

ALL STAR FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 21st BCAM All Star Festival was held for the first time at Brighton High School. The facilities at Brighton are outstanding with a spacious gym and another practice gym that allowed teams to practice before their games.

In the first game, the girls C/D White team ran away with a 95 -56 win over the Black team. Leading scorer and MVP for the winners was Kim Gullekson (Manton HS) with 24 points. Cari Jewett (Muskegon Catholic Central) and Christi Shibata (Harbor Springs) added 16 points apiece. Amanda Rainsberger (Michigan Center) led the Black team with 11 points and was named her team's MVP.

The girls A/B game saw the Black team hold on for a 92-83 victory. Leading the winners were MVP Stephanie Gandy (Detroit Northern) with 18 points, Malissa Burke (East Grand Rapids) and Julie Pagel (Utica) with 11 points each. Christie Schumacher (Highland Milford) was her team's MVP with 22 points.

The boys C/D game went down to the wire with Anthony Hampton (Flint Hamady) hitting a 40 footer at the buzzer to cap a come from behind victory for the Black team. Hampton led his team with 25 points. Joel Larabell (Harbor Light Christian) was named MVP for the Black as he scored 16 points, all in the second half, to spark his team. Evan Engle (Cedarville) added 17 points. Chris Kaman (Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian) led the White team with 25 points and was named MVP.

The final game of the day was also the most exciting with the boys A/B White team downing the Black team in double overtime 122-121. Thomas Dillard (Kalamazoo Central) led the White team with 33 points and was named his team's MVP. Nathan Hinkle (Grayling) and Tom Kuszikis (Grand Rapids West Catholic) added 18 points. Mr. Basketball, Marcus Taylor (Lansing Waverly), lead all scorers with 38 points and turned in a MVP performance for the Black team. Eugene Seals (Saginaw) added 23 points for the Black team.

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