Meramec Basketball Squads Light Up Scoreboard In Season Openers

The St. Louis Community College - Meramec men's and women's basketball teams got the '07-08 season off to a rousing start at home Thursday night, with a double blitzkrieg of the MO Baptist JV squads.

The women's team, under sixth year head coach Steve Jarvis, wiped out the Spartans 97-25. The offensive outburst matched the team's record of 97 points in 2003 versus Morton College, and also set a new school mark for margin of victory.

Returning sophomore forward Michelle Senf (Mehlville) had a night worthy of her All-Conference status: 24 points, seven assists, and six steals.

Four other players were in double figures: scoring 16 points each were Laquisha Lewis (Mehlville), Cynthia Abernathy (Timberland), and Capri Savage (Orofino, ID.) Freshman guard Kristin Ellison (Fox) had 10 points.

The men's team also made easy work of MO Baptist JV squad, dismantling them 108-55 after a sluggish start. The Magic built a 46-24 halftime lead on the first half shooting of Andrew Moore (Northwest) who canned a trio of three pointer's and had 11 points in the half.

In the second half it was all Meramec as the offense became unleashed enroute to a 62 point shellacking. Freshman forward Theo Green (McCluer) led all scorers with 19 points, while his former Suburban North nemesis and now teammate Stan Crawford (Hazelwood Central) scored 16.

Freshman guard Brandon Crites (Hallsville) had 14 points, Moore finished with 13, and 6'7" center Bill Brandenburg (Kirkwood) had 12 points. Sophomore guard and floor general Jake Prosser (Francis Howell North) played his usual stellar defense.

The competition will turn up a few notches Saturday when the Magic play at Kaskaskia, a Juco Div. I program in Illinois at 3:00.