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SLAMA JAMA BOUNCES BACK WITH VICTORY OVER BALLERS

After suffering their first loss of the season to AND 1 earlier in the evening, head coach Jake Lemke rallied the SLAMA JAMA troops to a fourth quarter surge to stay a-top of the standings heading into postseason play over the BALLERS, 42-32. SLAMA JAMA was led by the duo of Luke Granto (21 points overall, 11 points in the fourth quarter; also had 5 rebounds, 3 assists and 4 steals) and Nick Sciandra (12 points, 2 rebounds). The BALLERS, coached by interim head coach Jordan Fox, countered with strong performances by Jacob Kish (11 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists) and Nash Rieselma (7 points, 10 rebounds, 2 assists).

SLAMA JAMA hit the ground running in the first quarter building a 15-7 lead thanks to 5 points (lay-up and three-pointer) from Luke Granto, 4 points apiece in the paint from Sciandra and Madelyne Ringler and a jumper from Dominic Paglino. A three-pointer from Kish and a pair of lay-ups from Rieselma was all the scoring for the BALLERS.

In the second quarter, a three-pointer and a pair of free-throws from Granto and a three-point play from Dylan Fransiak (also 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals) was enough for SLAMA JAMA to hold on to a 23-14 lead heading into halftime. For the BALLERS, Rieselma converted a three-pointer while teammates Dylan Froelich and Jack Porter had a three-point play and a free-throw respectively.

Things were still tight in the third quarter as SLAMA JAMA struggled to score, despite a pair of three-pointers from Sciandra, while Kish and Brittany Day both scored the old-fashioned three-point play. At the end of the frame, the score was 29-20 in favor of SLAMA JAMA.

But in the fourth quarter, Granto emerged with multiple opportunities inside the paint to move SLAMA JAMA to 7-1 on the season heading into next week's postseason. Sciandra added a pair of free-throws as well. For the BALLERS, Kish led the way with 5 points in the quarter while Porter added a three-pointer and Froelich and Day had a basket apiece.

In the victory, Ringler added 7 rebounds to go along with her scoring while Jayden Mayville and Zey'Vion Moore had 2 rebounds apiece.

In the loss, Froelich finished with 5 points and 4 rebounds while Porter finished with 4 points and 6 rebounds.