



ELITE SPORTS EVENTS GRASSROOTS CHALLENGE

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Elite Sports Events put on another fantastically competitive event this past weekend in Trumbull, New Haven and Newtown, Connecticut! Teams from all over the Tri state area competed for the title of Champion in the Girls annual basketball tournament, the Grassroots Challenge, 2015 style!

In the Varsity Division, two very competitive and equally talented teams battled for the championship when the Ct Hoopsters took on Playmaker Academy Pumas Elite out of New York! It was a close game throughout with 13 lead changes and neither team leading by more than 6 but the Hoopsters went on a late 6-1 run to hold off a very talented KSK team to win the championship 43-39! The Hoopsters were led by Emma McGuire with 15 and Bella Moffat with 8 for the victory. Maria Scalf led KSK with 15 and Kate Murphy with 11 in defeat.

In the 9th grade Division, the best championship of the weekend took place as the NY Extreme Hoops took on Playmaker Academy Pumas Elite out of New York! This game came down to the wire with both teams battling back and forth all game long and exchanging leads on 14 occasions as these Titans went at it! In the end, it was Extreme that held on by their fingernails to a 50-49 nail biter! Extreme was led by Livy Lipski with 15 and Jackie Perizo with 10 for the big win! The Playmakers were led by Alexis Suarez with a game high 16 and Jaida Patrick with 14 in defeat!

In the 8th grade division, a very dominant Stamford Peace team took on a very hard working Ct Nightmare team. As hard as the Nightmare played, it didn't matter on this day as Stamford went on an early 18-4 run and went on to a very dominating 54-15 championship win! Stamford had a very balanced attack with 3 girls scoring 14 points each. The Nightmare were led by Julianna Bonilla with 7 and three others scored 2 points each.

In the 7th/8th grade Division, there was another close outcome to a very competitive basketball game. The program of the tournament, the Stamford Peace, took on a very good NY Extreme Hoops Red team! This game came down to the wire but Stamford went on a late 4-0 run to seal the deal on a 47-44 championship win! Stamford was led by Summer Klein with 24 points going 14-16 from the line!!! Keira Ferske added 8 for the big win. Extreme was led by Kelly Venezia with 16 and Caitlin Weimer added 8 in defeat.

In the 6th grade Division, House of Sports-Volchok went up against Playmaker Academy Pumas Elite out of New York in a great battle between two very good teams. These teams went back and forth for a majority of the first half but in the second half, HOS went on a 13-2 run to runaway with the championship, 48-32! HOS was led in scoring by Kayla Halverson with a game high 19 and Melanie Dailey with 12 for the victors. The Pumas were led by Ava Learn with 12 and Samantha Fisher with 6 in defeat.

In the 5th/4th grade division, the youngest division of the weekend took place and these young girls put on an amazingly fantastic show as they entertained the crowd the entire game! The Connecticut Nightmare went up against House of Sports from NY. These game was such a pleasure to watch as these teams played so hard. In the end, it was the Nightmare that prevailed and went on to a 23-14 championship. The Nightmare was led by Amya Sanders with a game high 8 and Anijoh Thomas added 4 in the victory. HOS was led by Alison McIver and Kayla Daley with 3 points each in defeat.