



Athletes of the Week



Shydeesha McLean

Lincoln College New England basketball

Reason: Drew a charge in overtime on Saturday, Dec. 4 and put the game out of reach with a jump shot on the other end of the court.

Shydeesha McLean barely winced as a Massachusetts guard knocked her off her feet. She just rose with the whistle, brushed herself off, and looked up at the clock. Lincoln College still leading by one point with 40.3 seconds left in overtime.

"That's what we work on in practice. We hope that somebody's going to step up and take that charge," said Lincoln coach James Folston. "She stepped up to the plate that

time, took the charge, and that sort of put us in charge at the time."

On Saturday, Dec. 4, McLean made the most of her time on the court. She wasn't a starter, the lead scorer, or top defender. But when the game was on the line, McLean made it count.

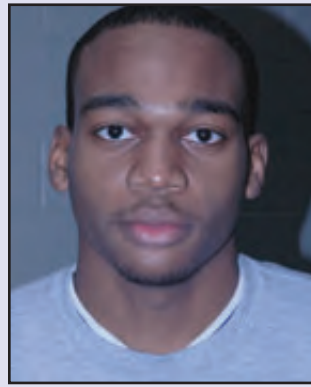
With 19.7 seconds remaining, her 15-foot jumper stretched the lead to three points and all but sealed the Lincoln College win. Folston was pleased that McLean was the one to

put the game out of reach.

"Shydeesha's a very good ball player. She's very energetic, energized with a lot of excitement," said Folston. "I told her that she has to stop being a team player at some time and just be an individual. She needs to take charge and show us what she's got. She did that today."

McLean listened, and Lincoln got the win.

For her outstanding athletic accomplishments, McLean is our highlighted female athlete of the week.



Marcus Marshall

Lincoln College New England basketball

Reason: Scored 39 points in three games last week with a trio of three point field goals and went 8-for-11 (72.7%) from the free throw line.

Marcus Marshall seemed to take things personally as he attacked the basket in the second half. Bristol Community College (MA) had outscored Lincoln, 2-to-1, in the first half, but Marshall wasn't quitting.

He scored seven of his 11 points in the second half, and Lincoln pared the lead to 20 points. Whenever the Wildcats mount a rally, Marshall's in the center of the action.

"He had three great

games this week and had a big hand in picking the team up from a slight slump to winning two in a row early in the week," said Lincoln coach John Wasielewski. "Marcus is a very talented basketball player. He can drive to the basket extremely well, has a nice jumper and has good court sense."

Marshall led the offense in all three games last week. He scored 39 points for the week, including a 15-point effort during a 79-49 victory over New

England Baptist College to start the week. He's even been known to dunk and electrify the crowd.

"He's very, very athletic, and he works very hard," said Wasielewski. "He's not necessarily the loudest person on the team, but he leads by example, by his effort on the court, and his hard work."

The result: 12.1 points per game.

For his outstanding athletic accomplishments, Marshall is our highlighted male athlete of the week.

TOP FEMALE PERFORMANCES

Allison O'Keefe, Runner:

Completed the 5K course in 31:53 at the Tree of Compassion race in Middlebury on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Jennifer McHale, Runner:

Ran the 5K course in 20:08 to finish 23rd out of 1,341 runners at West Hartford's Blue Back Square Mitten Run on Dec. 5.

TOP MALE PERFORMANCES

Adam Trujillo, Team:

Ran the 5K course in 22:20 to finish 83rd out of 1,341 runners at West Hartford's Blue Back Square Mitten Run on Dec. 5.

D'Von Huckaby, Lincoln College NE basketball:

Scored 20 points in three games last week with 10 rebounds per game against Hampshire College and Bristol CC.

The week ahead in Southington sports...

Unforeseen schedule changes or weather conditions may cause a change in the schedule. You may call (860) 628-3229, ext. 425 to check the status of a contest. For afternoon contests, call after 1:30 p.m. and for evening contests, call after 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls Basketball vs. Hall (FR-3:45, JV-5:30, V-7:00).

SATURDAY

Wrestling vs. Amity, Middletown, Plainville, RHAM (V Scrimmage-8:00). Indoor Track at New Haven Developmental Meet (VIJV-9:30 @ Hillhouse HS, New Haven).

MONDAY

No games scheduled.

TUESDAY

Girls Basketball at Weaver (JV-5:30, V-7:00).

WEDNESDAY

Boys Basketball vs. East Catholic (JV-4:30, V-6:00). Ice Hockey vs. Windsor-East Granby-Avon (V-7:30 @ Veteran's Rink, W. Hartford). Wrestling at South Windsor (VIJV-6:00).

THURSDAY

No games scheduled.

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