

## **Jamario Moon, Toronto 5 attain first victory of The 5 Tournament over New York 5**

Something had to give after New York 5 and Toronto 5 started The 5 Tournament winless in each of their first two games.

Toronto 5 got off the schneid and won their first game of the tourney 80 to 71 at The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on Wednesday, thanks to 31 points and 10 rebounds from Jamario Moon and 23 points and 13 rebounds from Mike Taylor.

Toronto 5 busted out of the gates firing on all cylinders, jumping to a 15-2 lead within the game's first three minutes. It was a pleasant turn of events for the team, who got off to slow starts in their previous two contests.

New York 5 responded with an 8-0 run to make sure the game did not get out of control early on. By the end of the first frame, Toronto 5 was up 24-14.

Jamario Moon, once a high-flying NBA Slam Dunk Contest competitor and a Harlem Globetrotters alum, scored 8 points for Toronto 5 in the first quarter, as did Qyntel Woods, a former first-round pick and 2010 Polish League MVP, for New York 5, respectively.

New York 5 put another run to start the second quarter, this time of the 13-0 variety to take a 26-25 lead. Darnell Jackson, a 2008 NCAA Champion and three-year NBA vet, sparked the quick comeback with 3 three pointers in the quarter to the tune of 11 points total.

Toronto 5 took a three-point lead into the half, 41-38. Moon (15) and Woods (14) continued leading the way in scoring.

A 15-0 run toward the end of the third quarter turned the game on its head and helped Toronto 5 extend its lead 63 to 44. Moon was on fire during the frame, knocking down big shots and shifting the energy on the court by scoring 16 points off 6 field goals. Moon had 31 points through three, and Toronto 5 outscored New York 5 by 12 to take control of the game 66 to 51.

Taylor had 42 points in the first game and 34 points in the second to lead the 5 Tournament in scoring after 2 rounds, but the prolific shooting was overshadowed Wednesday because of Moon's big day.

New York 5 started the fourth quarter on another 8-0 run but proceeded to miss nine of its next 10 shots as they went scoreless for over four minutes right after. Toronto 5 was not any better, as fatigue started to settle in on both sides. Toronto 5 found the energy to bounce back however with a 12-2 run before the final horn to land their first win.

Alan Anderson, an eight-year NBA vet and overseas star, had 12 points. Julian Wright, a former first-round pick, contributed a team-leading 14 rebounds along with 7 points.

Woods finished the game with a team-leading 26 points along with 12 rebounds for New York 5. Dermarr Johnson, a former No. 6 overall pick and seven-year NBA player, contributed with 18 points. Jackson could not continue the fiery offensive first half, finishing with 14 points and a game-high 18 rebounds.

## **Dahntay Jones leads Sacramento 5 to remain unbeaten vs. Texas 5**

Through the first two games, Texas 5 and Sacramento 5 materialized as two of the best — and only unbeaten — teams of The 5 Tournament.

The power rankings officially changed Wednesday, as Sacramento 5 remained victorious with a dominant 89-73 win at The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

Dahntay Jones, a 13-year NBA veteran and former NBA champion with the Cleveland Cavaliers, had a scorching hot night leading Sacramento 5 in scoring with 34 points on 12 of 21 shooting, including 6 three-pointers. He added 11 rebounds and 3 assists as well to help his team pull away late in the game.

The Sacramento 5, which came into the game as a 4.5-point favorite, according to BetOnline.AG, is now in pole position to be the tournament favorite to win it all.

Both teams started like the powerhouses they've proven to be so far, as the first quarter finished with Texas 5 on top 28 to 26 thanks to 11 points from James White, a 2007 NBA Champion with the Spurs who's also won titles in Croatia, Italy and Turkey.

Jones countered with 10 points in the tit-for-tat start. He continued the scoring streak into the second quarter with another 8 points. White, who had just 4 points in the second stanza, couldn't counter, and Sacramento 5 regained the lead 46-42 at halftime.

