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MTA Basketball League games are scheduled at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, at Rancho Cienega Sports Center, 5001 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles.

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## Div. 5 Bruins Edge Gateway Gladiators, 40 – 37

By RICHARD WRIGHT  
(April 2, 2003) The Division 5 Bruins edged the Gateway Gladiators 40 - 37 in a nail-biter that wasn't decided until the final seconds of the game.

**Richard Wright** Creating turnovers and bad shots by the Bruins, the Gladiators led at

halftime 25 – 20. The Gateway team converted five 3-point shots – two by Anthony Hoang.

The second half was back and forth between the two teams. With the game tied at 34, the Gladiators scored on a 3-point shot by Matt Varughese to give the Gateway team it's final lead with 3:30 left to play.


Then, with the score tied at 37, the Bruins took the lead for good. Demetrius Lamar posterized the Gateway defender by dunking on a breakaway giving the Bruins a two point lead they never relinquished.


The Bruins held Gateway scoreless down the stretch, forcing the Gladiators to take outside shots.

Leading the way for the Bruins were Lamar, who scored a game-high 17 points, followed by J.C. Cotledge and Chanick Jones, who both scored 7 points.

Leading the way for the Gladiators, with 14 points, was Anthony Hoang. Darren Hanzy scored 7 points, while Matt Varughese chipped in 6 to round out the scoring.

Losses are never good, however, if the Gladiators continue to play hard as they have and make a few minor adjustments before the playoffs, they will beat some teams in the playoffs – and that's when the real season starts.

<div><b>MTA Basketball League Scores</b> * Week 5 Results</div>			
Division 5 Bruins	41	Gateway Gladiators	37
Division 18 Sonics	39	Division 8 Wildcats	17
Division 18 Lakers	39	Division 5 Clippers	9
Division 2 8- Ballers	45	Division 5 Raiders	30

 <b>MTA Basketball League Team Standings</b> * Standings after Week 5	
Team	Won-Lost
Division 5 Bruins	4 - 1
Division 8 Wildcats	4 - 1
Division 18 Sonics	4 - 1
Division 18 Lakers	4 - 1
Gateway Gladiators	3 - 2
Division 2 8-Ballers	1 - 4
Division 5 Raiders	0 - 5
Division 5 Clippers	0 - 5

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