



Trailblazers Academy 82 – All Saints 64

Derby Trailblazers Academy netted the game's final 15 points to secure a hard fought, 82-64, victory over the All Saints from Sheffield.

In a game of many runs it was ultimately that final burst that proved the difference as Trailblazers won the final period 28-10.

Early on Derby had sprung out to a 9-0 lead which soon became 20-10 as King and Turner combine for 15 of Derby's early points. The Yorkshire outfit refused to go away though and a Gordon three pointer just before half reduced the deficit to a single point at 31-30.

The third quarter followed a similar pattern; Derby opened a lead while All Saints were again chasing them down. With the score at 54-48 All Saints again ended the quarter strongly with back to back threes including an acrobatic buzzer beater from Bownell to tie the game up at 54 apiece.

A Gordon three pointer for All Saints opened the final period to give them their first lead of the contest. However, Derby came bouncing back, Captain Jessup netted all of his seven points in the final quarter to go along with Sam Turner's eight as the Derby boys finally got into their scoring stride while preventing Sheffield scoring for the final 4 minutes. Derby went 13 from 20 from the field in the last quarter to help keep their slim chances of the EABL All Midlands title alive. Derby moves to 6-2 in conference play while All Saints drop to 5-5.

Sam Turner was the standout performer on the day. He finished with 22 points, 15 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals and a block.

Coach Shaw was quick to recognise the 6'8 posts contribution: "He was excellent at both ends, we wanted to get the ball inside to him as much as possible but struggled to do so at times. He did a superb job of getting on the glass and making it happen for himself today and got a lot of scores near the basket."

Indeed Turner was 10/13 from the field with all his scores coming in the paint.

Derby also had King (20) and Guddemi (14) in double digits while All Saint's Brownell was the game's leading scorer with 27 and Gordon added 15.