



## **ELITE SPORTS EVENTS ROUNDBALL CLASSIC**

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Elite sports put together another great basketball tournament this past weekend at the INSPORTS facility in Trumbull and the Newtown Youth Academy in Newtown. The Roundball Classic pitted great teams against one another from the Tri State Area in divisions ranging from 10U to 17U.

In the 10U division, TMT put on an absolutely dominant display of basketball as they jumped out to an early lead and cruised to an easy 39-19 victory over Premier Hoops Wielk. Tyrell Flemming led a very balanced attack with 6 points as eleven players scored in the game. Quimar Stovall and Khalil flowers pitched in 5 points each in the victory. Matt led PHD with a game high 6 points.

In the 11U division, two great teams battled to the very end in what turned out to be the best championship game of the day at the Trumbull facility. Ct Elite Morris was in charge the entire game holding onto a slim 4-8 point lead for a majority of the game until Premier Hoops Cappello put on a late surge with a furious rally! Jared Rupello hit a late 3 pointer and later tied the game with a late free throw that eventually sent this intense battle into overtime. The game was so intense a fan had to be ejected from the game. PHD took an early 2 point lead in overtime before Kenny Soares tied it with a powerful rebound put back and then hit the go-ahead bucket on a runner from 5 feet! Nate Brinkman added a layup late to push the lead to 4 and that proved to be too much as the Connecticut Elite Morris team eeked out a 41-38 overtime victory in this thrilling championship game! JR Rissati dominated the game inside for PHD and ended up with 21 points and 17 rebounds also hitting a 3 pointer to go along with all of his dominant play in the post. Ct Elite had no answer for his play and he played very well in defeat. James Urban also chipped in with 7 in defeat. Kenny Soares led Ct Elite with 14 and Nate Brinkman added 13 as Elite won a very hard fought thriller.

In the 12U division, what could go down as one of the greatest championship games in Elite Sports Events history, Premier Hoops Gill defeated Premier Hoops Corkery 39-38 in TRIPLE OVERTIME at the Newtown Youth Academy! Both teams hit game tying jumpers in the last minute of regulation to force the first overtime! Each team also hit late buckets in the first overtime to tie it as well. Neither team could score in the second overtime and the game remained scoreless until two late free throws by Dennis Parker finally gave PHD Gill this amazing triple OT thriller that went down to the wire!!! PHD Gill was led by Lars Djuve with 8 points and Dennis Parker added 6 in the victorious effort. PHD Corkery was led by Andrew Chiotal with a game high 14 points connecting on two 3-pointers in defeat.

In the 13U division, Connecticut Elite Red Cardona defeated Lightning Libroia 74-62 in a game with an explosive offensive display! The lightning played very well in the first half taking a 37-29 into halftime. But team Cardona put on relentless pressure and really caught fire offensively in the second half taking the lead with about 10 minutes left and never relinquishing the lead as they

cruised to the 12 point victory. The Cardona team was led by Tyrese Jones with 29 points and Mathieu Augustin chipped in with 19, scoring 18 of those points in the second half. Team Libroia was led by Damien F with 24 points and Jared R. added 10 points in the defeat.

In the 14U division, Premier Hoops Swaller absolutely dominated in beating a very talented Connecticut Elite Menta team 70-43! PHD put on an amazing display of team basketball and just proved to be too much for Ct Elite as they were able to break the elite press at will and come up with easy baskets. The PHD team was never challenged in cruising to the championship and really played well displaying great sportsmanship along the way. They were led by Sean Conway with 23 points and Greg Laurence added 15 in the victory. Ct Elite was led by John Salmen with 14 and Qualen Wilkes added 12 in defeat.

In the 15U division, NY Pride AD defeated Premier Hoops Landin in a hard fought championship battle 55-51. The game was close throughout when a crucial technical foul was given to the PHD team late in the game while they held the lead with the ball. That huge shift in momentum was all the NY pride team needed to gain the upper hand and regain the lead and hold on to a victorious ending. NY pride was led by Niggell Peters with 19 and Marcus Thomas with 17. PHD was led by Sean Close with a game high 20 points and Mark Garcia added 8 in defeat.

In the 16U division, Ct Select defeated NY Pride 56-51 in a highly contested battle of evenly matched teams! The lead went back and forth early before the Ct Select team finally pulled away and held on for the championship victory. Ct Select was led by Jayron with a game high 22 points. Corey added 6 in the victory. The NY Pride was led by Nap with 15 and Searight added 7 in defeat.

In the 17U division, NY Pride held off a very tough Ct Elite Hicks team to win the championship pulling away late to a 61-49 victory. The Pride team completely dominated its pool but found the championship to be a tougher battle than expected. The game was close at half and most of the second half until the Pride pulled away with about 4 minutes remaining. NY pride was led by John with 16, hitting three 3-pointers. Zeke also added 14 points in the victory. Ct Elite Hicks was led by Kyle Partyka, Billy McCloskey and Augustus B each with 9 points in defeat.