



PRESS RELEASE

Black Team Clinches Win in 2013 WBCA High School All-America Game presented by NIKE

NEW ORLEANS (April 6, 2013) – The Black Team prevailed in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) High School All-America Game *presented by NIKE*, earning the 74–70 win. The game – played on the NCAA® Women's Final Four® court for the fourth consecutive year – featured the nation's top 20 high school seniors showcased in front of family, fans and coaches.

Tyler Scaife was named the most valuable player for the Black Team and Nia Coffey was selected as the MVP of the Purple Team.

RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year Curtis Ekmark of St. Mary's High School (Phoenix, Ariz.) navigated from the sideline for the Purple Team. Scott DeJong, the 2013 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA District 5 Coach of the Year led the Black Team.

The Black Team took an early lead in the first half and held the advantage for a majority of the game. Kendall Cooper, who will play for Duke next season, scored the first two baskets of the game for the Black Team, while Saniya Chong, a Connecticut signee, answered at the opposite end of the court for the Purple Team to tie the game at four apiece.

Kentucky signee, Linnae Harper, from Whitney Young High School, knocked down a jumper at the 15:54 mark of the first half to give the Black Team the 15–9 advantage. Norcross High School standout and a North Carolina signee, Diamond DeShields, pulled the Purple Team within one on a layup 30 seconds later.

The game remained tight over the next four minutes, before the Black Team went on a 6–0 run that was capped off with an Oderah Chidom layup that put the score at 30–23. The Black Team built a nine–point lead with under seven minutes to play before the Purple Team ended the half with a four–point run to put the halftime score at 44–42. Erica McCall, from Ridgeview High School and a future Stanford Cardinal, converted on a layup with 11 seconds remaining in the half to pull the Purple Team within two of the Black Team at the half.

Kaela Davis, a Georgia Tech signee, from Buford High School and future Washington University player Kelsey Plum, from La Jolla Country Day High School each had 10 points for the Black Team in the first half. Davis and Mercedes Russell, Springfield High School standout and Tennessee signee, each grabbed four rebounds in the first half for the Black Team. Chidom of Bishop O'Dowd High School had four steals in 10 minutes of play.

Chong, McCall and Hopkins High School product, Nia Coffey each had seven points for the Purple Team during the first half. McCall and Jessica Jackson from Jacksonville High School both collected five rebounds.

The Black Team shot 43.2 percent from the floor and 75.0 percent from the free-throw line in the first half, while the Purple Team hit 34.1 percent of their shots from the floor and they converted on 66.7 percent of their free-throw attempts.

During the second half of action the Purple Team took their first lead of the game at the 17:30 mark, as Coffey hit a jumper to give the Purple Team the 49-48 lead. The Black Team recaptured the lead almost two minutes later when Plum hit a jumper on an assist by Alexis Brown from North Gwinnett High School.

The Black Team took their largest lead of the game at the 10:32 mark of the second half when they went ahead by 11 points on a three by Davis. Again, the Purple Team fought their way back late in the half and pulled within two with 3:54 remaining on the clock, as Lindsay Allen from St. John's College High School made a layup. The Purple Team kept it close, but the Black Team held onto the lead winning 74-70.

Davis and Tyler Scaife from Hall High School both finished the game with 17 points for the Black Team. Chidom collected a game-high eight rebounds and seven steals. Harper ended the game with four assists.

Leading the Purple Team in scoring was Jackson who recorded 15 points on the afternoon. Jackson and Stephanie Mavunda, from Brownsburg High School and who is slated to play for North Carolina next season, each had seven rebounds. Allen tallied five assists for the Purple Team and Hamilton Southeastern High School standout Taya Reimer posted two steals.

The Black Team ended the game shooting 47.1 percent from the floor and 60.0 percent from the free-throw line. The Purple Team converted on 34.2 percent of their shots from the floor and 68.8 percent of their free-throw attempts.

This year marked the 22nd year the WBCA High School All-America Game has been played. The inaugural game was played April 17, 1992, at Oman Arena in Jackson, Tenn.

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