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## **BALLERS REMAIN UNBEATEN IN BATTLE WITH HOT SHOTS**

The spectators at the Hope Center who witnessed this nightcap went home satisfied as the BALLERS held on to remain undefeated in a neck-and-neck finish against the HOT SHOTS, 39-38, to make a solid first appearance for Trevor Book on the Youth Center sidelines.

Coming off a big victory over AND 1 minutes before, the BALLERS came out to a 12-10 edge at the end of the first quarter as Jake Kish scored all 12 of his team's points, finishing with a total stat-line of 35 points and 12 rebounds at the end of the night.

In that quarter, the HOT SHOTS, coached by Lou Medina, countered with a "Bring Something To The Table" type of offense with contributions from fan favorites Aidan Ferry (10 points, 11 rebounds, 2 assists) and Quinn Haynes (10 points, 10 rebounds), who had four points apiece in the frame. Big man Andrew Barnes was also heating up with his first bucket of the night. He would finish with a double-double: 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The BALLERS went into halftime with a 19-18 lead but the HOT SHOTS were right on their trail with guard Nick Syposs (6 points, 5 rebounds) most notably converting a three-pointer found inter and later a free-throw, providing contribution off the bench.

That seemed to carry over for the HOT SHOTS in the third quarter, outscoring their opponent 14-7 to take a 32-25 edge. Not only did Ferry and Haynes contribute on the score-sheet and on the boards but the team got a bucket from Val Moscato (2 points, 3 rebounds) and a pair of solid rebounds on the defensive end from Braeson Reese-Scott (6 rebounds). However, the BALLERS stopped the bleeding as Brittany Day and Jack Porter scored their lone baskets and Kish added a lay-up as well.

This led to Kish ending the way he started, scoring all 14 points in the final frame to move the BALLERS to 2-0 on the season.

Other contributors in the victory were Dylan Froelich (5 rebounds), Nash Rieselman (4 rebounds), Aaron Quinn (3 rebounds) and Richard Mateyvich and Connor West with 2 rebounds apiece. Jack Baker recorded 2 rebounds in the loss for the HOT SHOTS.