



Texas 5 tops Miami 5 in The 5 Tournament's Opening Game of Round One

HIGHLIGHT VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijMDjcuHvvo>

The Texas 5 scored an 85 to 82 win over the Miami 5 in a close and competitive contest on the court to kick off The 5 Tournament at the The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on Sunday.

Although the three-on-three tournament early favorite Texas 5 was to feature former NBA stars on the team, it was three-time international Champion David Hawkins who stole the show, leading the team with 28 points.

Hawkins, Temple's No. 3 all-time leading scorer and a former member of the Houston Rockets organization, netted six three-point shots on eight attempts, and 10 field goals on 17 shots overall in an incredibly efficient game. Taxi squad replacement Will McDonald chipped in with 20 points on 10 out of 15 shooting, including a buzzer-beating jump shot from the baseline to end the first half. While Mo Charles, fresh off his \$1 Million share of the TBT Championship with the Golden Eagles, contributed 11 points on 5 of 6 shooting.

The Miami 5, which came into the game as a 5-point underdog on BetOnline.AG, was never too far away from turning the deficit around, as they trailed by just five points at halftime.

Former Heat starting point guard and two-time NBA champion Mario Chalmers led the Miami 5 with 28 points, but 19 turnovers compared to only 7 committed by Texas 5 was a difference maker. The Texas 5 also shot a scorching 66.7 % from the field and outscored Miami 46-28 in the paint.

Three-time international MVP Carlos Arroyo chipped in with 10 points and 7 assists for Miami 5, but it ultimately was not enough.

The see-saw clash was part of a round-robin format that will lead into a single elimination playoff where old scores and rivalries will be settled in the hot desert sun of Las Vegas.

Texas 5 (1-0) will next face Toronto 5 (0-1) on Tuesday, while Miami 5 will take on New York 5 (0-1).

Texas 5 is an 8.5 point favorite while Miami 5 is a 9.0 point favorite Betonline.AG.

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Sacramento 5 squeaks by Toronto 5 in Round One of The 5 Tournament

Highlight Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MT4PxKG68io>

Dahntay Jones drove to the middle of the paint and scored a layup with 26 seconds to go, providing Sacramento 5 the winning score it needed to sneak by Toronto 5 by the score of 84-82 in round one of The 5 Tournament.

The game, which took place at The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on Sunday, was a back and forth battle between a who's who of former NBA stars.

Alan Anderson had a chance to give Toronto 5 the lead in the next possession but missed a three-point shot from the right wing. A hustling Donte Greene, a former 2008 first-round pick who had a team-high 30 points, showed up on defense as well, chasing the loose ball and rebound while throwing the ball off the body of Mike Taylor in one motion.

Sacramento 5 held on to the ball for the final 16.5 seconds of the game, as Toronto 5 did not have another shot at tying it or taking the lead from there.

Sacramento 5 withstood a 42-point barrage from Taylor, who seemingly carried Toronto 5 on his back but could not get them across the finish line. The Iowa State product and former Clippers player also stuffed the stat sheet with 13 rebounds and 4 assists, while making eight three pointers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqJVWpC5xWE>

Toronto 5 fired off 15 more shots than Sacramento 5 and even made three more three pointers, but they were outscored from the free-throw line 16 to 5.

All five Sacramento 5 players scored in double figures.

The 13-year NBA veteran and former NBA champion Jones, and Jermaine Taylor, the all-time leader in points scored in a season at UCF, each contributed 15.

Former second overall pick and Kings mainstay Mike Bibby chipped in with 11 points and 9 rebounds. Fourteen-year NBA veteran Amir Johnson had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Anderson and the high-flying former Harlem Globetrotter and the Toronto Raptors Jamarion Moon each scored 13 points for Toronto 5 in the losing cause.

Sacramento 5 (1-0) will next face Chicago 5 (1-0) on Tuesday in a battle between unbeaten teams, while Toronto 5 (0-1) will take on Texas 5 (1-0).

According to Betonline.AG, neither team will be the betting favorite in their next games.

Sacramento 5 is a 1.5 point underdog while Toronto 5 is an 8.5 underdog.

"With a day off, everybody should be ready to come back," said Taylor. "I can play five more games right now."

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Nate Robinson scores game-high 29 as Chicago 5 edges New York 5

Highlight Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqJVWpC5xWE>

Three-time Slam Dunk champion Nate Robinson might best be remembered for his Superman-like hops playing as a Knick in Gotham City, but he was more bullish to join the Chicago 5 in The 5 Tournament, which kicked off Sunday at The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas

Robinson made his presence felt throughout against the New York 5, dropping a game-high 29 points Sunday in round one as Chicago 5 beat New York 5 75 to 64.

Robinson only played one year for the Bulls during the 2012-2013 season, but that was enough for him to choose his allegiance based on what he described as one of the most memorable periods of his NBA career. Robinson added 9 rebounds and 2 assists to his stat line, including 3 baskets from behind the arc.

Robinson played a team-high 29 minutes, which resulted in a plus/minus of +15 for his time on the court.

The game was close and very competitive throughout, even tied at the half at 53 apiece, until the betting favorite Chicago 5 pulled away late with an 11 to 2 run to close the game put in the final 2 minutes and 20 seconds.

Without the benefit of a practice prior to the first round of games in The 5 Tournament, neither team was scorching hot from the floor. Chicago 5 was 29 of 71 from the field (40.8%), while New York 5 was not much better at 26 of 69 (37.7%).

Robinson had the helping hands of Derrick Byars, a 2007 SEC Player of the Year for Vanderbilt and a member of the 2010 Chicago Bulls, who scored 17 and added 7 rebounds. Eddie Basden, a 2005 Conference USA Player of the Year for Charlotte who played for the Chicago Bulls in 2005 and 2006, contributed 13 points and 11 rebounds to the Chicago 5's first round victory.

For New York 5, they were led by 23 points from Qyntel Woods, a former first-round pick and 2010 Polish League MVP. 2008 NCAA Champion and three-year NBA player Darnell Jackson scored 17, while seven-year NBA veteran DerMarr Johnson had 16 points.

The New York 5 as a whole, however, could not overcome being shorthanded after former York Knicks first round draft pick Mardy Collins went down with a calf injury at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Chicago 5 (1-0) will next face Sacramento 5 (1-0) in the round-robin tournament on Tuesday in a battle between unbeaten, while New York 5 (0-1) will take on Miami 5 (0-1) as both teams look to land in the winning column.

According to Betonline.AG, Chicago 5 will be a 1.5 point favorite, while New York 5 will again play the role of underdog to the tune of 9 points.

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