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Lake Michigan College's Kelsee Kinder battles for a rebound against Jackson College's Kennedi Showerman during the first half of Tuesday's game.

LMC women rout Jackson in district opener

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Lake Michigan College women's basketball team had already defeated Jackson College three times prior to Tuesday's NJCAA Division 2 District G tournament opener, but the Red Hawks weren't taking anything for granted.

LMC cruised to a 103-67 victory, opening the game with an 11-0 run.

"You can't really look at games

LMC men's game tonight

■ The Lake Michigan College men's basketball team was scheduled to host Kalamazoo Valley Community College on Tuesday in NJCAA Division II District 9 play, but the game was postponed due to inclement weather.

It was rescheduled for 7 p.m. tonight at LMC.

ever. You can't come out to play to the competition, you've just got to play your game no matter what."

LMC (24-5) advances to Thursday's district semifinal against either Grand Rapids Community College or Kellogg Community College. The game will be held at Delta College in University Center, Mich.

None of LMC's wins over Jackson (6-23) were close, but Tuesday's game was the most lopsided yet. The Red Hawks led just 23-18 after one quarter, but pulled away in the second period, outscoring

in the past," said LMC guard Hailey Maas, who led the Red Hawks with 27 points and seven assists. "You've just got to always be prepared to play the best team

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the Jets 39-14.

Jackson started the third quarter strong, cutting the margin to 67-48, but LMC responded with a 23-0 run.

"They always say it's hard to beat a team multiple times," LMC coach Jason Cooper said. "I'm just proud of the girls how they came out. They know that they've beaten this team before three other times, but they had the fire in their belly to make sure we prepare ourselves for the next round on Thursday."

The Red Hawks had four double-digit scorers. In addition to Maas, Tammy Lee scored 19, Kelsee Kinder had 16 points and eight assists, and Shannon Dingman scored 15. All four players made multiple 3-pointers as LMC shot 17 for 41 from beyond the arc.

"It's a great thing when teams play zone against you when make shots," Cooper said. "There are nights when you can't hit the side of a barn, and tonight we shot very well from the 3-point line, made them come out of that zone at halftime and play a little more man."

Despite playing a guard-heavy lineup, LMC dominated on the boards, out-rebounding Jackson 50-35. Dennee Brown led the way with 11 rebounds and Hailey Madison added nine.

"We start with a smaller lineup, so that just means every single person has to go to the boards," said Maas, who leads LMC in rebounding this season despite standing just 5-7. "It's like a mind thing, it's not really a body thing. You put your mind to it, go get the ball."

Kennedi Showerman scored 24 points to lead Jackson, which had just six players. Darci Marriot scored 15 and Chelsy Hall added 14 for the Jets.

LMC has a young roster that includes just three sophomores. The Red Hawks started five freshmen on Tuesday.

"With a younger team, we've just all got to work together," Maas said. "It helps that there's a lot of us that are younger, because we all kind of turn towards each other and all help each other out."



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Lake Michigan College's Dennee Brown shoots while under pressure from Jackson College's Darci Marriot during the first half of Tuesday's game.

LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE 103, JACKSON 67

JACKSON (67)
Chelsy Hall 6 0-0 14, Kristin Montecinos 2 0-0 5, Kennedi Showerman 10 4-6 24, Darci Marriot 5 0-0 15, Paige Niciporek 1 0-0 3, Tessa Staggeimer 1 3-4 6. Totals: 25 7-10 67.

LMC (103)
Rylee Thompson 2 0-0 4, Kelsee Kinder 6 2-3 16, Hailey Maas 10 3-3 27, Shannon Dingman 5 0-0 15, Dennee Brown 3 1-1 7, Tammy Lee 7 0-0 19, Alyson Yingling 2 0-0 4, Hailey Madison 4 0-0 8, Aylin Ponce 1 0-0 3. Totals: 40 6-7 103.

Jackson	18	14	16	19	—	67
LMC	23	39	24	17	—	103

3-point goals — Jackson 10 (Marriot 5, Hall 2, Montecinos, Niciporek, Staggeimer), LMC 17 (Dingman 5, Lee 5, Maas 4, Kinder 2, Ponce). Total fouls — Jackson 10, LMC 9. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Jackson 35 (Showerman 8), LMC 50 (Brown 11, Madison 9). Assists — Jackson 18 (Niciporek 5), LMC 31 (Kinder 8, Maas 7, Brown 6). Records — Jackson 6-23, LMC 24-5.

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Jackson College's Darci Marriot fouls Lake Michigan College's Hailey Maas during the first half of Tuesday's game.

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