

STORM REPORT - 2017

ANOTHER TREMENDOUS YEAR



Michigan Tech



2018-LOVE

This was a special group. These young ladies represented our program well over the last three years and they will certainly be missed. The core of this team came to us as Freshmen and each year they were one of the top teams in the State of Michigan.

They persevered through adversity and finished their travel basketball careers on an extremely high note by winning the prestigious and ultra-competitive PSB "Elite 32" in Atlanta. To win the title the girls defeated two

top EYBL Programs. A number of the players have already committed to schools. **Ellie Mackay** will attend Michigan Tech University; **Lasha Petree** - Bradley University; **Jaida Hampton** - Wichita State University; **Maxine Moore** - Western Michigan University; **Janara Flowers** - Indiana State University; **Graysen Cockerham** - Goshen College; **Jess Bicknell** - University of Detroit Mercy; **Maddie Barrie** - Grand Valley State University.



TEAM NO TUITION - TNT SQUAD

This group had a “successful” season by any definition of the word. In a nutshell, they began the evaluation season by winning the prestigious Deep South Classic in Raleigh, North Carolina (playing up an age group) and ended it by going undefeated and winning the Eastbay Fall Finale in Chicago, Illinois. And in between those bookmark championships the girls were dominant. The final season record was 52-7 (4 OT losses). Amazingly, this group did not lose a single Pool game this year and either won the championship or at least played in the Final 4 of every tournament that they entered.

As far as scholarship offers go, the numbers are astounding.

All 12 individuals who started the year with the TNT Squad were offered Division 1 Scholarships as Freshmen and Sophomores and they have amassed in excess of 75 combined — yes, seventy-five - Division 1 offers. Although the girls were flattered by being mentioned as being one of the top 5 teams in the United States at their age group, they never rested on their laurels and always played hard. The return of **Daija Tyson & Cheyenne McEvans** in 2018 is much anticipated. And with the addition of **Sanaya Gregory**, we are expecting that the group will pick up where they left off and continue to represent Michigan well on the national scene. Groups like these don't come along often.....we are grateful to have them.



THE FUTURE.....IS NOW

The future of the Michigan Storm is bright. This past year Coach Brown, Coach Simpkins and Coach Hawkes coached groups of talented young ladies. On several occasions both of our 9th grade teams and 10th grade teams met in the championship game of tournaments after winning their respective side of tournament brackets. The groups were comprised of hard working and humble young ladies.

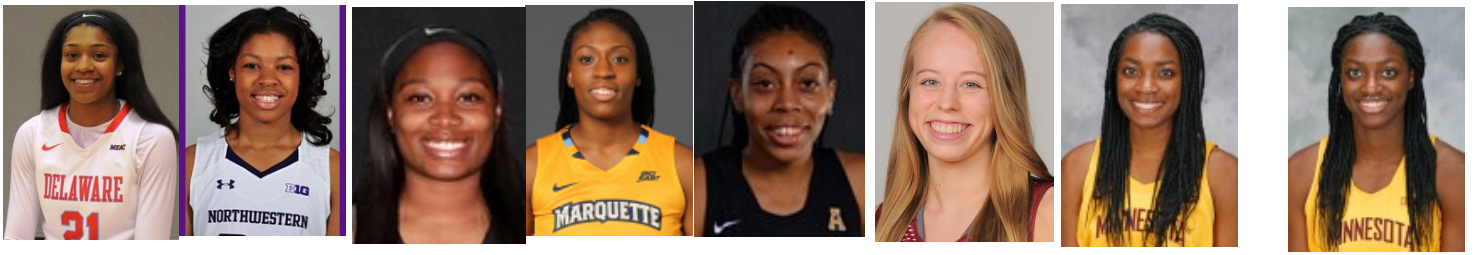
Although the composition of these teams will change in 2018, we are expecting big things out of them. A number of the returning players are being recruited by colleges from around the Midwest. It is their time now and they are prepared to seize the moment.

Kaylee Ford, Olivia Moore, Morgan Morrison, Zada Lacy & Emily Eckhout anchored the 2019-Love team to conclude the season in Chicago this September. We are excited about the possibilities of this team after it is fully assembled for the 2018 travel season.

Our 2020-Simpkins squad will be very good in 2018! This group, when fully intact, will give people problems on the national scene and there will be a number of young ladies from this group that will go on to play in college. As far as our 2021 team, this group will be fun to watch and will play with a chip on their collective shoulder. We are thrilled to have two of the most dynamic young guards in Michigan — Mya Petticord (2022) and Emaia O'Brien (2021). Fun times ahead!



RECENT ALUMNI PLAYING IN COLLEGE



We are extremely proud to have had the opportunity to work with every young lady that comes through our Program. Each and every young lady that has played for us in recent years has had the desire to play basketball at the collegiate level. Statistically, not many high school basketball players go on to play at the next level. Fortunately, a number of our former players are getting the opportunity to live out their dreams while receiving a free education. With the exception of one college senior, the young ladies pictured above are all either Freshmen, Sophomores or Juniors in college and they are all playing college ball. 17 of these young ladies play at the Division 1 Level. Whatever the level, we are proud to see these young ladies continue their basketball journeys. (Not pictured, Moriah Williams).

