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Magic Basketball Squads Sweep Fontbonne JV

It was a double victory Friday night (Jan. 23) for the STLCC - Meramec basketball teams as both the men's and the women's squads defeated Fontbonne University JV.

The men's game, played at Meramec, saw the Magic dusting off the Griffins 93-43. Playing at Fontbonne, the women's squad staved off a late Fontbonne rally to emerge with a 68-62 win.

The win for the women's squad, now 11-12, marked the 100th Meramec win for seventh year head coach **Steve Jarvis** (100-113). Freshmen forwards **Latavia Doss** (Francis Howell) and **Aretasha Barry** (Hazelwood East) again excelled with Barry pouring in 21 points and Doss 20. Doss also had 12 rebounds for a double-double, along with four steals.

Barry was one rebound shy of a double-double with nine boards. Sophomore center **Cynthia Abernathy** (Wentzville Timberland) added 17 points as the trio combined for 58 of the team's 68 points. The team next plays at STLCC - Forest Park Wednesday evening (Jan. 28) at 5:30. On Dec. 22, the Magic squeaked by the Highlanders, 61-57.

Meanwhile, the men's basketball team (15-7) played a near-perfect game in blowing out Fontbonne's JV squad by a 50 point margin. Meramec did not have a single foul called on them until the 2:55 mark of the first half.

Rodney Ford (Affton) was the lead scorer with 22 points, adding 12 rebounds for a double-double. Freshman forward **Mersad Ramic** (Bayless) had 19 points and nine boards, while **Dallis Johnson** (Lafayette) had 17 points. **Julian Gilliam** (Parkway South) was also in double figures, scoring 12 points. Sophomore **Eddie White** (Parkway West) pulled down 13 rebounds and added eight assists.

The men's team also plays at Forest Park Wednesday night (Jan. 28), tipping off at 7:30. It will be the two teams first meeting of the season.