WEEKLY ROUND-UP

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- **5th Grade:** <u>Stockton Heugly</u> (OnTapElite 5th White)- The shifty floor general put it all together with a game high 29pts. Leading his team to two wins.
- **6th Grade:** <u>Crete Smith</u> (Idaho Flite) & <u>Cole Rippe</u> (Uptempo)-Both players put on a show with their scoring ability, leadership and all-round play. Crete avg 19pts a game in 3 wins. Cole the iron man played both 5th and 6th grade games, avg 15 game for all 6 games with a game high 25pts
- **7th Grade:** <u>Waad Mojwok</u> (Utah Prospects 2031)-The big man was unstoppable, scoring, blocking shots and grabbing every rebound in sight. He even got a couple of dunks that brought teammates and fans to their feet.
- **8th Grade:** <u>Hazen Wilde</u> (Stealth)-Hazen maybe the most consistent player in the league, quietly giving you 20pts 10 rebounds every game. Nobody has found an answer for the big man from Logan.
- **Honorable Mentions**: Rio Mulford(Salt City Hustle), Myles Holt(Real Athlete Future 5th, Jack Jensen(Team BWIL), Bodie Stokes(Uptempo), Crew Morgan(Utah Stealth), Nixon Beecher(Invictus), Brady Hendry(Real Athlete Future 6th), Robbie Cannon(Team BWIL), Finn Madsen(Utah Rise), Anson Galbraith(Real Athlete Black), Clinton Pierce(Utah Rise), Tieg McClure(Heat Check), Darius Swenson (Salt Lake Sonics), Tristen Johnson(OnTapElite White), Noah Castagnetto(Real Athlete Black 8th).

JAN 10th STORYLINES

- **Utah Stars Elite:** Put all teams on notice. Statement wins over top-tier competition Salt Lake Sonics and Utah Prospects.

- **Utah Prospects 2031 :** If you haven't seen this team play, you are in for a treat led by big man Mojwok. Some believe they could contend for the 8th grade title if they were allowed to play up.

- **Idaho Teams**: Showed up strong in their first Youngblood appearance of the year. Heat Check 7th, Uptempo 6th, and Idaho Flite 6th all finished the weekend undefeated.

Coaches Corner:

"Youngblood League is high level basketball with excellent play and great coaching. This league prepares players for the next level"
-D1 College Basketball Coach

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Heat Check (ID) 7th: After winning just one game in Youngblood last year, this team has turned the page. Coached by former BYU great Mark Bigalow, a revamped roster came out eager to prove they belong with Utah's best, going 3-0 in their opening week.
Utah Stealth: Every team is gunning for them, yet they quietly keep winning, even playing up a grade this week. They have one mission to bring home the Championship again.
Real Athlete (Future) 5th: They may have lost in the Pre-Season Challenge, but they're sending a clear message: the Youngblood League championship still runs through them. They kick off the season 4-0.

KEY MATCHUPS – JAN 17TH

5th Grade:
Salt City Hustle vs Utah Tigers
With high-energy coaches leading the way, expect a battle that won't end until the final whistle.

6th Grade:
Utah Stars vs Utah Flight
Both teams are ready to battle and reclaim the form that made them contenders last season.

7th Grade:
Utah Magic vs Utah Notes
The Magic are likely title contenders, but can the Notes show they should be in the conversation too.

8th Grade:
Utah Prospects 14U vs Fantomz
After falling to the Champs, they now face the upstart Fantomz 8th, who have impressed during the first two weeks of the league. This matchup will be a major test for both teams.

Congratulations:

- BYU close rivalry win over Utah.
- Utah State blow out win over Boise State.
- Utah Valley big win over Utah Tech

Former Player Shout-Outs

Jaxon Kohler (Michigan State) The big fella is averaging a double double on the 12th ranked Spartans. 14pts, 10rebounds a game.

Luke West (Bingham High School) One of the top scoring guards in the state, capable of scoring at all three levels, erupted for 31 points against Copper Hills and 30 against Herriman.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Coaches: remember to return your coaches badges following daily games
Spectators: Children should not be playing in the halls; they must remain in the gym. This is a school policy that will be enforced throughout the season.