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SLICK SHOTS WIN OVER HOOP STARS WITH CLOSE FINISH IN FOURTH QUARTER

Thanks to a 21-point outing in the first quarter, the SLICK SHOTS won in their regular season finale over the HOOP STARS on Monday night, 53-44. Four players (Sebastian Reid, Luke Granto and the Velasquez brothers, Khristian and Jael) all finished in double-digit scoring for head coach Eli Williams. This is compared with the HOOP STARS, coached by Alex Quinn, who only had one player in double-digit scoring (Austin Johnson with 15 points.)

In the first quarter, the SLICK SHOTS were slick all over the floor to build a 21-8 lead. Granto and Reid led the charge scoring 8 points and 7 points respectively in the frame. The Velasquez brothers and Josh Curran scored a basket apiece as well. For the HOOP STARS, Louis DeLuca and Jay Smith scored their lone three-pointers and Johnson added a basket.

In the second quarter, both teams scored 12 points apiece but the SLICK SHOTS still had the lead, now at 33-20. Reid and Jael Velasquez had 4 points apiece while Granto and Khristian Velasquez added a pair of free-throws. Meanwhile, Johnson scored a basket and a three-pointer for the HOOP STARS while teammates Caleb Royer and Noah Fox added a basket apiece. Aidan Ferry (8 points, 5 rebounds) added a three-point play.

In the third quarter, the HOOP STARS struggled to find scoring opportunities as they scored only 5 points. At the end of the frame, they trailed by 20 points, 45-25. Jael Velasquez scored 6 points, a three-point play and a three-pointer, while his brother Khristian, Granto and Reid added a basket apiece for the SLICK SHOTS. For the HOOP STARS, Royer (8 points, 2 rebounds) added a three-pointer and Ferry added a jumper.

The HOOP STARS made things interesting in the fourth quarter as they scored 4 three-pointers (2 from Johnson and one each from Royer and Ferry) in a row to trim the deficit to 50-42 with 2:04 remaining. However, it was the 4 points at the free-throw line from Khristian Velasquez (10 points, 5 rebounds overall) was enough to ensure the victory for the SLICK SHOTS.

In the victory, Reid finished with a double-double, 15 points and 11 rebounds; Granto finished with 12 points and 6 rebounds; and Jael Velasquez finished with 14 points and 6 rebounds. Plus, Curran finished with 3 rebounds and Sean Fitzpatrick added 2 rebounds.

In the loss, Fox finished with 7 points, 8 rebounds and 5 assists while Carly Hall added 2 rebounds.