

ALL STAR FESTIVAL ACTION

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Our BCAM all star festival in Battle Creek was a great time for our state's best female and male players to display their skills against each other as well as entertain the 900 plus fans who attended the day's games.

In the girls' games both of the West squads were victorious. In the "BCD" game, the West won 78-74 with Letitia Bowen of Buchanan leading the way with 16 points and eight rebounds and being selected as the game's MVP. The East team was led in scoring by Kelly Mires of Country Day and Tanya Place of Ravenna.

The girls' "A" game saw the West coming out on top by a 95-80 score. In this game the MVP was Molly Heikkinen from Holly. Molly had 20 points and six rebounds. Markita Aldridge, Miss Basketball, had 25 points.

In a runaway win with a score of 108-86, the boys' East "BCD" team was led by Shawn Jackson, the MVP, of Buena Vista. Shawn had 14 points, three rebounds, and many assists and steals. Scoring 20 and playing a strong inside game was Stefan Knul of Manchester. The West team was led by powerful Robert Organ of Ludington. A nice stat to report was the fact that every player on both squads scored and played good basketball.

The guys' "A" game was a slam jam, run and dunk, no defense game that had the fans enjoying themselves. This game saw three players score 30 or more points. Mr. Basketball Chris Webber had 36 points, while Voshon Lenard had 33 points and 13 rebounds and helped his being selected the game's MVP. On the West squad Jalen Rose scored 31 points.

Considering these players had very little time to prepare for the game, they all played good basketball and also showed unselfish play. These games definitely give our state's best the opportunity to display their skills and entertain the summer basketball crowds who can't wait for winter basketball to begin. Next year make it a priority to come to the all star games and support BCAM's festival.