

Thursday, February 1st 2024
Boys 5th-6th Grade Basketball
Hornets 17, Celtics 14

The first game of the night came down to the final seconds, as the Hornets were able to crawl away with a 3 point victory over Coach JJ Reed's Celtics. They held a 2 point lead after the first frame, largely due to a 6 point explosion by Sawyer Muldowney to open the game. He also had 4 rebounds in the quarter to get the Hornets off to a quick start. For the Celtics, Parker Breeden and Matt Weir chipped in with a bucket a piece, while Nicky Castiglione and Vincent Lorenzo grabbed multiple rebounds. The Hornets decided to lock it down in the second, holding the Celtics to a scoreless quarter with great hustle and man-to-man defense. They held a 6 point lead going into the half. The Celtics, despite a slow quarter, would not go away with the help of a big second half from Parker Breeden. He had 6 points in the half to go with 5 rebounds, including a clutch basket late which ultimately proved to not be enough. Timmy Ferchen took over in the fourth quarter for the Hornets, exploding for 7 points in the closing quarter, including a deep 'dagger' 3 to ensure his team's win.

Hornets 17	Celtics 14
Sawyer Muldowney embodied the 'big man' role with 8 points and 7 rebounds.	Parker Breeden led his team with 8 points, 8 rebounds, and 3 steals.
Timmy Ferchen had a nice game with 9 points and 3 boards.	Matt Weir had multiple baskets for the Celtics in the loss.
Aiden Crump was fierce on the glass, snagging 5 rebounds in the win.	Nicky Castiglione had a bucket late for the Celtics.
Noah Plewniak had multiple rebounds for the Hornets.	Dalonte Agee, Vincent Lorenzo, and Kingston Kusmierski had multiple rebounds each in the loss.
	Bobby Bourbar had a few rebounds to pair with a steal.

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Spurs 33, 76'ers 7

It was all Spurs on Thursday, adding another dub to the win column with a commanding victory over the Sixers. They got off to a hot start, largely due to a big first half from JR Floss. He had 8 points and 8 rebounds, foreshadowing a double double performance. Jase Swartz was also cooking, with a successful 3 point play and 6 rebounds in the half. For the Sixers, Lawson O'Connell had two baskets in the first half and Jameson King had multiple rebounds. The Spurs continued to capitalize on their lead in the second half, as Brantley Hillman led the way with 4 points and 5 boards. JR Floss also completed his double double, and Andrew Rados was playing the glass, grabbing 5 rebounds. For the Sixers, Rory Zellner was able to get on the board, with a basket and a free throw. Mason Vona snagged 4 boards in the second half as well. The win for the Spurs was their first of the season and will go a long way come playoff time.

Spurs 33	76'ers 7
<p>JR Floss had a double double in the win, tallying 14 points to pair with 13 rebounds.</p> <p>Brantley Hillman was battling down low all night, grabbing double digit rebounds and scoring 6 points.</p> <p>Jase Swartz was a defensive anchor for the Spurs with 5 steals in the win.</p> <p>Sawyer Schmoltzer was dishing it, getting multiple assists to pair with 4 points and some rebounds.</p>	<p>Lawson O'Connell led the Sixers with 4 points, 3 steals, and 2 blocks.</p> <p>Rory Zellner had 3 points to pair with 2 steals in the loss.</p> <p>Mason Vona had 5 boards for the Sixers.</p> <p>Nick Benden grabbed 3 rebounds.</p> <p>Jameson King and Derek Judge also snagged multiple rebounds for the Sixers.</p>

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Grizzlies 23, Timberwolves 16

