

## 2010 BCAM ALL-STAR FESTIVAL

Brighton High School was once again home to the 2010 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan All-Star festival on Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>. The day consisted of 4 games and the Miss and Mr. Basketball presentations. Girls class C-D players opened the day at 11:00 am followed by the A-B girls at 1:00. C-D boys took the floor at 3:00 and the A-B boys finished the day at 5:00 pm. East Lansing's Klarissa Bell was awarded her Miss Basketball plaque and Keith Appling from Detroit Pershing took home the boys Mr. Basketball hardware.

The day got off to a great start with an exciting C-D girls game. The Black team was led by the high scoring duo of Jessalyn Engelsma (Grand Rapids Covenant Christian) and Monica Confer (New Lothrop). Engelsma was scoring inside and out and every time the White team would get close, Confer would hit a big three. The White team hung close with Marissa DeMott (Sandusky) having 13 of her 19 points in the first half. The Black team led 49-41 at the half. White made a run in the second half led by Ashlende Teller (Jonesville) and Shirrell Williams (Detroit Allen). Engelsma and Confer were too much, and the Black team defeated the White 88-78. The MVP award for the White team was Marissa DeMott - 19 points, 8 rbd., 3 assists and 4 blocks. The winning team MVP went to Jessalyn Engelsma with 24 points, 10 rbd., 3 assists, 3 steals, and 2 blocks. Other players for the Black team were Tiffanie Abrams (Detroit Allen 16 pts, 5 assists), Paige Beracy (Ithaca 8 pts), Amy Thorne (Big Rapids Crossroads 3 pts, 6 assists), Becca Freybler (Battle Creek St. Philip 2 pts), Lyndsay LaCourse (Traverse City St. Francis 12 pts, 3 rbd.), Cimone Greene (Flint Hamady 2 pts., 3 rbd.) Other players for the winning White team were Shirrell Williams (Detroit Allen 17 pts.), Amber Gotham (Reese 2 pts), Ashli Pearson (Birmingham Roper 6 pts. 8 rbd.), Ashlende Teller (Jonesville 18 pts, 11 rbd.), Kristen Olsen (St. Ignace 4 rbd.), Taylor Killeen (Gobles 4 pts. 7 rbd.), Jennifer Willey (Colon 6 pts.), Amber Born (Galesburg-Augusta 6 pts. 7 rbd. 4 assists).

The White team started the A-B game quickly behind the play of Taylor Johnson (Belding), Zakiya Minifee (East Lansing) and Chloe Srebernak (Grosse Pointe South) who all had 9 points in the first half. Miss Basketball Klarissa Bell (East Lansing) tried to keep the Black team in the game with 14 first half points. It was not enough though as the White took a 54-38 at the half. The Black team fought back behind the timely shooting of Rose Savela (Manistee) who hit three late 3's to cut the lead to 86-80 with 34 seconds left. The Black hit some clutch free throws and had an outstanding floor game by Grace Howrigan (Plainwell 6 pts. 8 rbd., 8 assists) and ended up with a 88-82 win. The Black team MVP was Klarissa Bell (East Lansing) who ended up with 25 points, 6 rbd., 3 assists, 3 steals. The winning White team's MVP was Zakiya Minifee (East Lansing), 17 pts, 5 rbd., 4 assists. The two MVP's were teammates on this year's class A State Championship team. Other players for the Black team were Malika Glover (East Lansing 16 pts., 5 assists), Dani Crandall (Eaton Rapids 5 pts.), Kendra Cook (Paw Paw 3 pts. 5 rbd), Candice LaCross (10 pts.), Alyssa Cottrell (Canton 3 pts), Rose Savela (Manistee 13 pts., 6 rbd.), Mary Fitzgerald (Livonia Ladywood 3 pts.), Sarah Spring (Brighton 7 pts.). Rounding out the scoring for the winning White team was Ashley Thompson (Ogemaw Heights 7 pts), Emily England (Goodrich 11 pts. 6 rbd.), Carlay Stahl (L'anse Creuse 16 pts., 6 rbd.), Chloe Srebernak (Grosse Pt. South 12 pts., 5 rbd.), Nikki Gunning (Howell 10 pts., 4 rbd.), Taylor Johnson (Belding 12 pts. 5 rbd.).

The Boys session started with a very high scoring and entertaining C-D game. The Black team ended up the winner of the offensive affair with a score of 110-99. Evan Bruinsma (Muskegon Western Michigan Christian) took home the MVP for the winning Black team with an outstanding all-around performance including several high flying dunks - 28 points, 15 rbd and 3 assists. Kalkaska's Travis Schuba was also outstanding for the winners. The MVP for the White team was Donte Franklin (Detroit Loyola 19 pts., 9 rbd.). Other players for the Black team were Ryan Zinser (Birmingham Roper 5 pts.), Beau Langs (Climax-Scotts 6 pts.), Mark Ghafari (Grosse Pte. Woods Univ. Liggett 12 pts.), Brandon Krause (Sanford Meridian 8 pts.), Mychal Hand (Dundee 18 pts.), Kyle Purple (Mason County Eastern 2 pts.), Chase Palmer (Suttons Bay 6 pts., 11 rbd.), Micah Saunders (Detroit Westside Christian 2 pts.), Kyle Aho (Gwinn 15 pts.), Travis Schuba (13 pts., 7 rbd., 9 assists). Other White team players were Joshua Pickell (Reese 5 pts.), Joshua Saldana (Concord 4 pts.), CJ Adams (Napoleon 22 pts. - 20 in second half, 6 rbd.), Patrick Robey (Jackson Christian 2 pts.), Mickey DeVries (Lansing Christian 11 pts., 7 rbd., 3 steals), Chris Riley (Battle Creek St. Philip 4 pts.), Justin Edmonds (Albion 22 pts.), Andrew Smith (Hillman 7 pts.), Jared Danbert (Ellsworth 3pts.)

The class A-B boys game was possibly the best game of the day. The game was a high flying affair with many dunks and featured Detroit Pershing's Mr. Basketball Keith Appling who did not disappoint the crowd with a 41 pt., 7 rbd., 5 assist effort. It was not enough though as Appling's Black team fell to the White 101-98. The game was back and forth with the Black leading 50-47 at the half. White came out in the second half with Devin Oliver (Kalamazoo Central) making many plays to push the White to a 12 point lead with less than 5 minutes remaining. The Black team made a frantic comeback and actually tied the game with 2 minutes left. Some clutch plays on both ends of the floor led to the White team seizing the victory at the end. Other players for the Black squad were Jalen Bouman (Ann Arbor Huron 6 pts.), Andrew Lerg (DeWitt 2 rbd), Cameron Holicki (Coldwater 5 pts.), DeAndray Buckley (Romulus 27 pts. 8 rbd.), Alex Gauna (Eaton Rapids 11 pts. 6 rbd.), Bryan Bollin (Brighton 9 pts., 8 rbd.). Other members of the winning White team were Andrew Scarton (Flat Rock 5 pts., 3 steals), Devin Oliver (Kalamazoo Central 24 pts., 12 rbd., 5 assists), Josh Weatherspoon (Holland 19 pts. 14 rbd.), Grant Carey (Roscommon 3 pts.), DeMarco Sanders (Flint Powers 27 pts, 7 rbd.), Andrew Patrick (Goodrich 9 pts.), Trevor Closs (Cheboygan 7 pts.), Zac Richardson (New Boston Huron 7 pts. 5 rbd)