

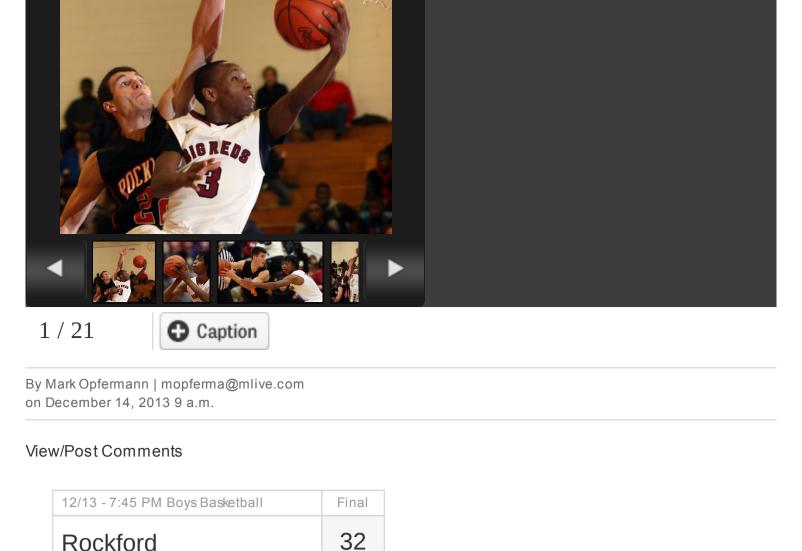


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MUSKEGON, MI - They have the makings of one of the best Class A teams in

You can't blame him. Why would he anyway after the season opener. No need to

William Roberson Jr. of Muskegon goes to the basket against Reid Kelley of Rockford in the third

turnout at Redmond-Potter Gymnasium filed out into the cold.

to possibly be a contender come March."

commitment to Michigan State on Wednesday.

"Any time you hold Rockford under 40 points, you played well defensively," Guy said. "For us to only have seven practices and for us to defend the way we

"I think we have a lot of weapons. I think we're a really good team, we could be,

there. I don't know if we're there yet. I think we have the tools and the players

over time," Guy said. "Those (state) ratings, 2 and 3 or 1, I think we can be

practice Monday. Thrower, Joeviair Kennedy, Jordan Waire and Will Roberson were starters on the football team that finished as state runners-up and must make the switch in the change of sports. There is a transition on the physical and mental side from football to basketball,

Muskegon will need it when it plays Westland John Glenn and East Kentwood

Holiday Classic on Dec. 27-28. Then the Big Reds host Chicago Curie and Kansas

So there are plenty of tests just around the corner for Muskegon. Conference

on back-to-back nights in the Meijer Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame

recruit Cliff Alexander in the Muskegon Basketball Showcase on Jan. 4.

games and the state tournament are a long way off, too.

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did, I thought it was a great team effort. But we have a lot of work to do. I'm not trying to nit pick, but it was ugly."

Guy wasn't happy that the Big Reds settled too often on the outside shot

without getting enough touches inside for Davis, who just made a verbal

Davis ended up taking a couple 3s of his own, but did his damage on the inside

on some alley-oops and on the defensive end with 10 rebounds and seven

have to play up to that expectation. We have a lot of talent on the floor in the first five and on the bench, too." Your System Status WE'RE SORRY! You need to update your Flash Player.

"I'm excited to see what we bring to the table this year," Thrower said. "A lot of

people have us ranked high and Muskegon hasn't been ranked that high, so we

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the state. Just how good remains to be seen for the Muskegon Big Reds boys basketball team. The scary part is after a 57-32 rout against Rockford, Muskegon coach Keith Guy wasn't giving out any A grades. go there yet.

The Big Reds were inconsistent at times and not quite in basketball shape yet, but also showed flashes of their talent as well.

With senior guard Deshaun Thrower having a big night with a game-high 26 points and 6-foot-9 junior center Deyonta Davis throwing down some monster dunks, what's not to like with the inside-outside potential of this team. Potential is the key word for Guy. He said this team is still a work in progress after Friday's win while a good

quarter of Friday's game. (Ken Stevens | MLive.com)

It was hard for Guy to find fault in Muskegon's defense, though. Muskegon gave up fewer 2-point field goals than 3-point field goals as Rockford looked outside with Davis patrolling the inside.

Guy was giving the team the weekend off to rest up before getting back to but the high expectations remain the same.

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