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Women's Basketball Game Feb. 14 To Benefit Yow Foundation

When the STLCC - Meramec women's basketball team takes to its floor this Saturday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. they will not only be taking on their opponent, North Central College, but they'll also be battling breast cancer. The game will be a benefit with all admission proceeds and donations going to the **Kay Yow/WBCA (Women's Basketball Coaches Association) Cancer Fund**.

Head coach **Steve Jarvis** organized the effort, part of a "pink zone" Feb. 13-22 window of dates nationally where teams are encouraged to participate.

"More and more, it's kind of hitting home with everybody else and we need to get on board with this awareness," said Jarvis. "Me, personally, I've got a sister-in-law that's a breast cancer survivor and my mother's had cancer too, not breast cancer, but she's in treatment right now. I think this is the least we can do to help out."

The Magic will wear pink warm-ups prior to the game and perhaps pink socks and headbands as well. The fundraising effort has already touched players on the team.

"I know a lot of us do have either family members or friends who have had breast cancer so I think it's really important to us that we participate and are able to give donations from any money that we make that day," said sophomore guard **Molly Zehner** (Oakville). "I'm really glad that we get to be a part of that."

The foundation is named for Kay Yow, former head coach of the North Carolina State women's basketball team who battled breast cancer for 22 years before succumbing to the disease last month.

Magic Wrap Up Regular Season With 4 Placing At MO Valley Open

Saturday Feb. 7, the STLCC - Meramec wrestling team placed four wrestlers at the Missouri Valley Open Tournament while resting several others with minor injuries.

Winning second place medals were **T.T. Prayther** (North Myrtle Beach, SC) at 125 and **Eddie McCray** (Plainfield, NJ) at 149. McCray was coming off an outstanding Meramec Duals performance the week before where he pinned all four opponents he faced in the first period. Taking a fourth place at MO Valley was **Travis Pettengill** (Kearsley, MI) at 197. Also, **Nick Smith** (Collins Hill, GA) won a seventh place finish at 174.

Meramec finishes the regular season with today's tourney and moves on to the Central District Zone Tournament next Sunday Feb. 15 in Chicago at Triton College. The top four finishers in each weight class, plus wild cards, advance out of the Central District to the NJCAA National Tournament Feb. 27-28 in Rochester, Minn.

Last year, the Magic took a second place team finish while three grapplers won individual national titles.