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SLAMA JAMA WINS CLOSE GAME IN CHAMPIONSHIP OVER HOT SHOTS;
SCIANDRA SCORES GAME-WINNING FREE THROW

Even though the game was moved indoors to the Hope Center, the fans went home satisfied as they witnessed one of the closest games in summer league history. After being down 36-32 heading into the fourth quarter, Luke Granto scored 11 in the frame and Nick Sciandra scored the game-winning free-throw with 2 seconds remaining to give SLAMA JAMA the victory, and more importantly, the championship, 46-45. Granto and Sciandra had 20 points and 7 rebounds apiece. For the HOT SHOTS, Nick Syposs scored 13 points, Quinn Haynes scored 11 points along with 4 steals and Alexis Juliano scored 10 points, 7 in the second half.

SLAMA JAMA, coached by Jake Lemke, continued their trend of strong starts to games, as Sciandra scored 15 points- including a buzzer-beating three-pointer- to give his team a 17-14 lead at the end of the first quarter. Granto scored the other basket for the team. Meanwhile, for the HOT SHOTS, coached by Lou Medina, contributions were made by a variety of players. Haynes and Andrew Barnes (6 points, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks) scored 4 points apiece inside the paint while Aidan Ferry scored all of his three points. Syposs scored a basket and Juliano added a free-throw.

But in the second quarter, things got going for the HOT SHOTS as they outscored SLAMA JAMA 13-8 in the frame to take a 27-25 lead at half-time Syposs banked in a couple of three-pointers to go along with his 9-point performance in the frame while Juliano added another basket and Braeson Reese-Scott scored his lone bucket of the evening. For SLAMA JAMA, Granto started to carry the load scoring 7 points while Sciandra added a free-throw.

In the third quarter, both teams had missed opportunities, which is why the score was only 36-32 in favor of the HOT SHOTS at its end. However, Juliano emerged for the HOT SHOTS scored a three-pointer and a put-back lay-up while Haynes and Barnes added a basket apiece. For SLAMA JAMA, big-man Dylan Franusiak (also had 5 rebounds) scored all of his 4 points inside the paint while Jayden Mayville scored his pair of free-throws on the night.

In the fourth quarter, it seemed that the HOT SHOTS had enough to hold on for the victory but SLAMA JAMA came fighting back. After Haynes scored a three-pointer for the HOT SHOTS with 3:05 left, SLAMA JAMA built an 11-2 run to win the game, capped by Sciandra's free-throw. But the HOT SHOTS fought to the end as Haynes scored 5 points while Syposs and Juliano added a basket apiece.

In the victory, Madelyne Ringler and Dominic Paglino had 3 rebounds and a steal apiece, Zey'Vion Moore had 2 rebounds and Josh Tiedeman had a rebound. This is Coach Lemke's fourth championship as a coach and 7th overall since his playing days in the late 2000s and early 2010s.

In the loss, Ferry finished with 7 rebounds and 2 assists while Reese-Scott added 4 rebounds.