Our third game of an exciting Thursday night slate featured Jake Lemke's Grizzlies taking on Jack Porter's Timberwolves. The Wolves held the lead for most of the game, but Coach Lemke was able to rally the troops and come back late to earn a hard-fought win. The Wolves started out hot, scoring 10 points in the first frame. Everyone was contributing, as the Stillman brothers (Jake, John) chipped in with a basket a piece while Paris Calhoun added two buckets down low. For the Grizzlies, Max McDonald scored on a pass from Brayden Keidel. In the second quarter, the Grizzlies were able to find their groove, knocking down shots from all over the court. Cole Bova had a nice 3 point play, while Michael Lopardi chipped in with a basket of his own. The Wolves were scoreless in the quarter and struggled against a ferocious Grizzlies defense. The third quarter remained close, with neither team pulling away. Max McDonald exploded for the Grizzlies, scoring 6 of his total 12 points in the third. For the Wolves, Kenny Colon hit two nice jumpers to keep his squad in range. The fourth quarter began 16-16, with neither team letting up. The Grizzlies locked it down defensively, though, and ultimately pulled away with the win to get their second dub of the season. Caleb Zacher and Brayden Keidel did some scoring in the clutch to help the Grizzlies prevail.

Grizzlies 23	Timberwolves 16
Max McDonald led the way with 12 points and 5 rebounds in the win.	Paris Calhoun had 4 points and 6 rebounds for the TWolves.
Cole Bova played a nice game with 3 points and 5 rebounds.	Kenny Colon had two second-half buckets to keep his team within reach.
Caleb Zacher had two late baskets to help the Grizzlies pull away.	Jake Stillman had a bucket and 7 boards in the loss.
Brayden Keidel had a bucket and an assist.	Joey Devantier had 2 points and 5 rebounds.
Charlie Clark and Michael Lopardi pulled down 5 rebounds a piece.	John Stillman had two buckets for the Wolves.

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Boys 5th-6th Grade Basketball
Kings 26, Pistons 21

The Thursday night finale was nothing short of entertaining for the crowd at the Youth Center, as regulation was not enough and we played extra minutes to determine a winner. It was all Kings in the first quarter, locking up on defense while also succeeding offensively. Camden Loncar, Cooper Laski, and Marco Oshman each scored a bucket in the frame, while Christian Cipolla added a freethrow to propel the Kings to an early 7-0 lead. Despite a slow quarter, Coach Dan Proch urged his Pistons to keep shooting, and it paid off as they were able to find a rhythm offensively. Angel Rivera had two crucial baskets in the quarter, while the birthday boy JJ Lodestro cashed in his first points of the night as well. For the Kings, Christian Cipolla added a bucket to his total and Ethan LaRock chipped in with a basket of his own. They held a 3 point lead over the Pistons going into the half. The game stayed a back-and-forth battle, with the Pistons claiming their first lead of the night in the third quarter. This was largely due to Aedan Gehl's great quarter, where he got going for 5 points. Cooper Green also added a bucket along with a few rebounds to give the Pistons the lead entering the fourth. The final frame stayed close, with both teams relying on tough man-to-man defense in the clutch. 5 different Pistons scored points to keep their squad alive and ultimately force overtime where they were able to close it out. The OT win improved the Pistons' record to 3-1 on the season.

Kings 26	Pistons 21
<p>Marco Oshman had a stellar game with 8 points and 5 rebounds.</p> <p>Camden Loncar had 4 points, 5 rebounds, and an assist in the win.</p> <p>Christian Cipolla had 3 points and 4 rebounds, as well as 2 steals.</p> <p>Ethan LaRock and Griffin Giglio each had a bucket in the win.</p>	<p>Cooper Green had a great game on both sides of the ball with 6 points, 2 rebounds, and 3 blocks.</p> <p>Aedan Gehl had 7 points (all in the 2nd half) for the Pistons.</p> <p>JJ Lodestro had 5 points for the Pistons on his birthday.</p> <p>Dean Roggow had 2 steals and 3 boards.</p> <p>Ashton Mooridian had a basket for the Pistons.</p>

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Players of the Week



Player of the Week
JR Floss

JR was a force to be reckoned with on Thursday night, propelling his Spurs to a victory with a double-double performance. He had 14 points in the win, to pair with 13 rebounds. JR was also getting it done on the defensive side of the ball, with 3 steals to provide more offensive opportunities for the Spurs.



Unsung Hero
Parker Breeden
Celtics

Parker was all over the floor for the Celtics in Thursday night's premiere, dropping 8 points and 8 rebounds. Parker provided a spark for his squad in the clutch, with tough takes to the paint as well as lockdown defense. He had 3 steals in the loss and was the 'glue guy' for a fighting Celtics team.