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HOOP STARS GET BEST OF BIG TIME BALLERS AGAIN AS FOX ERUPTS ONCEMORE

The HOOP STARS continued their reign at the top of the standings and continued to be the BIG TIME BALLERS kryptonite this season as they won in the nightcap, 68-54, in their third encounter of the season. Noah Fox was all over both ends of the floor for his head coach Alex Quinn as he recorded 26 points (15 points in the fourth quarter), 5 rebounds and 7 steals on the stat-sheet.

The HOOP STARS hit the ground running in the first quarter, building a 16-9 lead thanks to inside contributions from Fox (4 points in the quarter), Jay Smith, Austin Johnson and Aidan Ferry along with a three-pointer apiece from Sean Ferry and Caleb Royer. For the BIG TIME BALLERS, coached by Jake Lemke, Joe Kish, Ryan Mellerski and Alex Fletcher (12 points, 4 rebounds) scored a basket apiece and Jerry Amrhein converted his first of two shots from downtown.

The teams went back and forth in the second quarter with contributions from multiple players. For the HOOP STARS, Sean Ferry scored 8 of his 14 points in the quarter. Fox added a basket and a three-point play while Royer added a put-back basket. Louis Deluca converted his lone three-pointer of the night as well. As for the BTBers, Jacob Kish scored 9 of his 13 points of the night (also had 7 rebounds and 8 assists) while Fletcher scored 5 points. He would finish with 12 points and 4 rebounds on the evening. Bryan Toth (6 points, 3 rebounds overall) also added a pair of put-back lay-ups to cut the deficit to 34-28.

After the end of the third quarter, the HOOP STARS held on to just a five-point lead, 47-42. Johnson (11 points, 8 rebounds overall) and Royer were the main contributors with 5 points and 3 points respectively in the frame. For the BTBers, Kish scored 4 points while Fletcher and Mellerski scored a three-pointer apiece. Mellerski finished the night with 10 points, 12 rebounds and a block.

Then, in the fourth quarter, the HOOP STARS exploded with a 21-point outing with Fox leading the way via breakaway steals and conversions from beyond the arc. Johnson also had a pair of put-backs and Smith scored his second and final basket of the night. Mellerski tried to lead the way for a comeback for the BTBers with a 5-point outing but it was too little too late.

In the victory, Aidan Ferry had 5 rebounds and 3 assists to go along with his basket. Royer finished with 8 points and 2 rebounds and Smith had 6 rebounds and 2 assists to go along with his basket. Carly Hall also recorded a rebound.

In the loss, Amrhein finished with 10 points and 5 rebounds while Joe Kish finished with 4 points, 8 rebounds and 2 blocks.