

THE STORM REPORT

MICHIGAN STORM PLAYERS HOLD MORE THAN 50 DIVISION I SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

Despite being in existence for only 5 years, the Michigan Storm has grown to be one of the most dominant AAU girls travel programs in the state of Michigan. The Storm roster is loaded with talent and boasts a number of All-Staters.

In 2014 the Michigan Storm roster was, in a word, loaded. These young ladies have worked hard and their hard-work has paid off in a significant way. To date, our players hold more than 60 scholarship offers from schools near and far. When we first began competition 5 years ago we struggled to compete and were considered a “neighborhood” team. Undeterred, we continued to develop the skills of the players in our Program and we expanded our “neighborhood.” The Storm began to attract young ladies from Saginaw, Flint, Ann Arbor and various other counties across Michigan. In short, we got better each and every year. Past Storm players are on college rosters in the state of Michigan and throughout the United States. Despite our success we have never promised a single player that they would receive a scholarship if they joined our club. However, we have assured all that they would be treated with respect and provided a fair opportunity to showcase their abilities in front of college coaches from around the United States. We have kept our promise and, as a result, families in our Program will not have to pay for college. Our young ladies hold scholarship offers from schools across the United States. More specifically, **our players hold offers from schools in the following conferences: Big 10, MAC, Big 12, Atlantic 10, Horizon, Big East, Missouri Valley Conference, Western Athletic Conference, *Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic,**

Conference USA, Sunbelt, GLIAC. Our players are also currently being recruited by schools in the SEC and PAC 10. Although we are happy for our current group of players, we are not content. We want to provide the same opportunities for future players. In an effort to do so we have attempted to remove as many obstacles as possible. In fact, the Michigan Storm is considered by many to be the least expensive Elite Travel AAU Club in Michigan. By fundraising and seeking contributions from the community, we keep our costs down for parents. We also have eliminated all of the negative talk that other clubs used against us in the past. “The Storm is not good” — negated! “The Storm does not go to big tournaments” - Negated! “The Storm does not develop players”-Negated! “Storm players don’t get recruited by ‘big’ schools” - Negated! In short, Its time to “Get with the Program!”



STORM FACTS:

The Storm finished in 1st place in all of their travel tournaments this season except two. However, in those two events the team fought back and made it to the “Final Four” of the event.

STORM FACTS:

None of the players on the 2014 Storm roster were All-State players before playing for the Storm and none had scholarship offers. We identify players who may not be household names, work with them.... and then showcase them.

STORM FACTS:

Not one player who started the season with the Michigan Storm (Red Team) left the organization during the season. We treat our players and families with respect and they reward us with their loyalty.

STORM FACTS:

The Grade Point Averages for our returning players next year ranges between 3.75 and 3.9. These young ladies will be able to play anywhere in America at the conclusion of their High School careers.

STORM FACTS:

Despite our success, the Storm is considered to be the least expensive Elite Travel Team in Michigan.

STORM FACTS:

Seven Different Storm Players were named to All Tournament/ All-Star Teams this AAU season.



STORM TRAVEL SEASON SUMMARY

THE MICHIGAN STORM SEASON RESULTED IN A PATH OF DESTRUCTION FOR OPPONENTS IN 2014.

The Storm started their travel season with a tuneup in Ft. Wayne Indiana and easily won their Pool by going undefeated. In their first NCAA Certified Event of the Season at the USJN Windy City Classic (Chicago), the Storm, playing in the “Top” (National) Pool at the loaded event went undefeated in Pool Play and finished in first place. During the event the Storm knocked off the always powerful MoKan Elite Team (Missouri/Kansas) in a game played in front of close to 50 Division 1 college coaches. In July, the Storm again took first place in their Pool (National) by going undefeated during Pool Play at the prestigious Run-4-The Roses tournament in Louisville, Kentucky. The Storm followed this event up by going 2-0 at the “Real Deal In the Ville” Shootout (Nashville, TN). Both games were decided by more than 25 points. Next up was the Battle in the Boro Tournament in Nashville, TN. This event was loaded with premier teams, players and college coaches. For the first time this year the Storm did not win 1st place in their Pool. However, the Storm bounced back in bracket play and proceeded to go on a winning streak (including a win against national power [Boo Williams-Richmond]) before ultimately succumbing in the semifinals in bracket play to the always powerful Mac Irvin Lady Godfather Team out of Chicago, Illinois. The Storm then went to Washington, DC and finished 4-1 in Pool play at the USJN National Championship. The Storm again reached the semifinals in bracket play. Thereafter, the Storm finished the summer by going undefeated and winning the Championship at the USJN Summer Final in Toledo, Ohio. Not Bad for a “Neighborhood Team!” [In 2014 the Storm defeated teams that occupy these “National Ranking” Spots this year: #9, #23, #34, #56, #77, #100. The Storm also played the #1, #2 & #3 teams in the United States and led them all during the second half before losing [Rankings per kennykalina.wordpress.com]. The Storm lost 1 game in Michigan this year.

GET WITH THE PROGRAM OR TAKE COVER!



THE FUTURE:

Our four returning players all play for winning High School Programs & were battle-tested this year while playing “up.” Indeed, three of the four have played “up” since their Freshmen year. Despite “waiting” patiently for their turn, all four are being recruited by Division 1 programs. Stay tuned for their new teammates!



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