

LOCAL SPORTS

Mayor's Academy

What: Third annual Mayor's Basketball Academy tournament and workshops for girls and boys players

When: Today through Saturday

Where: Coppin State College

Schedule: Five games today starting at 2:30 p.m.; last at 8:30 p.m. Six games tomorrow starting at 1:30 p.m.; last at 9 p.m. Nine games Saturday starting at 9 a.m.; last at 9 p.m.

Ticket: \$5 in advance, \$8 at door. Available at participating city schools, Department of Recreation/Druid Hill Park, at office of 100 Black Men of Maryland, or by calling (410) 685-6630 or 410-381-7977

Boys basketball

Versative Hatten leads Mervo

Standout, team face Anacostia in Academy

By LEM SATTERFIELD
SUN STAFF

Marcus Hatten can do just about anything he wants to on the basketball court.

He can clutch, as he was scoring 20 points in a 71-70 victory over Lake Clifton last season, securing the win after grabbing his eighth defensive rebound of the

night with two seconds left and dribbling out of harm's way.

Or he can be acrobatic, as he was in converting a crowd-pleasing dunk off an alley-op pass in last season's Class 4A state semifinal loss to Oxon Hill.

"The key is for us to be in the game as a team, together, and if they need a lift, then I feel I can provide that lift," said Hatten, a 6-foot-2, 160-pound senior guard. "I like to try to take over a game and take the other team out of it early but at the same time get my team on the same page I'm on."

Listed in *Street and Smith's* as a preseason All-Baltimore selection, Hatten is an honor roll student and a returning All-Metro pick by *The Sun*.

Coach Woody Williams lists Xavier (La.) University, Xavier of Ohio, Tennessee State, Florida A&M, Stanford and Loyola among a long list of colleges after his star.

"In my opinion, he can play at any level, anywhere," said Williams, *The Sun's* Baltimore City-County Coach of the Year last season. "It would be just a matter of assimilating himself. Otherwise, he could step in and contribute right away at any of the country's top programs."

At 3 p.m. tomorrow, Hatten will lead No. 7-ranked Mervo (7-2) against Anacostia, last season's Washington runner-up to national power DeMatha. The game is one of two the Mustangs will play in the three-day, third annual Mayor's Basketball Academy tournament at Coppin State.

Hatten, 18, earned most valuable player honors last season, when the Mustangs upset then-No. 2 Randallstown and defeated then-defending Class 4A state champ Southwestern.

"We thought coming in we hadn't gotten a lot of respect, but we proved we belonged with the top teams," said Hatten, who had 27 points against Randallstown, and against Southwestern had 16, grabbed 12 rebounds, had 10 assists and six steals.

Overall last season, Hatten averaged 22.6 points, 12.2 rebounds, and 9.4 assists alongside teammate Damien Jenifer, whose feats got him a scholarship to Loyola.

Hatten and Jenifer were perhaps the area's most dynamic backcourt duo.

That duo and 6-6 inside player Hugh Brown, now at Allegany Community College, helped the Mustangs overcome Lake Clifton, Southern and Patterson for their first Class 4A North region crown.

But seven players graduated from a squad that went 20-5 and was ranked No. 2 in the area.

"You take away Jenifer and a couple of the other players we had last year, and Marcus has had to assume a pretty hefty burden," said Williams, who classified last year's squad as "blue-collar workers in a league of Armadillos."

Williams said Hatten, who amassed 206 steals last season, still exemplifies that blue-collar work ethic.

Hatten persevered in a 83-54 loss to No. 2 Dunbar, with a 33-point effort. He penetrated often and was fouled often.

"My free-throw shooting could have been better," said Hatten, who went 14-for-21 from the line. "Defensively, I saw a 1-3-1, half-court, double-teams — mainly outside stuff. It was a good indicator, because after that game, we were better prepared to practice against what we expect teams to do against us."

Hatten recalled his teammates winning a tightly contested game against Southwestern last week after he had fouled out with two minutes remaining. He credited teammates Kevin Taylor, a forward, and point guards Xavier Jackson and Donald Thomas for taking some of the pressure off.

"You can't go out there and try to be the team by yourself," Hatten said. "You need the other guys to win."

