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Metro Basketball League News

Metro Basketball League Playoffs Set for June 6

- Recent Match-Ups Net Varied Results for Agency’s Five Teams

(June 2, 2010) With the Metro round ball season winding down, the most recent match-ups created the basketball equivalent of a revived economic middle class – five teams; one undefeated, one winless and three with identical win-loss records.

When the final buzzer sounded at the end of the final game May 23, the RRC, the Black Magic and the Orange Crush – found themselves with carbon copy 4-4 records, while Div. 3207 took the lead in the league with an 8-0 clean sweep and the Gateway crew, despite some inspired play, now occupies the league cellar with 8 losses.

Recent match-ups pitted the RRC and the Black Magic in a see-saw battle that situated the RRC to lead at the half 18-17. The Black Magic fought back to regain the lead 43-40 with seconds remaining on the clock. Dreams of a shoe-in evaporated as Devin “The Painter” Reed, the RCC’s go-to guy, sank a game-tying 3 pointer and sent the game into overtime.

The Black Magic owned the OT as Vince “The



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



TEAM: Div. 3207



TEAM: RRC

Instructor" Wilkes took command with several clutch free throws in the stretch to ice the game 53-49. Dayton Hernandez sank a team high 17 points followed by 10 points apiece from Abraham Martin and Wilkes.

The RRC squad's notable effort was led by Reed scoring a game high 24 points and Henry "Cool as Ice" Largaespada sank a respectable 17.

In the second game, the Orange Crush tipped-off against the Gateway crew – an important match for both teams with the OC shooting for a play-off berth and the Gateway squad looking to climb out of the league cellar and glimpse a little daylight with at least one win under their belts.

But, it wasn't meant to be as Gateway remained in the dark and under the stairs dropping their final game of the season to the OC, 55-34.

The Orange Crush kamikaze tidal wave was led by bruise brothers Curtis Shelby and Jayvonte Jackson, who sank 22 and 11, respectively, while the Gateway squad's Jesus "Big Gun" Arrayales battled his way to sink a team high 17 points, Timothy Lindholm scored 6 and Quintin Sumabat became an ace with 5.

With its season in the can, Gateway's one consolation is getting First Pick in the Metro League draft next season with hopes for a decidedly better outcome.

The league scoring leaders for the 8 game schedule are Melvin Ford (Div. 3207) 97 pts; Tim Williams (Div. 3207) 85 pts; Chris Roberson (Orange Crush) 80 pts; Henry Largaespada (RRC) 80 pts; Prince Mitchell (Div. 3207) 78 pts – Div. 3207; Jesus Arrayales (Gateway) 75 pts; Curtis Shelby (Orange Crush) 73 pts; Dayton Hernandez (Black Magic) 64 pts;



TEAM: Black Magic



TEAM: Orange Crush



TEAM: Gateway

and Jason Tims (Div. 3207) 55 pts.

The Metro League playoffs will tip-off on Sunday, June 6 with Div. 3207 meeting the Orange Crush and the Black Magic and the RRC battling it out for the second week in a row at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively, at the Metro Enormo Dome aka' the Hawthorne High School gym.

The winners of both combats will meet for the championship crown June 13, 2010 at 6 p.m.

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