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CARROLLTON - Day 2 of the Memorial Day Great American Shoot-Out concluded with the Elite Eight set for the NBA Division championship bracket. Sunday featured the first two rounds of bracket play, and Monday will begin the tournament quarterfinals at the Integrated Athletic Development.

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Here are some of Sunday's highlights:

Last-second heroics pace Runnin Rebels

[Austin Luke](#) scored 17 points, but it was his last two assists that paced the Runnin Rebels past the San Antonio Celtics, 76-74.

Luke connected with [Derrick Davis](#) for two layups in the final 22 seconds - including the game-winner with two seconds remaining - to aid the Runnin Rebels in earning a spot in the quarterfinals. The plays also helped the Runnin Rebels erase a 43-35 halftime deficit.

The teams were tied at 72 with 1:37 remaining. Luke made a nice pass to Davis with 21.8 seconds left to give the Runnin Rebels a two-point edge. The Celtics' [Griffin McHone](#) tied the game with a driving layup with 10 seconds left, but the Luke-Davis connection hooked up again just before the buzzer, giving the Runnin Rebels the victory.

[Chase Davis](#) finished the game with 26 points, and Davis had 20 for the Runnin Rebels. Davis drained five 3-pointers in the win. [Cale Brubaker](#) finished with 25 points and nailed seven 3-pointers. [Ronnie Vanlandingham](#) added 13 for the Celtics.

Mustangs advance, get revenge

The Dallas Mustangs-Booker defeated the Texas Tigers Elite, 79-69, to advance to the quarterfinals. The Mustangs' first-round game, however, may have been more memorable.

The Mustangs defeated Islanders Basketball Foundation, 69-44, in their first bracket-play game and erased the frustration of GASO play two years ago. IBF beat the Mustangs twice during the summer of 2010 in separate NCAA Division championship games.

The Mustangs advanced to the quarterfinals late Sunday by holding off a scrappy Tigers team. The Mustangs led the Tigers by 12 at the half and cruised in the second half. [Soma Edo](#) scored a game-high 20 points, while [Jeffrey Carroll](#) and [Leyton Hammonds](#) each had 15 for the Mustangs.

Sterling Holmes and Sam Burmeister combined for 33 points to lead the Tigers.

Special guest watching, Deron Williams Elite wins

NBA All-Star - and GASO alum - [Deron Williams](#) was in the gym to watch his team, Deron Williams Metro Elite, defeat Team 360, 60-48, in a first-round bracket game. Metro Elite went on to advance to quarterfinal play by downing ATX Lockdown, 81-65.

Metro Elite trailed in the first half but turned up its intensity in the second half, using the inside play of [Jeremy Combs](#) and the guard play of [Erick Neal](#) and [Derrick Neal](#). Combs, who has had a big GASO tournament, finished with 26 points, while Erick Neal added 20.

Tim Priller, at 6-foot-8, had 16 points and made four 3-pointers for Metro Elite. Daniel Jackson led ATX Lockdown with 14 points and also made four 3-pointers. Daniel Mills and Isaac Gilliam combined for 23 points for ATX Lockdown.

Gold tops Black in Triumph Select battle

Triumph Basketball has been a mainstay in Texas AAU basketball, and it's been fortunate to have multiple teams do well in past GASO tournaments. On Sunday, with the luck - or unluck - of the draw, Triumph Select Gold and Triumph Select Black met in a second-round matchup.

Triumph Gold defeated Triumph Black, 63-47, on Sunday. Triumph Gold held an 11-4 advantage five minutes into the game and led by 11 at the half. Triumph Gold was able to keep the momentum on its side and take the win over its program counterpart.

[Tavarus Shine](#) scored 19 points, and [Keyunta Watkins](#) added 13 points for Triumph Gold. [Courtney Hooper](#) scored 12 points to lead Triumph Black.

Huge second half fuels S. Texas Irish

The South Texas Irish had one of the most productive halves of the GASO tournament, which led to it turning around a five-point deficit into an 87-60 victory over Converse Elite Basketball.

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The Irish were down, 40-35, at halftime, but they went on a major scoring spree in the second half. The Irish outscored Converse Elite, 52-20, for the half.

[Taylor Sutlive](#), [Christian Albright](#) and [Luke Wilshire](#) combined for 49 of the Irish's 87 points. Sutlive scored 18 points and made five 3-pointers, and Wilshire added 17 points and four 3-pointers. Sheawn Bedford had 19 points for Converse Elite.

Trojans get hot, down Seawolves

The Dallas Trojans are looking to win their second GASO title in 2012, and the team made a statement in its 66-44 win over the LBA Seawolves late Sunday.

The Trojans led by only eight in the first half, but they got red hot from beyond the 3-point line in the second half. [Bobby Word](#) led a balanced scoring attack with 20 points and made five 3-pointers.

[Elbert Robinson](#) - the tallest player in the tournament at 6-foot-11 and a much-improved big man on the circuit - led the Seawolves with 11 points.

Briefly ...

It was a good Sunday overall for Dallas Showtyme Elite. The program's 16-and-under team won the Under Armour Are You From Here tournament in Duncanville, and the 18-and-under team defeated Pro Skills, 65-43, to advance to the GASO quarterfinals. Devante Robinson, Sheldon Yearwood and Chris Boleware were among the players to shine for Showtyme. Jaylan Barnes, [Marcell Ateman](#) and Michael Grant led Pro Skills. ... ATX-Farley scored four points in the final 10 seconds to outlast the Texas D-1 Ambassadors-Morse, 52-48, in a second-round game. [Jamal Shabazz](#), who had a team-high 14 points, broke a 48-48 tie with a layup with 10 seconds left, and Jose Roman-Aguilera added two free throws to ice the game with 2.2 seconds remaining. [John Gramlich](#) had 18 points to lead the Ambassadors.

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