

FOREST

8

By: Tony Brown

in the morning on March 19, 2025, there was an echo being heard about an outside basketball team coming to SCI Forest. But not knowing who was playing, what day, who was coaching the team. By late evening on Wednesday, I did get confirmation that a team was coming in the insitution. They will be using West-Side OFFICIALS From 2025 Season.

- M. Andrens - Commissioner of West-Side Basketball and Book Keeper, made sure games started while books were correct.
- E. Kalkowski - Long time Clock & Score Keeper.
- W. Kelly and S. Studvant- Who both adapt, absurd, and ex-cel as officials faster than I have ever seen in two men. They were such a big help in officiating for West-Side Basketball.
- M. Walker - Who I think is 1 of 3 most knowledgable officials in SCI Forest, the other two being, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Wood both from East-Side, and myself Tony Brown, jump ball at 5:30pm but it was even a delay in that. So the game started around 6pm.

The All Stars was announced

- Kywanye Hill, David Ramos, Aaron Williams, Joshua Stepoli, Marco Bullock, Shahid Abney, Stefan Brooks, and Coach was announced to be Eric Gales who stepped aside from officiating.

A brief history of the "FOREST 8"

- David Ramos & Aaron Williams are "B" Blocks' dynamic-duo. As a team they grab more rebounds, and more points. Ramos made more 3's and Williams grabbed more rebounds and 1's.
- Stefan Brooks - Is one of the most all around athletes I have seen at Forest in the past 5 or 6 years, who also happens to be 2025 Pickle Ball Champ, Individual Champ, and also the 5 on 5 Champ.
- Marco Bullock - One of the best lock down defenders, great offense rebounder and great passer. Also this year 5 on 5 Champ and Over 35 Champ for this year.
- Shahid Abney - High power 2 with andex-cel left hand dribble to the basket, also this year 5 on 5 Champ.
- Kywanye Hill (A.K.A. K-Rock) - Smooth handle, good passer, and a powerful drive to the basket, an excellent shooter, and has a great handle with the ball. You have to see it to believe it!

- Joshua Stepalo (A.K.A. Wet) - Team Capt. Led the league in the high percentage shots with a powerful precedence in the lane along with a nice 10 to 12 feet jump shot. Also this year 5 on 5 Champ.
- Eric Gales - Coach - Player Coach for Football - Won Champ this year in Flag Football. In the past four years, threw more T.D.'s , and more yards than anyone else. Highly motivated and a good Basketball Official.

All of them are Champions in the their own way.

The start of this was delayed do to visiting team- Dubiose Dream had to go through security, which is protocol. This game had 2 - 20 minute Halfs. Forest had a lethargic start the First Half do to the delay before the game started. Forest had a good warm-up, in fact too good. They were working on some defense drills, still waiting on the team to arrive to the gym. I looked and I saw they were going into their second wind, meaning, they have been moving around too much before the game started. I guess it came with the excitement of having an outside team come in to the institution. So they sat down at the same time to rest. The visiting team arrived after a few minutes.

It was some minutes after 6pm Jump Ball Dubiose Dream jump shots were nice. They started off with a 6-0 run. The 1st time out at "8pts. for Forest; 17pts. for Dubiose Dream". The 1st half Dubiose Dream shot so good they kept the lead the whole 1st half. At the half Dubiose Dream was leading by double digits.

I would like to go back earlier in the 1st half. A player from Dubiose Dream got foul and made the shot. So he's goes to the foul line to shoot one Free Throw. in the past 20 years or so they call it an "And 1". From some elite player back in the day from New York & Chicago, and all over the country, who was very, very sharp in their skills with the Rock lol.

Back to the matter at hand, a player got foul, made the basket, now he's shooting one free throw. I (Tony Brown) had the ball under neath the basket, I check both sides of the Lane to see everyone was lined up right, and they were. I then pass the ball to the player shooting the Free Throw. Ramos - from Forest pointed at his feet to show me his feet were not at the foul line. I see there is a line 6in. in front of the Free Throw line. When I look up to blow the whistle to stop, he made the basket. But that would have been me cheating, so I stopped play, called the Head Official in to explain what and request for another. So the basket he made, was not a basket because of his feet being at the wrong line. He then shot another Free Throw from the right line and his missed, and play resumed.

Note: As an Official, you have the power to correct any error that is made on the behalf of an official Official, or come together to make corrections.

During Half Time, when I looked down at the Forest bench, they were talking with each other. They all were having a good dialogue, it is a crucial skill for any team to be winners. Debates are designed to create losers. Nobody enjoys being a loser, so debates often get heated and can escalate to name-calling.

Debates often devolve into pounding ones' teammates, emotions get involved, and it also shows how wrong, stupid, and silly they are as a team. Debate has become the dominant in jail house sports. But not this night.

At the start of the 2nd Half, S. Abney made a Lay-up and that was a good start but Dubiose Dream came right back with their 2pts. Mid 2nd Half, going back & forth, but Forest is slowly chopping Debiose Dreams' lead, defense is playing hard for Forest. A. Williams tight defense and Romas 3 - 3 pointers, it's now 39-Forest - 43-Debiose Dream. A steal and outlet pass down to J. Stepoli another defense play by Forest. But "Wet" went to the line and made both Free Throws "with 5 minutes left".

Steal by S. Abney and score 55-Forest - 56-Debiose Dream. Another defense play Forest gets the ball, the "Rock" comes down pulls a "3.", made under 3 minutes to go.

58-Forest - 56- Debiose Dream.

Marco Bullock and Stefan Brooks make crucial defensive plays.

Fouls being made by Debiose Dream to stop the clock. 37secs. left in the game, as times running out, score 64 to 62.

FOREST-8 WON!!!! THE GAME!

It was one of the best in 10^{1/2} years of me being here. Thanks to all who were there. I would like to thank Mr. Nelson and Ms. Hayes for setting-up everything, and specail thanks to team Debiose Dream. Right now the game is being showed on CH. 39.

Note: And a specail thanks to camera man B. Springer.

If you fail never give up because

F·A·I·L· Means

"First attempt in learning"

If you get no as an answer, remember

N·O· Means

"Next opportunity"

End is not the end in fact

E·N·D· Means

"Effort Never Dies"

Positive Thinking!!!!!!

By: S. Studvant