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Concha, unconscious with 13 Dorsey, demonstrative with 12

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The 2005 winter men's basketball league campaign for the Local 2000 "B-Ballers" began on Tuesday night with a victory over the Road Runners 56 to 42.

The capacity crowd of 6 saw the Local 2000 team fall behind only once in the first six minutes of play. The starting five (Matt "Blue Devil" Grigsby (G), Antonio "Tony" Concha (G), Tim "Side Burns" Dorsey (F), Levet "Big Game" Brown (F), and Lou "Cool Breeze" Winston (F/C)) played conservatively, by design, in the beginning to feel out what the Road Runners were bringing to the court. With a steady flow of substitutions (Clayton "Big Clay" Belle (G/F), Rich "Cat" Blankenship (G/F), Alphonzo "Fonz" Conner (PF) Greg "Money" Banks, and Dave "The Destroyer" Dwyer (F/C)) and a mix of the starting five, the Local 2000 boys regained the lead by 3 before closing out the 1st half.

In the second half, the Local 2000 "B-Ballers" set out to run the Road Runners ragged. The emphasis seemed to be to push the ball after offensive rebounds in transition and crowd their big men on the defensive end down low. This strategy worked to a key. Pushing the ball and stepping up the momentum of the game, only made their big men winded and placed all the pressure on their perimeter shooters.

The Road Runners shooters began to also feel the pressure of the change in pace that Local 2000 forced upon the game. Concha and Dorsey sensed the lethargy in the way they transitioned from offense to defense and went in for the kill. Concha was nice from the outside, while Dorsey was determined to create in the key. Both efforts were successful, producing a game total between the two of 25 points.



The second half also saw a spark from "Cat" Blankenship with sweet touch jumpers and strong penetrating moves for a game total of 4 points. "Cool Breeze" Winston provided critical perimeter shooting to help cushion the lead at the latter part of the half ending up with 8 points. Meanwhile, "Big Game" Brown seemed to make the officials swallow their whistles and banged out 6 hard-earned points.

Although there were some individual standouts in game one, it was truly a team effort overall. The planned strategy of keeping a fresh five on the court at all times, proved to be too much for the Road Runners to handle.

Next up for the Local 2000 "B-Ballers" is The Hogs on Tuesday, January 11 at 21:15 hours at Harpers Choice Middle School. Local 2000 is expecting another capacity crowd and additional players that were not able to participate in game one.



Local 2000: 56			
Road Runners: 42			
Jersey Number	Player	Points	Points Per Game
5	Concha, Antonio	13	13
22	Dorsey, Tim	12	12
8	Winston, Louis	8	8
32	Brown, Levet	6	6
55	Banks, Gregory	4	4
6	Blankenship, Jr., Richard	4	4
11	Dwyer, David	4	4
20	Grigsby, Matthew	4	4
3	Conner, Alphonso	2	2
34	Belle, Clayton	1	1