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ANKLE BREAKERS BREAK ANKLES (AND HEARTS) OF AND 1 IN NAILBITER

Going along with the trend of close games for the night cap so far this season, the ANKLE BREAKERS did not disappoint as they won over AND 1, 40-39, thanks to a game-winning free throw from guard Alex Fletcher in the final seconds after the game was all tied up at 39-39. This victory came after a close loss to the HOT SHOTS earlier that night.

Despite the slow start, the score being only 8-4 in favor of AND 1, both teams were ready to play at the opening tip. AND 1's Patrick McNeil (18 points, 10 rebounds, 2 assists) did most of the damage scoring 6 points and 6 rebounds in the frame. Teammate Connor Burkestone scored his lone basket of the night as well.

But as they say, basketball is a game of momentum; and that was what was on the ANKLE BREAKERS side in the second quarter. The squad, coached by Jordan Fox, went on a 17-2 run with Fletcher scoring 11 of his 22 points. The two-way player also recorded 6 rebounds and 4 steals. Nicolas Moreno (4 points, 8 rebounds) and Alex Antonacci and Jacob Schiesser scored a basket apiece.

AND 1 head coach Eli Williams must have given his team a motivational pep talk at halftime as the team had a run of their own, clawing their way back to tie the game up at 31. McNeil became an animal in the paint, finishing with 12 points, including an impressive attack for the three-point play. Guard Jake Dunstan (11 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists) converted a crucial three-pointer as well.

But Alex Antonacci told the fans, "It ain't over until the fat lady sings." The young guard put on a clinic in the quarter converting not one but two three-pointers and converting the three-point play to finish with 8 of his 10 points on the night.

The teams would go down right to the wire with Dunstan connecting twice from beyond the arc for AND 1, including a big three-pointer in the final 30 seconds to tie the game; however as time was winding down, Alex Fletcher drove to the hoop, and drew the foul. Fletcher was able to hit one of two free throws giving his team the one-point edge and eventual victory. In the victory, Jacob Schiesser finished with 2 points and 3 rebounds and Jordyn Mangold recorded 2 rebounds.

In the loss, Zach Ford finished with 4 points and 3 rebounds and Griffin Mahoney added 4 points.