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GRANTO GOES OFF IN SLAMA JAMMA WIN OVER BALLERS WITH TRIPLE-DOUBLE

It was a night for the record books for the young Luke Grant as the soon-to-be eighth grader had an incredible stat-line of 32 points, 22 rebounds and 11 assists in SLAMA JAMMA's 52-44 victory over the BALLERS to move to 2-0 on the season. Head coach Jacob Lemke loved the team's strong start, his squad having a 16-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

It was Nick Sciandra who had the hot start as the young guard finished with 10 of his 13 points in the first quarter while Grant quietly finished with 6 points. Key defensive contributions from Madelyne Ringler and Jayden Mayville, who made his season debut, were also crucial to building their big lead.

After winning both games in his coaching debut before the Fourth of July holiday, Trevor Book and the BALLERS had a tough start but Brittany Day scored her lone basket and Jacob Kish (team-high 16 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals) added a lay-up in that quarter.

In the second quarter, the BALLERS found some momentum, scoring 13 points off contributions from Jack Porter (all 7 points in this quarter), a pair of putback layups from big-man Dylan Froelich (8 points total, 6 rebounds) and a basket from Aaron Quinn. But, Grant continued to go on a tear for SLAMA JAMMA, scoring 11 points to give his team a 31-17 lead at the half.

The BALLERS made it close late in the third quarter when Chaleb Miller converted his lone three-pointer and forward Nash Rieselman scored both of his baskets to trim the deficit to 38-34. Grant and Sciandra were held to just 3 points apiece while Jayden Mayville scored his first basket of the season.

But in the quarter, the Luke Grant train kept rolling as he finished with 10 points in the frame to cap off a show-stealing performance in front of the loyal spectators at Payne Park. Kish had 8 points in the quarter for the BALLERS but unfortunately it wasn't enough for Coach Book, who will go back to the drawing board for next week.

In the victory, Mayville finished with 4 points and 2 rebounds while Ringler finished with 4 points and 2 rebounds. Zeyvion Moore and Dominic Paglino had a pair of rebounds apiece while Josh Tiedeman had 2 steals.

In the loss, Day added 6 rebounds and was getting physical inside the paint to go along with her basket while Miller finished with 5 points.