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GASO roundup: Rim Rockers get big win

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BRYAN - In the AAU basketball world, there's still a place for fundamentals. Just ask the Rim Rockers.

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A team based out of central Texas, the Rim Rockers pulled the biggest stunner of the Bryan/College Station Great American Shoot-Out, shocking Deron Williams Metro Elite, 70-62, in the first round of the NBA Red Division championship bracket at Bryan High School. The Rim Rockers ousted a team considered a favorite to advance to the Red Division finals.

How did the Rim Rockers win? The team made great passes. They rebounded well. They took advantage of backdoor cuts. They played solid help-side defense. They dove for loose balls.

In a sentence, the Rim Rockers hustled.

"We just execute our plays our coach sends to us," said DeAndre Davis, who scored a game-high 19 points for the Rim Rockers. "We do what we have to do to get the win."

The Rim Rockers were up 10 with four minutes remaining in the first half and went into the locker room with a 33-27 halftime edge. The second half belonged to the Rim Rockers, as they used their fundamental style on both sides of the ball to take a 56-42 lead with 7:39 left to play.

Deron Williams rallied with six minutes remaining, using their frontcourt combination of Jeremy Combs and Carven Holcombe to trim the lead to six. The Rim Rockers silenced the run with buckets by Davis and Chris Runnels. A layup and the foul by C.J. Purvis with 2 1/2 minutes left iced the game and gave the Rim Rockers a commanding 67-52 lead.

"We'd heard about them," Davis said of Deron Williams, "but we don't go by what we hear. We go by what we see on the court. [The win] gives us a little confidence. We feel we're a good team, and we feel like we can win the tournament."

Runnels had 18 points, and Deion Robinson had 14 to go along with Davis' 19. Wesley Moore added 10 points for the Rim Rockers. Combs had 16 points, and Erick Neal added 11 for Deron Williams.

The Rim Rockers will have another chance to earn a victory over the Deron Williams program. The Rim Rockers will face Deron Williams Elite 2013 at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Runnin Rebels top Next Level Cats

The Runnin Rebels advanced to the second round with a 73-60 win over Next Level Cats Elite.

The Rebels led, 36-27, at the half and road the coattails of the trio of Austin Luke, Chase Davis and Cody Meyers. Luke had 21 points, Meyers had 20, and Davis had 16 in the win.

P.J. Rivera led the Cats with 18, and Fredd Richardson added 10 in the loss.

Titans cruise to win over CHB Black

The Texas Titans used a big first half to score a 66-47 victory over CHB Black to advance to second-round play.

The Titans outscored CHB, 47-23, in the first half and put their offense on cruise control in the second half. Matt Jones led the Titans with 20 points, while Jackson Forbes had 17. Samir Sehic added 11 for the Titans.

Steven Spieth led CHB Black with 17 points. Jared Stankey added 12.

Briefly ...

The San Antonio Legends downed the Houston Cowboys Black 2014, 78-61, in a first-round bracket game. Tyler Collins had 16 points, while C.J. Siples and Paris Collins each had 10 for the Legends. The Cowboys' James Taylor led all scorers with 19. ... The San Antonio Roadrunners-Orange held off Team GIWYFI, 54-47, in a first-round bracket game. Thaddeus Greene and Isaac Thornton had eight points to lead a balanced scoring attack. Darius Littlejohn had 14 points to lead GIWYFI (Get In Where You Fit In). ... Deron Williams Elite 2013 cruised to a 69-45 win over the San Antonio Celtics 2013. Kendrick Haynes scored 12 points, and Tyler Lonzie and Kendall Jones added 10 for Deron Williams. Griffin McHone had 11 points, and Jameson Turner had 10 for the Celtics.

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