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“BIG GAME JAMES” AND REID LEAD SLICK SHOTS TO FIRST WIN OF SEASON OVER BTBers

For those who yearn for the days of when the NBA was dominated by big-men, you were in for a treat. SLICK SHOTS center James Holler scored a career-high 17 points along with 8 rebounds and 3 blocks to lead his team to their first win of the season over the BIG TIME BALLERS, 49-38, on Monday night. The victory was also head coach Eli Williams' first win of the summer season as well.

The game was tied at 9 apiece with contributions from multiple players for both teams. Jacob Kish scored his lone-three pointer in the quarter for the BTBers while his brother, Joe, scored 5 of his 14 points of the night. Teammate Ryan Mellerski (10 points, 12 rebounds) added a free-throw. For the Slick Shots, guard Sebastian Reid scored 4 points while Josh Curran converted his first of two three-pointers (6 points overall) and Holler quietly scored his first basket of the night.

The teams were still neck-and-neck at half-time, the SLICK SHOTS had a narrow 20-18 lead. Contributors for the SLICK SHOTS in the quarter were Luke Grant and Reid with 4 points apiece. For the BIG TIME BALLERS, coached by Jake Lemke, Vinny Cairns scored 2 baskets inside the paint (finished with 6 points) while Mellerski added a jumper and guard Alex Fletcher converted a three-point play. He would finish with 7 points.

In the third quarter, the SLICK SHOTS erupted, scoring 18 points overall, thanks to large part to their big-man Holler. Holler, a member of the NT Varsity basketball team this past winter, scored 8 points along with 3 rebounds in the frame and scored on three straight possessions. Reid and Grant added 4 points once again and Thomas Sommers scored his lone basket of the night. For the BIG TIME BALLERS, Fletcher had a pair of lay-ups while Mellerski scored a basket and a pair of free-throws. At the end of three, the SLICK SHOTS had a 38-30 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the duo of Holler and Reid continued to roll. Holler scored 7 points in the quarter along with a pair of blocks while Reid scored a pair of free-throws and a basket. The BIG TIME BALLERS countered late the in quarter with a three-pointer apiece from Joe Kish and Mellerski and a lay-up from Cairns (6 points total).

In the victory, other contributors were Grant (8 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, block) and Sommers added 4 rebounds to go along with his basket.

In the loss, Bryan Toth recorded 5 rebounds while Jerry Amrhein added 3. Jacob Kish also had 2 assists.