Viscardi Cougars Trounce FNBL Hoopsters

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One of the most highly anticipated matchups in sports history, has turned into an epic trouncing. The home team Viscardi Cougars wiped the parquet with the FNBL Hoopsters in a 58-10 beat down at the Wheelchair Basketball Championship Finals. The setting was one for the ages. On a chilly autumn afternoon, before a sellout crowd of raucous Cougar supporters, these titans of the hardwood clashed to see who would take names and who would take Advil. The Hoopsters hoped their swagger would garner the title as they chirped and tweeted all week long. But their chatter merely provided bulletin board fodder for the Cougars juggernaut. Viscardi stepped on the court with their game faces and put it to FNBL early and often. With a tenacious defense, lightning fast breaks, and dominance on the boards, they administered a merciless beating. FNBL showed some life when; in a scene reminiscent of Willis in ’70, Team Captain Mike “From Brooklyn” Vittorio, hobbled by a torn major pectorus, came off the bench to provide a needed spark. It was too little too late.
A humbled Coach Stansfield commented, “You have to tip your hat to the other locker room. The Viscardi Organization is a world class franchise.” A sore Rick “The Stick” Perro put it bluntly “No one was beating Viscardi today. Not in their house with those fans, no way.” A bruised Cathy O’Malley said, “We didn’t execute, we got executed.” The physical toll on the Hoopsters was staggering. After a disastrous “pick and roll-over”, Johnny “The Net” Heffernan, tore his anterior majoremen. Jose “The Paint” Diaz and Paul “The Quick” Jervis both suffered fractured tibularnurs after being stuffed numerous times under the boards. The Hoopsters 87 air balls was the most since the 14 set by the 1907 Boise Beavers (Interestingly, the Beavers were actual beavers trained to play B-ball, hence the difficulty they faced.).
Cougars Coach John Kemp had a very interesting take on the reason for his team’s dominance, “When we heard that Grace “The Tower” Hughes was benched for not cleaning her room, we breathed a huge sigh of relief.” The so called experts will forever debate the events that took place on the hardwood this cold December afternoon. But perhaps it was a simple twist of fate that sealed the outcome. Did the failure to tidy up some stuffed animals deliver the Hoopsters to the trash heap and catapult the Cougars into the glory of sports immortality? We’ll leave that question for the gurus to sort out.
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On a serious note, this was truly a fantastic and marvelous event. Each one of us, that was fortunate to have participated, can attest to what a special and magnificent place the Viscardi Center is. Anyone who visits, cannot help but be powerfully touched by the enthusiasm, courage and ambition of the children, young adult and adult students at the Center. Watching the tireless and selfless work of the faculty and staff is a wonder to behold. The Viscardi Center is an oasis of energy, hard work, love and joy. We urge everyone to take some time from their busy lives to become acquainted with this gem called the Viscardi Center. Not only is it likely to bring perspective into your life, but it may very well change you forever. If you would like information on the Center, please contact the Marketing Department.

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