

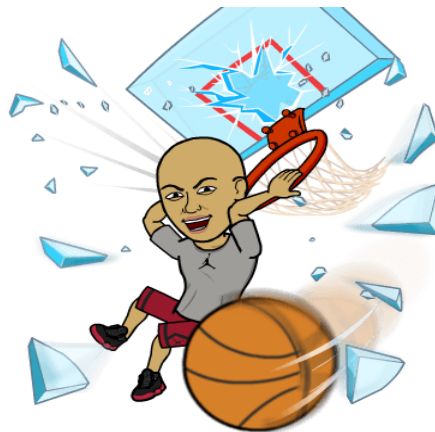


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Final Summer Edition

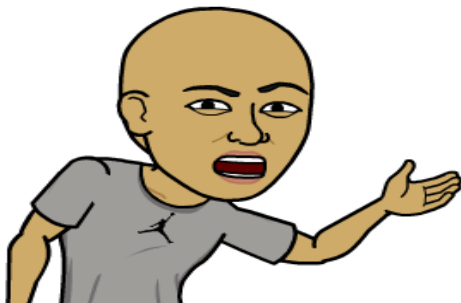
Final of the 3 Part Series



by **Coach Chris** on July 30, 2017

Mount Olympus Has Fallen

ARE YOU FOR REAL?



YES!

A team who's destined to win, We;;; one can not go against destiny. The beauty of the playoffs is no matter what your record was going into the playoffs; No matter how someone perceived one team over another, everyone's record is 0 to 0 upon the start of the playoff series.

11:00 Game (Team 2 vs Team 1)

This was supposed to be the game of the day. Sorry to say, it was not. That said; it was still a good game but during it, we lost a great player during the 1st quarter. Each kid a part of Coach's Chris' and Will's undefeated championship YMCA league this past spring relived the horror of watching #33 Will Jr go down with another high ankle sprain. Though Will left the game early, he had already made his presence known. In approximately two minutes of play Will had 1 point from the free throw line. (Numerous parents and coaches have checked on Will Jr and I spoke to his dad last night. It is low grade high ankle sprain which will keep him off of it for a few weeks in a walking boot.) With #33 going down, it woke up the beast in #22 Darius who tried to carry the team with 13 points of his own, followed by #24 Milam and #26 Angel 3 points each. Milam also had numerous steals and rebounds to attempt to will his team to victory. #12 David added 2 points of his own. #9 Emmanuel played tenacious defense as well but did not receive a bucket; nor did #17 Jose, along with sure handed #25 Joel and, #5 Matt, and #14 Mike. Losing Will, especially early, was a hit mentally the kids could not snap back from and of course playing their opponent #28 EDub. Team 2 had 22 points.

Team 1

The fight was their the entire morning. The hunger was present from the start. What was to be a game of back and forth turned out to be a game where #28 EDUB (17 points) had much help as they cruised to victory over Team 2. #32 Ben M. dropped 9 points and enjoyed one of his better games of the season. #35 Naaaaaate, along with #6 Jaiden contributed 2 points each. #20 Keshav and #18 Ben S. both hit tre's from beyond the arc. #11 Kevin "aka" Batman, added 3 points of his own. 2 points on a drive and 1 point from the free throw line. Final score Team 1 (39) vs Team 2 (22).

12 noon to 1 PM game

“WHEN OLYMPUS FELL”

PURE HIGHLIGHTS ONLY

It's hard to win in any league and especially beat a team over and over, and over again. This was proven yesterday. After Team 1 begin to cruise to victory over Team 2, #28 EDUB was able to rest and prepare for us. And prepare he and Coach Dairus did. Due to the game being so back and forth, filled with ups and downs, and your high's and lows my stat taker who shall remain anonymous (cough!cough!milAM) was so into the game some of the stats weren't recorded. But what was recorded besides Team 1 handing Team 3 their first loss of the season at the wrong time, was the mental part of the game and how for the first time this season Team 3's #16 Tim put this team on his back and roared the crowd with 18

astonishing points (Will return later). From the start, Team 3's passes were off and a press Team 3 attempted to run repeatedly was defeated by Team 1; it had to be called off. #23 Elijah dropped approximately 10 points to help keep his squad in the game. #7 Sahil, who later had to change to #24 due to a bunch of blood stains on his #7 jersey, was in constant foul trouble and unable to find his niche in the game. Shail had only approximately 4 points. #40 Christian, #34 Raymond, and #39 Chris weren't able to take any pressure off the team except for a few really good rebounds in spots. #21 Kenyi who normally led all scorers throughout the season was held to 8 points. That, to me was a huge difference maker. Kenyi's shots were open and good shots, it just was not the day for them not to fall. But through the mist came something that impressed everyone. #16 Tim scratched and clawed to keep the team in the game. With less than 10 seconds remaining in the game, he nailed a 3 pointer to tie it up. The gym went crazy. All of Tim's 18 points were genuine (Only thing my stat taker got correct lol).

Team 1 TAKES OLYMPUS

Through the excellent coaching, yelling and almost getting kicked out of the game Coach Darius, led his team who wanted it more than Team 3. You saw the don't quit in their eye's. None of Team 1's players argued with the ref's. Their coach didn't argue with them, but it still almost cost them their coach. Each player on their team scored. #18 Ben S and #6 Jaiden both dropped crucial 3 pointers during the game to settle down Team 3's comeback and quiet the crowd. A few other baskets were scored by #11 Kevin, #35 Nate, and #32 Ben M. but the MVP of the game, as well as of the tournament itself was #28 The Beast/The Man-Child/EDUB! Dub dropped 25 points including the game winning buzzer beater to send Team 3 home with their first season lost. The best part about this story is, he was more excited for his team mates than himself. I know every kid dreams of a buzzer beater. He hit one. He also toppled a summer dynasty. Yet, he remains humble but carries this forward with him to his school's basketball team. We'd all like to see him back. Hopefully we will, and hopefully all of boys took with them this summer a feeling of accomplishment, exercise and life lessons that will help them in the classroom! Never Quit! Never Forget! "Every Day We Hoop!"

Regular Season MVP: Kenyi Callahan

Playoff MVP: Eric "Edub" Bonsu Jr

Addtl MVP's: PSA Cheerleaders Lilly and Brande

Honorable Mentions: Coach's Jacob, Will, Mike and Darius. Shot Clock Operator Mrs. Leandria. Without y'all it wouldn't be possible. We hope we can get more of our parent volunteers to assist a very small amount of their time as we move forward on this journey to continue to bring smiles, laughter and many memories to our Youths!



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