



ELITE SPORTS EVENTS BEST OF THE SPRING

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Elite Sports Events hosted another fantastic tournament last weekend in Trumbull and Newtown Connecticut as teams from all over the Tri state area competed for the title of Champion in the 2015 Super East Tourney.

In the 17U division, these college basketball-playing hopefuls battled, as Ct Premier Bethea took on Ct Premier Laczkoski in this game full of talented and athletic players! The game was a lot closer than many thought as Bethea had crushed their opponents throughout the tournament. But team Laczkoski never doubted their abilities and they played extremely well holding team Bethea to 37% shooting and never falling behind by more than 7 points until the very end when team Bethea pulled away with a 10-3 run to finish with a 55-40 win. Team Bethea had a very balanced attack, led by Conway with 10 and Stockmal with 9. Team Laczkoski was led by Brian Acevedo with 11 and Pat Gough with 10 in defeat.

In the 16U division, Ct Select took on the Anaconda All-Stars in a great championship matchup!! Ct Select was in charge throughout as they took an early lead and never relinquished it on their way to a 70-53 win. Select was led by Jeremiah with a game high 22 and T. Sands with 19. Anaconda was led by Miko Henderson with 14 and Deonte Holder with 12 in defeat.

In the 15U Division, Two great teams faced off as Connecticut Elite Menta faced a team they defeated earlier in the tournament, Ct Premier Daniel! The championship game proved to be a different matter though as Ct Premier went on an early 13-2 run to run away with an easy 71-41 championship win!!! This game was never close and surprised many in attendance as they witnessed a barrage of buckets by the Premier team. Ct Premier was led by TJ Pettway with 15 and Sean Conway with 14 for the balanced attack! Connecticut Elite was led by Nori Davis with 14 and Stone Appelberg with 12, connecting on 4 three-pointers!!!

In the 14U Division, one team dominated from the opening tip of the tournament and that was Ct Premier Bethea!! They took on fellow program brother Ct Premier Carothers in the championship but found little resistance on their way to divisional domination and a 71-44 championship win! Bethea was led by Marquis Wardmornig with a game high 21 points and Charles Clemens with 14! Team Carothers was led by Stephen Paolini with 14 and Matt Becker with 9 in defeat!

In the 13U Division, we saw the most competitive group of teams, especially in pool play as three teams tied for the pool top seed. Connecticut Elite Shields, Ct Heat and Nor'East Lightning all finished pool play at 2-1, each beating one another and the tie breaker being point

differential. Ct Heat was the pool winner and went on to the finals where they faced a very good CBC team! This championship game was the best of all the championship games! The game went back and forth all game long with 15 lead changes and neither team leading by more than 7. But it was the Ct Heat that went on a late 11-2 run to take a slim 3 point lead and hold on with tough nosed defense and grit for a very hard fought 53-48 championship win! The Heat was led by Dante Pope with 18 and Jackson Thibeault with 7 points and 13 rebounds. CBC was led by Ben Carroll with 12 and Taeshawn Sanchez with 5 in defeat.

In the 12U Division, two familiar opponents faced off once again as Ct Premier Andre battled against Ct Premier Cappello! Cappello went into the final undefeated and as a slight favorite but the Andre team took control late in the first half and never looked back as they went on to a 55-45 championship win! Team Andre was led by Alex Cocoros with 16 and Trevor Martinez with 15 in the victory. Team Cappello was led in scoring by JR Kislof with 16 and James Urban with 8 in defeat.

In the 11U Division, two familiar foes battled in the championship game as Ct Premier Black faced Ct Premier Clemons. Both teams found pool play to be rather easy as neither team was seriously challenged which made the final even better as these two titans of the 11U basketball world squared up! Although the game started close, the constant relentless pressure put on by the Clemons team proved to be too much for the Black team to handle as the Clemons team went on a 17-2 run midway through the first half on their way to a dominating 66-35 championship victory! The Clemons team was led by Qmir Stovall with 19 and Sean Clemons with 10. The Black team was led by Stephen Kneading with 9 points and Max Udell with 8 in defeat.

In the 10U division, one team stood out among all the rest as they absolutely dominated this division from beginning to end! The Staten Island Stingray put on many clinics, not just one, as they took on an upstart Connecticut Elite Fay team that upset a couple teams on their way to the championship game. As stated before, this Staten Island team was just too good, too big, too fast, too strong, as they cruised to a 49-12 victory. From the very beginning, their relentless ball pressure proved to be too much to handle as they started in a 15-3 run and never looked back! Staten Island had a very balanced attack, led by Qadir Martin with 9 and Timmy Manuelidin with 8. 3 other players also had 7 in the victory. Connecticut Elite Fay was led by CJ Fay with 4 and David Melson with 3 in defeat. These future stars were definitely a pleasure to watch, as their futures are bright in this sport for years to come.