

Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan
33rd Annual All-Star Basketball Festival

The 33rd annual BCAM All-Star festival took place Saturday, August 11th at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Four All-Star games, a dunk contest, and the three point contest made for a very exciting day of events. The day started with the C/D women's game and the Black team winning decisively with a 94 – 66 victory. The inside/out punch of Annemarie Hamlet 23 points, 4 steals (McBain) and Bailey Cairnduff 17 points and 12 rebounds (Morley Stanwood) was too much for the white squad led by Carlee Cottrell (Waterford OLOL) with 18 points and 7 rebounds. Hamlet's effort was good enough for the MVP award for the Black team while Cottrell took home the honor for the White team.

The women's A/B game was arguably the best game of the day with the White team squeaking out a hard fought 72-69 victory. There were spectacular plays from both teams. Country Day standout Aerial Powers won the MVP for the White team and led them with 24 points, 13 rebounds and 5 assists. The White also had an outstanding performance from Country Day teammate Amber Deane with 18 points. The Black team was led by MVP Brannndais Agee (Cass Tech) with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

The men's action got under way with over 20 of the best players in class C/D throughout the state going head to head. It was a high scoring affair with the White team beating the Black team 113-84. Corey Green (Bishop Foley) was the MVP of the winning White squad with 25 points and 13 rebounds. Tyler Walden (Fulton Middleton) and Spencer Krannitz (North Muskegon) followed up Green's effort with 17 and 16 points respectively. The Black team was led by an outstanding performance by their Most Valuable Player Stone Beckwith (Beal City) who ended with 27 points and 6 rebounds. Also playing well for the Black team was Andrew Wade (Laingsburg) with 14 points and 6 rebounds.

The men's A/B game was a very athletic and exciting game. The Black won with some clutch free shooting in a hard fought 94-91 victory. They hit 8 of 11 free throws in the last few minutes to secure the win. Many of these were from Chris Harrison-Docks (Okemos) with 22 points, 5 rebounds and 6 assists. Harrison-Docks controlled the end of the game with his outstanding backcourt play and was voted the Most Valuable player for the Black team. Also in double digits for the winning Black squad was BCAM's "Mr. Basketball" Matt Costello (Bay City Western) with 19 points, 10 rebounds, and Fredrick Edmond (Lansing Eastern) with 21 points and 8 rebounds. The White team had an outstanding effort by high flying Denzel Washington (Lansing Sexton) who took home MVP honors with a 21 point, 13 rebound, 5 assist effort. He was supported by Sexton teammate Bryn Forbes 26 points and Lansing CC's Stevie Repichowski's 14 points.

Rounding out the day were the dunk contest and BCAM's top shooters squaring off. In a spectacular ariel show, Michigan State bound Denzel Valentine (Lansing Sexton) won the dunk contest. Denzel scored a perfect 30 on the dunk which secured him the victory. In the top shooter battle, the men's winner Dillon Gordon (Ewen-Trout Creek) held off the women's champ Elena Luce (Mason County Eastern) for the title of Michigan's top-shooter.