

## West: Week One Results

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Two evenly matched teams in MKA-NY and SWAT battled it out to start the day off. It was back-and-forth throughout most of the game until SWAT, with the help of new addition Sedjo (formerly of Dynasty), managed to fast-break its way to a close victory. Both teams have plenty of new faces from last year who are contributing in big ways.

Game two started with the HUMANS absolutely dominating Strong Island to the tune of a 20-3 lead to start the game. SI was completely lost offensively and could not find a way to break the HUMANS' suffocating zone until late in the 1st half. They slowly chipped away and in the second half, SI completely turned the tables on the HUMANS and were in the driver's seat in terms of forcing turnovers and momentum. The HUMANS, down 2 with five seconds left, had a good look which rimmed out to end the game.

Game three was a blowout from start to finish with Strictly Biz taking care of business against the undersized and over-matched Rukus team. The Rukus lone big man, out for the season, was their only hope to match up with a bigger team like SB. Rukus goes back to the drawing board. The other blowout of the day was Hitmen vs. the Red Jaguars. Hitmen ran a clinic and destroyed the hapless Jaguars by 30 points. The refs kept asking if there was a mercy rule.

The Titans vs. Ravens game was similar to the Strong Island vs. HUMANS game except with a twist. Titans led the Ravens by 25+ points in the first half but somehow the Ravens, who looked awful in the 1st half, managed to chip away with hustle and big three's in the 2nd half to actually tie the game with seconds left. An ill-advised foul by a Ravens player with 5-seconds left in the tie game send T. Job to the line where he was able to hit 1 of 2 free throws. The Ravens last second fade-away rimmed out, preventing them from completing what would have been one of the best comebacks of all time.

The 'Ballers vs. Panthers game was a back-and-forth affair with high playoff-intensity basketball being played from start to finish. The Panthers took an early lead, but the 'Ballers' patented resolve and experience helped them take the lead back and build on it. Defense and timely baskets helped 'Ballers build a 10-point lead with two minutes left, but Panthers somehow managed to cut it back down to two with seconds left. The Ballers made their free throws, however, to ice the game.