

STORM REPORT

2016 PLAYERS PILE UP THE “SHIPS”



When the 2014 season ended many asked the question, “will you be able to recover.” It was a fair question because, after all, we were faced with having to replace a number of All-Staters & Dream-Teamers. Indeed, losing 5 extraordinarily talented players is a difficult thing. However, we had faith in our returning players and we were blessed to have a number of talented and hungry players join the Program. In most respects, these young ladies were under-appreciated, unranked & under of most college

coaches. These young ladies simply kicked the door in and forced themselves onto the “boards” of many college coaches. The result was astounding. All of these young ladies received scholarship offers and 5 have already accepted Division I offers with the remaining three scheduled to make a decision in the coming weeks. Commitments: **Bello Twins - Minnesota**; **Jalisha Terry - St. Bonaventure**; **Kris Nelson -Southern Illinois**; **Hailey Leidel- U Mass**. More to come!

CLASS OF 2015 PLAYERS SETTLE INTO COLLEGE

The “Big Cat,” **Erika Davenport**, is excited about the opportunities available at **Marquette**. No doubt, she will be ready. **Kendall Terrell** is eager to get things started at **Adrian** and says she’s ready to prove herself all over again. **Christiana Jefferson** is thrilled to be at St. Ursuline. They not only picked up a great player...they got a terrific person. **Sydnee McDonald** is in Florida and will be playing for the D-I JUCO National Champions, **Chipola**. **Moriah Williams** will be attending **Webber International University**. **Amber Jamison** has taken her talents to the Big Ten and will be playing at **Northwestern University**. Amber is one of the hardest working & committed people ever born. We will continue to follow the progress of these (and all of our other) young ladies as they matriculate. We can’t stress it enough....we are blessed to have been a part of the lives of so many wonderful young people.



2018's: STORM-TROOPERS

Here are the simple facts: (1) every Sophomore on the 2018 Team is being recruited by at least one Division I School; (2) four members of the 2018 Team have at least one Division I scholarship offer; (3) No other Program in the State of Michigan that we are aware of has a team in the 2018 class with four players who possess Division I scholarship offers.

This group performed extremely well on the travel circuit despite being a first-year team. The girls knocked off some heavy-hitters on the road but have not rested on their laurels. These girls are extremely hard workers who never pass up on an opportunity to get in the gym.

Although the group was already “stacked” this year, they

will even be more explosive going forward. This team will be deep and have many interchangeable parts. With Coach McAllister's emphasis on tempo and pressure defense, there will be many “track meets” in the future. Although this group is loaded with athletes, the team is replete with snipers and versatile/“do it all” players.

Although the Storm Organization has had a number of players go on to college, this group has the potential to shatter the Program record for players with D-I offers. Although the team is loaded with talent from the Class of 2018, there are several younger players vying to make an impact from the classes of 2019, 2020 and 2021.

A number of these players are currently “ranked” among the

best players in the State of Michigan for the Class of 2018 but they actually aren't motivated by such things. To a person, each player is driven to get the most out of their own abilities and they don't make excuses....they make a way.

Over the next few years the following names will become “household” names in Michigan High School Girls Basketball: **Barrie, Richardson, Moore, Cockerham, Flowers, Bicknell, Strother, Hampton, Tyson, O'Brien.**

We are genuinely thankful to have these quality young ladies in the Program & are humbled that their parents have entrusted them to us. We look forward to witnessing and assisting in their maturation and development.

2017's: THE QUIET BEFORE THE STORM

Similar to last year, the questions have started.... "what are you going to do next year, you lost a lot." The answer is the same: "Just wait on it." No doubt it will be tough to "replace" the departing players from our Class of 2016. Indeed, it can be fairly argued that, from a scholarship perspective, our 2016 group was the most successful AAU Team in Michigan this year. Fear not, we are already in the lab and are excited to welcome new faces and are thrilled that our returning

players will be given a chance to "get their shine on." Although we have been relatively quiet about this group, and despite the fact that there are doubters, we have high expectations for next year.

We had extreme depth throughout our Program this year and have already received a few commitments for next year. We will be in the "lab" over the coming months in an effort to determine the best "recipe." As we have done in past years, we will begin

to unveil our roster(s) on an on-going basis. Like the Class of 2016, many of these talented prospects are underrated, unranked and under-appreciated. Put another way, they have chips on their shoulders and plan to again "kick the door in."

Although we have been quiet about this group, there is definitely a Storm brewing. Just wait on it!

Storm: Ellis

Coach Ellis had a very good summer and is eager for next year. Next year Coach Ellis will concentrate his efforts on assisting with younger Storm teams. Over the past several months we have been bombarded by younger players expressing an interest in the Program. His group this year represented the Program well and his girls always played hard.

Ellis ended this season with an impressive outing in Illinois and was disappointed to see the summer session come to a close. We are extremely grateful to have Coach Ellis on board and we look forward to his continued participation.



Storm: Wichtner

It was indeed an honor to welcome Brent Wichtner to the Storm Family. After competing against him for a number of years it is great to be able to work with him. Coach Wichtner is extremely knowledgeable and he is definitely passionate. His team had a great deal of success this year but it appears that he will be loaded next year. College announcements for his group will come soon. Once his roster is finalized we will spend considerable time introducing his players to the public.



The Babies: Coach Paul



Our middle school Program is loaded. Coach Winston simply has these young ladies rolling. He has amassed some of the best talent in the Flint area and we have supplemented the group with a couple of Detroit's finest. There are a number of "special" players in the group!

This team is extremely fun to watch and their intensity on the court is amazing. Oftentimes they simply wear teams out with their tenacity. Beyond the

tenacity, they are talented! This group easily handled a number of High School aged teams this summer. Several of these young ladies are already on the radar of college coaches and many more will be in the foreseeable future. If you don't know these young ladies now, you will very soon.

Make no mistake about it, this team will soon be at the top of the page. However, they understand that, like the other groups, they have to earn their way "up."

The best is yet to come!