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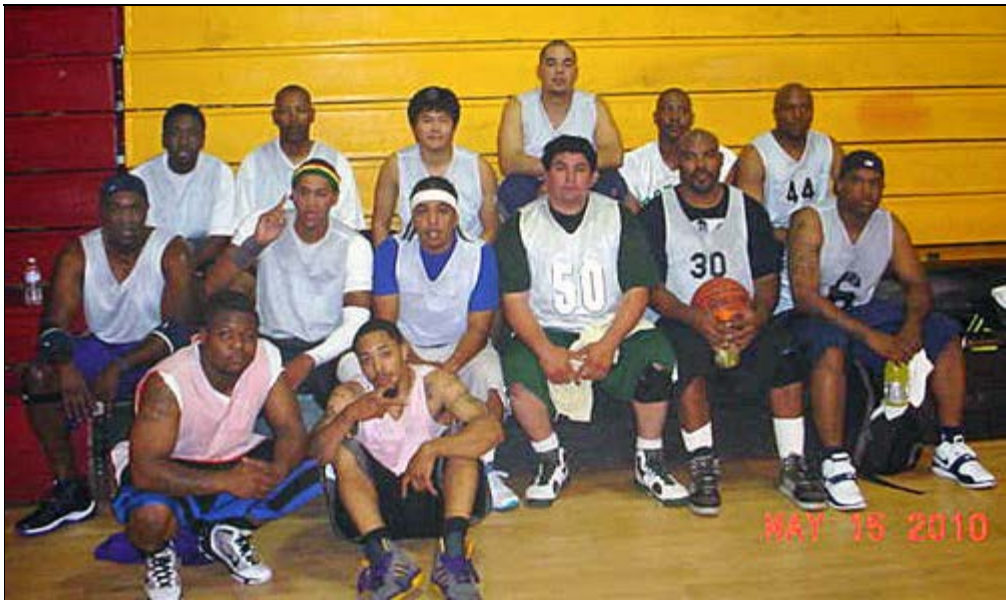
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Metro Basketball League News



Metro All-Stars took on Northrup Grumman at corporate showdown May 15 in Hawthorne.

Northrop Grumman Whops Metro All-Stars As Season Winds Down

- League playoffs are set to start on June 6; no games scheduled on the May 30 Memorial Day holiday.

(May 19, 2010) OK, kids. Here's a life lesson plain and simple. Sometimes, the other guy just wants it more. And so it went on May 15 as the Metro All-Stars were shot down 58-39 by the Northrop Grumman crew before a record crowd at the Hawthorne High School gym.



TOS Richard Wright, West Hollywood Division Instructor, Transportation, is the Metro Basketball League Commissioner.

League Standings	
Div 3207	8-0
RRC	4-3
Black Magic	3-4
Orange Crush	3-4
Gateway	0-7

The Northrop squad came to play. Support came from fans including Metro Transportation Director Roman Alarcon who came out to watch the Metro squad.

The season is winding down with one more week

for regular play offering a battle for 2nd and 3rd place in Metro league standing. The top four teams – Div. 3207, RRC, the Black Magic and the Orange Crush – will move on to post-league play, but the game of the week matched the 2nd Place RRC squad against the 0-7 Gateway crew.

Gateway really stepped-up and gave the opposition a run for its money. Trailing at the half 24-13, Gateway – led by Quintin Sumabat – scratched and clawed their way back into the game to come within a hairs-breadth of pulling-off the upset of the season.

The final buzzer sounded with the scoreboard showing the RRC on top 43-40. The crowd was treated to outstanding performances by Gateway “big gun” Jesus Arrayales, who scored a game high 20 points, and standouts Silhan Jin and Chris Talamantez with 7 points each and William Bolanos, who sank 6.

The RRC squad was led by Devin “The Painter” Reed with 15 points and Sal Buenrostro, who chipped in 9 to edge-by a determined Gateway team.

The second game on the bill saw the undefeated Div. 3207 team wave its wand and make the Black Magic disappear into thin



TEAM: Div. 3207



TEAM: RRC



TEAM: Black Magic



TEAM: Orange Crush

air by a blow-out score of 58-27.

Led by Melvin "Mr. Consistency" Ford's game high 21 points, the Div.3207 machine commanded the floor from the first tip-off with Tim Williams sinking 16 and Alfredo Lopez racking-up 13 points. Leonard "Hoopster" Hooper sank a team high 7 points for the Black Magic.



TEAM: Gateway

On May 23, the last two games of the regular season will match the Black Magic vs. the RRC and the Orange Crush vs. the Gateway. Tip-off times are 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively, at the Hawthorne High School gym.

Div. 3207 will bye. League playoffs are set to start on June 6 with no games scheduled on the May 30 Memorial Day holiday.

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