

## **ALL STAR FESTIVAL SHOWCASES TOP SENIORS**

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Once again the top senior basketball players converged on Flint Powers High School for our annual All Star Festival. Once again they left with smiles on their faces knowing they played with and against the best Michigan has to offer.

In the early girls' C/D game, the black team of coach Annette Pohl (Fowler) defeated the blue team coached by Rick Zoulek (Shelby) 82-71. Leading all scorers and receiving the MVP award for the blue team was Koren Merchant (Muskegon CC). MVP honors for the black team went to Deborah "Do" Stevens (Burton Atherton).

The fans were treated with another great match-up in the girls' A/B game between the navy team of coach Tom Kennelly (Saginaw Swan Valley) and the red team coached by Mary Cicerone (Birmingham Marian). The navy team won the close contest 89-84. The MVP and top scorer for the red team was Amanda Abraham (Plymouth Salem). Nicole VanDuyn (Troy Athens) was the navy team's MVP while Brittanya Day (Muskegon Hgts) led the scorers with 16.

The boys' C/D game was a high scoring affair with Rene LaFreniere (Manton) coaching his blue team to a 108-92 win over coach John Byelich's (Mio AuSable) black team. Randy Seling (Byron Area) played a great all-around game that earned him MVP honors for the black team. The black team was led in scoring by David McGlown (Notre Dame Prep) with 23 points. The winning blue team was led by top scorer and MVP Jason Rozyki (Boyne City) with 17 points.

The final game of the day was another thriller with the red team, under the leadership of Dennis Starkey (Petoskey), holding on at the end to defeat Dan Fife's navy team 94-90. DeeAndre Hulett (Sag. Arthur Hill) proved to be the MVP of the navy squad by scoring a game high 25 points. The red team was led by MVP Robert Brown (Oak Park) who scored 17 points.

It was an outstanding Saturday of basketball. Thanks again for the hospitality and support from the Flint Powers Athletic Club. These games showcase many of the top players in the mid-west and country. These young men and women are setting goals, living dreams and sharing their God-given talents with us, the coaches and fans.

As we left the Flint Powers gym that evening, one could only think...does it get any better?... stay tuned until next year when, in my opinion, I think it will...it always has!