). Records — Muskegon 6-2 MCCA West, 16-4; LMC men 5-3, 15-6.

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