

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- 5th Grade:** Liam Lazarus (**LE Strikers**) - He gets double-teamed once he passes half court and still manage to get his pts
- 6th Grade:** Isaac Harrington (**Real Athlete Future**) - Against two of the top teams in the division he stepped up big for two wins.
- 7th Grade:** Holden Atwater (**Lockdown**) & Thomas Jacob (**Fantomz 7th**) - Holden has led a surprise Lockdown team to a 8-0 start while Thomas continues with his solid play halfway through the season.
- 8th Grade:** Julian Flores (**Uptempo**) - Playing without his back court mate Trigg who is out for injury, Julian had to step up his game and scored big scoring 23pts & 28pts.

Honorable Mentions: Trey Amico(Utah Mtn Stars), Zane Randle (South Valley Hoop), Jonah Parrish(Team Utah), Henry Wolfgramm(Stealth), Parker Caton(Utah Rise), Chase Bigelow(Heat Check), Cole Oyler(Utah Blitz), Logan Wilson(Utah Notes), Lorenzo Park(Lockdown), Anson Galbraith(Real Athlete Black), Poutoa Fa'alogo, Benet Gummersall, , Bodie Stokes(Uptempo), Beklan Stoker(The Peak).

JAN 24th STORYLINES

- Top 7th Grade Guards:** Cole Oyler, Lorenzo Park, Kyrie Davis, Parker Caton, Holden Atwater, Jake Larsen, Hudson Goeckeritz, Clinton Pierce, Boston Cederholm. Who is the Best!
- Undefeated Teams:** Utah Stars Elite, Utah Mountain Stars, Heat Check, Utah Prospects 2031, Lockdown, Utah Rise, and Utah Stealth still undefeated at the halfway point
- Real Athlete (Future) 6th:** With the addition of Nephi and Poutoa this team is set to contend for the Championship

Coaches Corner:

"We believe in people executing their role and caring about the team more than anything individually" Gregg Popovich

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Salt Lake Sonics- After winning the Pre-Season Challenge in November this talented team has not let up. Losing only to 3-time champs Utah Stars Elite. Look for this team to really make a push for a rematch in the Championship game.

Heat Check (ID)- The surprise team of the first half of the season this scrappy team from Idaho won only 1 game last year, they started this season 6-0 looking to make it to the playoffs.

Team BWIL 5th- When this team is locked in, they are as good as anyone. 1 of 7 or 8 teams who can win the 5th grade championship

KEY MATCHUPS - JAN 31ST

5th Grade:

Salt City Hustle 2031 Select vs Real Athlete(Future)

This will be a classic as these highly competitive teams meet with possible playoff implications

6th Grade:

Real Athlete (Future) vs The Peak

After suffering their first loss can the bounce back against a talented Real Athlete (Future).

7th Grade:

Utah Prospects vs Utah Magic

Utah Magic is one of the 2 or 3 teams who's poised to knock off the highly talented Utah Prospects.

8th Grade:

Utah Stars Elite vs Salt Lake Sonics

Battle of the only two unbeaten teams face off in this exciting matchup, can anyone take down the champs.

Local College Teams:

Utah State snaps two games losing streak with comeback victory over CSU.

BYU almost shocks the world coming up a little short in lost to #1 ranked Arizona.

Former Player Shout-Outs

Isaac Davis (Utah Valley) The forward scored a career high 23pts vs Utah Tech including going 9 for 9 from the free throw line.

Nation Williams (Centennial High School (NV)) The five star Jr recruit scored 41pts and 18 rebounds in a home victory over Mojave. Nation has more than 25 D-1 offers

FINAL THOUGHTS

The league is at the halfway point and the competition is fierce for playoff spots. Teams are trying to position themselves for a spot to compete for the Championship. Make sure you get the popcorn ready when the Playoffs tip March 5th, 6th, & 7th.