STLCC-Meramec Basketball Squads Sweep N. Central

Completing their second straight sweep in four days, the STLCC-Meramec men’s and women’s basketball teams are savoring their wins over Region XVI rival North Central on Saturday (Jan. 16).

The women’s team trailed for much of the first half, finally gaining their first lead on a pair of Raven Cockrell (Francis Howell Central) free throws with 4:51 left at 23-21. The Magic held a 32-28 halftime edge.

Freshman guard Shae French (St. Charles West) set the tone for the second half when she opened it with a three point shot. Meramec never surrendered the lead, completing the win with a 53-51 final score. Sherie Cole (Hazelwood Central) sealed the victory when she stole the ball from a North Central player with 05 left.

Cole finished with 10 points, while Cockrell lead the scoring with 12. Cockrell also had 16 rebounds and 5 steals. The Magic improve to 8-9.

The men’s team had a somewhat easier go of it, disposing of the Pirates 73-58. Dallis Johnson (Lafayette) was one of five players in double figures. He had 18 points along with 7 rebounds. Freshman guard Dietrick Sooter (Pierce City) had 13 points as well as 4 steals. Josh Dale (Affton) scored 12 points, while John Alexander (Oakville) and Alen Hadzimahovic (Fox) each had 10 points.

The men’s team has now won seven of its last eight games and is 13-7. The team is 3-0 in Region XVI play.