

Flying Cows Clash with TBL's Best in Thrilling All-Star Showdown

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It was a fun and festive All-Star weekend, and the Flying Cows showed they were more than ready to rise to the challenge. Taking on top talent from across The Basketball League (TBL), the Cows entered the game hungry for real competition, and they got exactly that. From the jump, fans were treated to a fast-paced thriller, featuring the league's brightest stars, all of whom brought their signature styles to the big stage.

Shadell Millinghaus of the NY Firebirds, played with his signature blend of aggressive slashing and fearless finishes through contact. He kept defenders on their heels all night and earned MVP honors after a monster stat line of 28 points, 6 assists, and 11 rebounds. Quentin Scott, a familiar foe from the VA Valley Vipers, the league's leading scorer, reminded everyone why he wears that crown. He threw down a thunderous dunk early in the game and finished with 16 points and 4 assists, consistently making his presence felt with quick finishes around the rim.

The versatile Trashon Burell of the Albany Patroons, known for his deadly efficiency from beyond the arc, lived up to the hype. Coming in shooting over 40% from three, he knocked down multiple triples that helped keep the Flying Cows at bay whenever they gained momentum. His ability to stretch the floor and bang inside was on full display in a complete performance.

The first quarter brought fireworks from both sides. The TBL All-Stars opened up hot scoring quickly and seamless communication, a surprise considering their varied team backgrounds. But it was clear, they came to hoop. Javon Adams established dominance early with his size and physicality, helping the All-Stars jump out to a 17-10 lead. A clutch three from Burrell silenced the buzzing crowd momentarily, but Ed Dyson's explosive alley-oop finish off a Denmark Slay dime reignited the energy instantly. Dyson was a walking highlight, throwing down dunks that brought the crowd to its feet time and time again. Dyson led the team with 18 points, 4 assists, and 6 rebounds.

The game only got more physical and competitive from there. Damien Daniels, the 5'7" spark plug, played with heart, diving for loose balls and scrapping for rebounds. He finished with 12 points, 8 rebounds, and 9 assists. The Flying Cows rebounded well as a unit, shifting momentum their way.

Joe Bradshaw, the undrafted rookie making a name for himself, continued to shine under the bright lights. His clutch layup late in the second quarter gave the Flying Cows their first lead at 59-57. Bradshaw wrapped up the night with 12 points, 12 rebounds, and 3 assists, showcasing the poise and production of a seasoned vet.

As the game wore on, the intensity only rose. KD Moore's explosiveness was on full display, attacking the rim with force and agility, and he tallied 12 points and 5 boards. Julian Gamble of the Raleigh Firebirds, worked quietly but effectively in the paint, finishing with 8 points and 6 rebounds, while Corey Boyd brought the grit, adding 17 points and 2 steals.

By the start of the fourth quarter, the Flying Cows had closed the gap to 92-86. A tough layup from Daniels made it 98-97, and shortly after, Martavian Payne tied the game with a strong drive, making it 103-101. Payne finished the game with 10 points and several key offensive plays late in the fourth.

Millinghaus continued to control the pace, weaving into the paint and finishing strong through contact. But it was Burrell who emerged from a crucial timeout and hit a go-ahead bucket for the TBL All-Stars, once again proving his versatility inside and out.

In the final seconds, it was fitting that a free throw from Millinghaus that sealed the game for the TBL All-Stars, 110-109, capped a wild, back-and-forth battle filled with high-flying dunks, deep threes, and heart-pounding hustle.

The Flying Cows may not have taken home the win, but they showed they can hang with the best in the league. They'll carry that fire and momentum into next week's highly anticipated road matchup against the Jersey Shore Breaks, a game that promises more fireworks.