Alex Scales, who's played in 12 different countries overseas and is a 2008 FIBA WorldCup All-Star, emerged as a leader for Texas 5 with four three pointers in the first half and 14 points and 7 rebounds, but had only two more points after halftime.

As Texas 5 converted on fewer plays, Sacramento 5 continued turning the tables in the third quarter with an 8-0 run to take a 54-47 lead. Texas 5 immediately bounced back with a 7-0 run of their own to tie the game.

The back and forth quarter ended with Sacramento 5 up the same four points they walked in with at 65-61.

The fourth quarter script was far more different, though, as Sacramento 5 scored the first 10 points in the frame and pulled away to remain undefeated.

White, who scored 27 for the game, had already cooled down by this point and Texas 5 was left looking for offensive contributors as they shot 42.4% for the game.

David Hawkins, a three-time international champion and Temple's No. 3 all-time leading scorer, had 17 points but at the cost of 6 of 24 shooting.

Donte Greene, a former 2008 first-round pick, joined the party for Sacramento 5 with 8 points in the fourth to account for a total of 20 for the game, good for second on the team. Mike Bibby, the former second overall pick and Kings mainstay with a career average of 14.7 points, teetered near that total with 12 points. Amir Johnson, a fourteen-year NBA veteran, had 16 points and 12 rebounds.

## **Mario Chalmers erupts for 50 points; Miami 5 has prolific scoring night in blowout win vs. Chicago 5**

Chicago 5 made the game's first bucket to take a 2-0 lead, and then Miami 5 guard Mario Chalmers heated up like a scorching hot summer afternoon in South Beach.

Chalmers scored 18 points and made 6 three-pointers in the first quarter that contributed to a game-high 14-0 run, and Miami 5 never looked back as they defeated Chicago 5 119-90 at The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on Wednesday.

It was the two-time NBA champion and Miami Heat mainstay's prolific shooting night from beyond the arc — he finished 15 of 29 from three-point range — that shaped his final stat line to the best scoring performance of The 5 Tournament so far.

There were many to recall, but Chalmers' last three-pointer could not have been scripted any better. With 2.7 seconds left, and the game long decided, Chalmers was sitting on 47 points. He grabbed the ball, settled from a specially marked part on the floor near half court with a Pinkbox Doughnuts logo, and drained the last shot at the sound of the horn for his 50th point. For his efforts, Chalmers made sure every player went home with Pinkbox Doughnuts, just as they had the night before when he again hit a game-ending buzzer-beater from the same spot.

Miami 5, which came into the game as a 2.5-point favorite, according to BetOnline.AG, far exceeded expectations on a night in which they were hardly challenged.

Chalmers was not a one-man attack on arguably the best three-point shooting team in the tournament. Carlos Arroyo, a three-time international MVP and nine-year NBA player, contributed with 23 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists. Corsley Edwards, a 2002 NEC Player of the Year who is celebrating his honeymoon in Sin City, scored 27 points and chipped in with a tournament-high 17 rebounds.

The Miami 5 team made 27 of 51 three-point field goals in the evening. They also became the first team to top the century-scoring mark in the 5 Tournament.

Chicago 5 never really had a shot at it. Three-time Slam Dunk Contest winner and former first-round pick Nate Robinson and company had little resistance to offer as they were entirely outplayed the entire game.

Miami 5 was up 33-18 after the first quarter, 64-41 at halftime and 85-62 after three.

Robinson finished the evening with 33 points, 5 assists and 4 rebounds. Chris Johnson, second on LSU's all-time blocks list only behind Shaquille O'Neal and a 2011 NBA G League Defensive Player of The Year, showed up on the offensive side of the basketball for Chicago 5 in the losing cause, scoring 31 points and adding 16 rebounds.

Chalmers' 50-point total topped Toronto 5 sharpshooter Mike Taylor's 42 points from Sunday as the tournament's best output so far. Chalmers doubled his scoring from the previous two games combined. He scored 26 in the first round, and 22 in the second, but the third round was the charm.