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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.