

METRO SPORTS NEWS

By Scott Wallace

Zachary Leads Lady Toppers to Big Win over Lady Burros

By McKinley Young Jr.

When the Hillwood Toppers and Hillsboro Burros meet up in any sport you can expect a great contest. Last Friday was not an exception as a matter of fact, some would call it was an exciting game for the ages. WTN Tribune Radio Sports was there and we may have witnessed one of the best games of the year. The Lady Burros had a District 12AAA victory all but wrapped up against Hillwood but one young lady had other plans on her mind. Lady Topper Erika Zachary virtually single handedly willed her team back to pull off a stunning win 45-43 Friday night on Hillsboro's Coming Home Night.

The first half went up and down as both teams were in foul trouble. Hillwood held on to a slight 2 point lead at the half. The Lady Burros leading scorer freshman guard Capria Holmes had three early fouls and sat out most of the first half. Doree Harrison did everything she could to help keep the Lady Burros close by grabbing what seemed like every rebound that came off the rim. Once the second half began, Holmes started to show the crowd why she is one of the best freshmen in Metro as she made some key baskets to

help the Lady Burros gain a lead. It seemed at that time that Hillsboro was starting to impose their will and gain control of the game.

Then came the fourth quarter; the Lady Burros were still in control of the game and pushed their lead out to ten 43-33 with 3:44 to go. That's when Zachary took over the game as the Lady Toppers went on a 12-0 run with Zachary scoring 9 of those 12 points. When the game was tied at 43 apiece, the Lady Burros looked to their star freshman to either win the game or make a play in the final seconds. 28.5 seconds left in the game. However, with 28.5 seconds left in regulation, Holmes was trapped; Zachary stole the ball and went on to score the game winning layup. Zachary ended with 13 points 7 rebounds and 4 steals and she was named the WTN Tribune Sports Radio Player of the Game. Harrison had 15 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Lady Burros, and Holmes added 13 points.

Royal Trio Still Lead Metro in Scoring



Jordan Majors of MLK



Jalen Duke of MLK leads Metro in scoring

For the fifth consecutive week the Martin Luther King Royals are at the top of the leader board in scoring for Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS). Royal junior Jalen Duke leads the boys with a 24.2 average. Duke was named the WTN Tribune Radio Metro Player of the Week (MPOW) during the second week of voting. Classmates Briana Smith and Jordan Majors are one and two in girls scoring. Smith, who was named MPOW in the first week of voting, is averaging 16.5 points per game and Majors, named MPOW the following week, is right on her teammates' heels with a 15.9 clip.

"These are exciting times around MLK," said Head Girls' Coach Lindy King. "All of these players work hard on the floor and the classroom. With all of them being juniors the sky is the limit. Our focus is on right now though. We have some goals that we want to accomplish."

Lady Royals Primed for Run

Coach King's Lady Royals are leading District 10AA with an undefeated record (12-0) against conference foes. They won their 20th game against Hume-Fogg. With only two losses they are poised to make a long run in the playoffs. The district tournament starts February 12 at Maplewood.

"I think they have a great chance to make it to Murfreesboro," said WTN Tribune Radio High School Correspondent McKinley Young Junior. "Briana and Jordan are a dynamic duo. Coach King has the whole team playing well. Lipscomb and East may give them some problems but I do not foresee them getting beat in their district. I would love for them to make it. We will be right there with them if they do."



Coach Lindy King of MLK

Metro Players of the Week

By Michael Curtis

Tennessee Tribune

WTN Tribune Radio Sports would like to congratulate Tarrion Jordan of Maplewood for winning the Metro Male Player of the Week Honors (MPOW). Jordan is in his senior year and averages 10 points, 9.9 rebounds and two blocks per game.

"Rebounding is very important to me because when you rebound the ball my team has an opportunity to get second chance points and on the defensive end you prevent the other team from getting second chance points," Jordan said.

According to Jordan what separates him from everyone else is his hustle and motivation to be great. He thinks he hustles more on the basketball court than his opponents which usually turns into a win for his team. Jordan scored five points and grabbed 12 rebounds last Tuesday in the win against Martin Luther King Magnet and on Friday he had 20 points along with 15 rebounds and eight blocks against Lipscomb Academy. Maplewood is currently on an eight game winning streak.

The Metro Female Player of the Week went to East Nashville's Erica Haynes-Overton. Haynes-Overton scored 20 points in East's 54-33 victory over Pearl-Cohn and 22 points in a 74-33 blowout of Whites Creek. The Lady Eagles are 17-6, 9-3 10AA. On the year she is averaging 13.6 points per game.

Previous Winners:

Boys

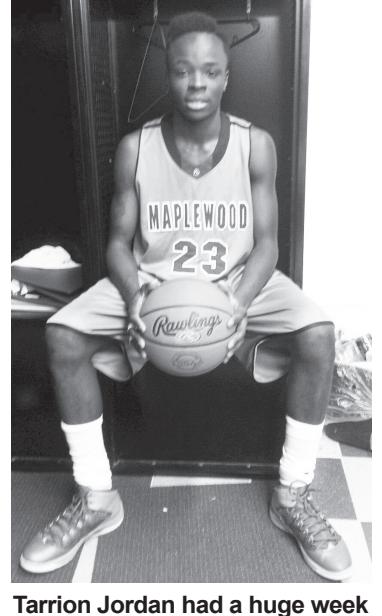
Terry Holt	East Nashville
Jalen Duke	MLK
Thomas Booker	East Nashville

Girls

Briana Smith	MLK
Jordan Majors	MLK
Morgan Seiferth	Cane Ridge



Michael Curtis



Tarrion Jordan had a huge week for Maplewood

Metro Scoring Leaders Boys

Player	School	PPG
Jalen Duke	Martin Luther King	24.2
Terry Holt	East Nashville	19.8
Ty'Quz Itiat	Stratford	18.2
Michael Battle	Pearl-Cohn	16.7
Joey Skibbie	Hume-Fogg	15.6
Derrick Woods	Stratford	15.3
Leon Howard	Overton	14.6
Thomas Booker	East Nashville	14.1
Deiondre Walker	Whites Creek	14.0
Ikenna Anyaebunam	Antioch	14.0

Metro Scoring Leaders Girls

Player	School	PPG
Briana Smith	Martin Luther King	16.5
Jordan Majors	Martin Luther King	15.9
D'Toria Fowler	Antioch	15.2
Deanne Whitlow	McGavock	14.4
Le'Jzae Davidson	East Nashville	14.1
Asia Gladney	Hume-Fogg	14.1
Chelsea Nelson	Overton	13.9
Ant'resia Patton	Overton	13.8
Erica Haynes-Overton	East Nashville	13.6



Briana Smith of MLK leads Metro girls in scoring