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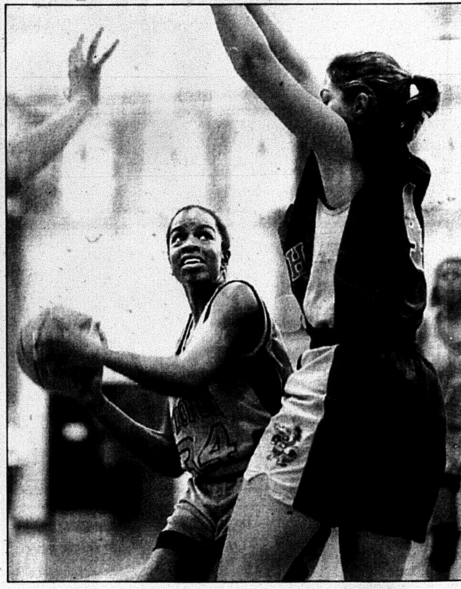
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Eyes up: McDonogh's Aisha Mason thinks about a shot against Seton Keough's Sarah Walsh (right) during first-half action.

Girls basketball

Top-ranked McDonogh outlasts Seton Keough

Eagles sweep 3 best rivals with their 34th win in row

By KATHERINE DUNN
SUN STAFF

When!

Top-ranked McDonogh finished an exhausting run past its

most recent opponents with a 49-41 victory over No. 3 Seton Keough yesterday.

In the last nine days, all the Eagles have done is polish off No. 4 Roland Park, 50-32, on Jan. 5, No. 2 St. Mary's, 62-54, on Monday, and

the Gators. Any could have snatched away the top spot. Instead, the Eagles (16-0) secured their spot as the state's No. 1 team.

"The kids love coming out and playing these games every day," said McDonogh coach Katie Keating, whose team also threw in a 64-57 win over Bryn Mawr Saturday.

"It's been a killer stretch for us. I am absolutely happy to be through with that stretch."

The victory ran the Eagles' winning streak to 34 games dating back to mid-December 1997. The last Baltimore team to beat the Eagles? The Gators, 54-45, in McDonogh's gym on Dec. 13, 1996.

Yesterday, the Gators (11-3) had the upset in sight until Eagles guard Jasmine Norton pulled

game out of reach in the final 30 seconds. Norton, who scored 11, raced ahead for a layup off Katie Nelson's half-court inbound pass for a 48-38 lead.

"We saw they were going to full-court press us," said Norton. "I looked at Katie, she looked at me, and I just went long."

Early, the Gators set the pace for a low-scoring game that favored the upset with an intense man-to-man defense and a patient offense that milked the 30-second shot clock. Although McDonogh jumped out to an 8-0 lead, the Gators quickly recovered and held a

slight edge most of the second quarter.

The Eagles, who often shoot 50 to 60 percent, shot just 28 percent from the field in the first half and 35 percent for the game. The Gators shot 16.6 percent but made 44 percent of their attempts.

Vicki Brick, the 1997-98 All-Metro Player of the Year who led the Eagles with 21 points, said her team was not patient on offense.

"In our motion offense, they were sagging in the middle and switching on the picks," said Brick. "It was hard for us to get open shots, because they knew where we were cutting to. We weren't reading the defense that well in the first half."

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Eagles' lead was only four points, 30-26, but they extended it with a 13-5 run.

Aisha Mason's 18-footer gave McDonogh a 43-31 lead with 2:48 to go, but the Gators weren't through. Sarah Walsh took over inside, scoring on a feed from Denise King, a free throw, and one of her three offensive rebounds — all within 30 seconds — to bring the Gators within 43-38.

During that stretch, the Eagles lost 6-2 center Greichely Cepero with her fifth foul. Cepero, who finished with 10 points, 11 rebounds and two assists, had been dominant inside in the second half.

Still, the Eagles began to pull away as Brick and Mason combined for four free throws and Nelson and Norton combined for the key long-distance passes.

The Gators tried five free-pointers in the final minute but hit only one — Meghan Allan's only field goal of the night — to pull within 48-41 with 17 seconds left.

All-Metro guard King led the Gators with 11 points.

It didn't help the Gators to have to play without 5-10 forward Laura Stromberg, who will have X-rays today to determine whether a previous foot injury is a sprain or a break.

High schools

Boys basketball

C.M. Wright 53, Edgewood 51

Edgewood — Hancock 2, Booker 5, Butler 10, Aston 11, May, 10, Baker 10, Corley 1, Totals 17 14-21-51

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Catoctinville 58, Landowens 53

Landowens — Gibson 14, Loney 11, Sammons 7, Hurt 6, Roberts 7, Hugel 11. Totals 21 10-20-53

Catoctinville — Robles 3, Heldmann 5, Yachera 6, Renschel 10, Adams 14, Austerlitz 6, Haynie 6. Totals 58 20-28-53. Half: C 29-23

Catoctinville 43, River Hill 39

Catoctinville — Kincaid 4, O'Connor 15, Swann 3, Lynett 2, Myers 1, Kira-coffe 4, Mingo 2, McPhail 2, Yere 4. Totals 43 18-26-43

