

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Maas, Kinder lead the way for LMC women

Backcourt pair helps RedHawks to easy win over Andrews

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — Hailey Maas and Kelsee Kinder are good friends off the basketball court, and a great backcourt pairing on it.



The two led the Lake Michigan College women's basketball team to the NJCAA Division II national tournament last season as freshmen, and on Saturday they got the RedHawks off and running with a 90-20 victory over Andrews University in their season opener.

Maas had a game-high 21 points and five assists, and Kinder added 16 points, nine assists and five steals. The two worked well together, often assisting on each other's baskets.

"We know each other a lot on and off the court, which helps tremendously," Maas said. "We always know where we're at, and we just flow really well together."

"I always know what Maas is going to do," Kinder added. "She's one of our best shooters, and I know if I drive, I kick it out, she's there to knock it down. We just know what each other's doing very well. It's like a package deal."

Maas and Kinder not only provide big numbers, but have also emerged as team leaders.

"They've really shown not just what they can do on the court, but also off the court with their leadership," LMC coach Jason Cooper said. "I know that they really want it, and it's very infectious with the rest of the team."

Maas and Kinder were joined in the starting lineup by another sophomore, Haley Madison, who had 10 points and 10 rebounds, as well as freshmen Jade Mosier and Brooke Becker.

Mosier had seven points, seven rebounds and three assists. Becker added eight points and five boards.

"(Mosier) can play multiple positions, does really well," Cooper said. "Brooke Becker is very skilled inside in the post area. They're really ready right now. They're college-ready to come in and contribute as

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Hailey Maas, left, and Kelsee Kinder are the top returning players for the Lake Michigan College women's basketball team.

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freshmen. We're really excited to have those two pieces there."

LMC played its starting five the entire first quarter, building a 29-4 lead before Cooper began substituting liberally.

"I think we're playing together really well," Maas said. "It's the beginning of the season, and I think we're starting to get the flow of things and how each one of us works."

The RedHawks are hoping not only to return to nationals, but also compete for the title.

"We're going to win it this year," Kinder said. "We're determined to be at the top this year."

Allison Walean did nearly all the scoring for Andrews with 18 points. The Cardinals outscored LMC 12-7 in the fourth quarter.

LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE 90, ANDREWS 20

ANDREWS (20)

Allison Walean 7 3-4 18, Jourdan Chacon 0 0-1 0, Victoria Eldridge 1 0-0 2. Totals: 8 3-5 20.

LMC (90)

Haley Madison 5 0-0 10, Brooke Becker 4 0-0 8, Jade Mosier 3 1-2 7, Kelsee Kinder 7 1-1 16, Hailey Maas 9 0-1 21, Raasheedah Harris 3 2-2 9, Shawnee Dame 3 1-2 7, Shannon Dingman 2 0-0 6, Mariah Mireles 1 0-0 2, Danielle Shaffer 2 0-2 4. Totals: 39 5-10 90.

Andrews	4	2	2	12	— 20
LMC	29	25	29	7	— 90

3-point goals — Andrews 1 (Walean), LMC 7 (Maas 3, Dingman 2, Kinder, Harris). Total fouls — Andrews 12, LMC 9. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Andrews 28 (Daniela Castillo 5), LMC 56 (Shaffer 12, Madison 10). Assists — Andrews 7 (Brianna Kittleson 3), LMC 34 (Kinder 9).

Record — LMC 1-0.

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