

August 6, 2018

HOOP STARS GET BIG-TIME WIN OVER BIG TIME BALLERS THANKS TO ROYER'S GO-AHEAD BASKET

Thanks to a Caleb Royer go-ahead basket with less than a minute remaining, the HOOP STARS continued their pace at the top of the standings with a comeback victory against the BIG TIME BALLERS, 49-46. The HOOP STARS, coached by Alex Quinn, were led by the strong trio of Royer (11 points, 3 rebounds), Austin Johnson (10 points, 4 rebounds) and Noah Fox (9 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists). Leading the way for the BTBers, coached by Jake Lemke, in this one was Ryan Mellerski, who finished with 16 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 blocks.

The HOOP STARS hit the ground running in the first quarter, building a 16-7 lead thanks to contributions from a variety of players. Fox scored 7 points, Royer added an old-fashioned three-point play and Johnson, Carly Hall and Jay Smith added a lay-up apiece. For the BIG TIME BALLERS, Mellerski scored a jumper and a three-pointer and Vinny Cairns added a lay-up. Cairns finished the game with 7 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists.

The BIG TIME BALLERS turned the tables in the second quarter to take a 22-21 lead, holding the HOOP STARS to only 5 points. Joe Kish (7 points, 9 rebounds) led the way with a pair of lay-ups while Jerry Amrhein and Jake Kish added a three-pointer apiece. Alex Fletcher (6 points, 5 assists) and Mellerski added a lay-up each and Vinny Cairns added a free-throw. A three-pointer from Royer and a basket from Hall was all for the scoring for the HOOP STARS in this quarter.

The BIG TIME BALLERS maintained their lead in the third quarter to keep their lead at 38-32. Mellerski added a trio of jumpers while Fletcher added 4 points. Jake Kish added a three-pointer and Cairns added a lay-up. The HOOP STARS kept it close, however, with Jay Smith scoring a basket and a three-point play as part of his 9-point performance and Louis Deluca hit a big-time three-pointer late in the quarter.

But in the fourth quarter, the HOOP STARS shot for the stars and exploded with a 17-point outing, most notably an 8-point performance from Johnson. Royer added a three-pointer before his go-ahead basket followed by Fox's attack to the paint to draw the foul and count the basket, which was enough to seal the victory.

In the victory, Smith finished with 8 rebounds and Aidan Ferry added 4 rebounds. Deluca and Hall added 3 rebounds and 2 rebounds respectively.

In the loss, Jake Kish finished with 7 points and a block while Jerry Amrhein added 6 rebounds.