River Hill — Glasgow 8, Novack 5, Jenkins 5, Haslop 4, Kovacs 3, Alas-co 3, Brewer 9, Dummet 2. Totals 39 15-21-39. Half: C 22-20

Dulaney 38, Owings Mills 22

Dulaney — Stevens 8, Krywians 11, Jackson 5, Stagle 2, Jackson 2, Head 9. Totals 38 15-27-38

Owings Mills — Hardy 2, Berger 2, Davis 2, Davis 2, Kautsky 8, Carter 2. Totals 22 11-11-22. Half: D 18-14

Dundalk 64, Oprelia 45

Oprelia — Mohomes 4, Johnson, Esley 7, Pitts 16, Aledetounho 10, Speis 3, Brandon 5. Totals 45 15-20-25

Dundalk — Turner 16, Curry 32, Smith 4, King 4, Teasley 5, McQuighe, Cole 20. Totals 64 22-25-64. Half: D 31-25

Edgewood 53, Perryville 43

Perryville — Lester 10, Meas 5, Gray 13, Barker 11, Catoctin 12, Jensen 11, Gray 13, Barker 11, Catoctin 12, Jensen 11. Totals 43 16-21-43

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Franklin 73, Loch Raven 54

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Cilman 51, Gibbons 44

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Hammond 68, Loch Reach 65, OT

Hammond — Blewins 5, Harris 2, Har-man 11, Bredrove 3, Akward 13, Hines 16, Jones 2, Alexander 14. Totals 68 26-38-68

Loch Reach — Francis 12, Collins 9, White 5, Holmes 12, Jones 5, Simms 5, Jones 5, Har-Jones 12, Jones 5. Totals 65 26-38-65. Half: H 26-18. End of regulation 56-56

Hickory 60, Chesapeake 64

Chesapeake — Boyd 6, Hilenbrand 21, Sydor 2, Hanel 3, Hawes 12, Brannans 5, Ross 2, Roane 2. Totals 64 26-38-64

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Towson 68, Patapsco 42

Towson — Connolly 2, Kimball 5, Young 25, Willie 23, Waters 2, Adams 8, McGowan 2, Goodwin 2. Totals 68 23-39-68

Patapsco — Clarke 11, Wilson 11, Gloyd 8, Lloyd 8, Griffin 2, Dukes 7. Totals 42 15-27-42. Half: I 35-25

Towson Catholic 87, Curley 55

Towson Catholic — Jenner 19, Johnson 16, Lesch 14, Thornton 11, Goodrich 13, Griffin 2, Hopkins 12-10-31 7-8-87

Curley — Salomone 2, Chak 2, Pearson 6, Francis 6, Hall 7, Moneymaker 2, J.Auffarth 4, McKay 10, Price 9, Garfath 7. Totals 55 24-28-55. Half: IC 43-27

Western Tech 58, Harford 35

Western Tech — Brooks 2, Goodwin 4, M.Romero 11, Linton 10, Williams 17, Wendel 3, Deszczuk 4, Allen 7. Totals 58 24-28-58

Harford — Zell 2, Davies 3, Gaid 6, Gilbert 21, Stuller 4. Totals 35 10-10-35. Half: W 26-13

Wide Lake 59, Atholton 52

Atholton — Cotto 2, Eustice 6, Pace 2, Lester 2, Smith 10, Hayes 2, Boy-kins 5, Tillery 2, Wadly 12. Totals 52 18-28-52

Wide Lake — Bright 6, Faucett 2, Lunares 4, McCreary 4, Wilson 12, Martin 27, Parkinson 4. Totals 59 25-19-59. Half: W 29-24

Woodlawn 68, Parkville 56

Parkville — Jordan 10, Hramden 8, Hardy 2, Decker 3, Smith 10, Hayes 2, Boy-kins 5, Tillery 2, Wadly 12. Totals 56 22-28-56

Woodlawn — Gons 5, Holey 2, Games 11, Coates 3, Allen 1, Robinson 19, Genge 8, Fuller 2, Adams 2. Totals 68 24-24-68. Half: W 29-21

Catoctinville 60, Landowens 51

Landowens — Albright 7, Cousins 4, Roberts 2, Johns 11, Lesch 8, Grimes 15, Yarnuz 12, Johnson 8, Curran 12, MacLeod 10, Blake 11, Lowman 2, Packa 6, Packer 12, Lantz 6, Taylor 17, Lester 7, Denton 8. Totals 51 28-18-51. Half: C 40-19

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Towson 68, Patapsco 42

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Wide Lake 59, Atholton 52

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Atholton — McKenna 5, Caffrey 7, Costa 1, Lee 4, Zinalabehn 2, Bartholomew 6, Brown 5. Totals 52 11-21-52. Half: W 45-15

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