

Hulkamaniacs Match Review - Camels

Line-up: Phil C, Ross, Jayson, Beau, Murray, Luke, Adam (visit [player stats](#))

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Hulkamaniacs dispose of Camels hoodoo, make it 4 straight wins.

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In a strong showing last Wednesday night, the Hulkamaniacs not only halted a 3-game losing streak to the Camels, but also made it four consecutive wins for the season - launching the team to the top of the division 2 standings after 5 rounds.

And in a sparkling return to vintage form after a quiet game last week, Phil C single-handedly led the Hulkamaniacs from the front, hitting on 17 points for the night including 14 points all in the first half.

Despite a tentative start by both sides, the first half belonged to the Hulkamaniacs.

But as mentioned, it was Phil C who led the way and got things rolling, with 14 of the Hulkamaniacs first 15 points in the first half, with Luke providing some support with 5 points. Adam and Jay also contributed offensively in the first half, which saw the Hulkamaniacs establish a lead they would not relinquish.

By the half, on the back of Phil C's hot shooting coupled with a late start and uniform penalty against the Camels, the Hulkamaniacs had a healthy 16 point lead, 32-16.

Having dropped their past 3 games against the Camels, including a heart breaking elimination final loss last season, the Hulkamaniacs were determined not to let another game slip to their rivals.

Despite enjoying a 16 point half-time lead, the Hulkamaniacs knew the Camels were capable of scoring and at times, scoring very quickly.

And as expected, at the start of the second half, the Camels surged with consecutive baskets to bridge the gap to almost single digits - and suddenly it was a danger period for the Hulkamaniacs, despite controlling the match to that point.

However, the lead of the Hulkamaniacs was never seriously threatened, as Beau and Jayson got involved offensively to keep the margin above 10 points and putting the game in safe keeping for their team. Phil C added to his scoring tally, continuing his solid night on both ends of the court, whilst Murray and Adam added further to the Hulkamaniacs total, ensuring another impressive victory was the end result.

After absorbing an initial, yet not unexpected, Camels surge at the start of the second half, the half ended as a low scoring scrap between two teams seemingly headed in different directions, for this season at least.

The final score was 45-28.

Leading scorers for the Hulkamaniacs were Phil C with 17 points (an outstanding all-round game), whilst the rest of the scoring load was shared between Jayson, Beau, Adam and Luke who had 5

points each, with Murray also getting on the board with 1 point.

Next time out, the Hulkamaniacs will try and make it 5 wins in a row for the season, taking on the Hornets at 9:20pm on court 1.

The Hulkamaniacs carry a 5-game winning streak against the Hornets into the match, so the expectations by many will be for a comfortable Hulkamaniacs victory. However, the Hornets have shown some improvement this season, and may be more of a test than many division 2 "insiders" may think.

Should be a great game, see you there.

- Luke

Last weeks Hulkamaniacs Poll results:

Q: What team stands between the Hulkamaniacs and a possible first ever championship?

A: Throwbacks (4 votes), Camels (2 votes).

Game notes

This is the Hulkamaniacs fourth straight win for the season, after an opening round loss to the Throwbacks... Tonight's win also ends a 3-game losing streak at the hands of the Camels... The Hulkamaniacs currently sit atop the division 2 standings for the first time since round 9 of the 2003/04 season... Tonight's game marks the 23rd consecutive match that the Hulkamaniacs have kept their opponents to under 50 points... Phil C becomes the first player to break the 600 point barrier over his career, achieving that feat in just 48 games, at an average of 12.7 points per outing... Adam is just 13 points away from 600 points, currently sitting on 587 points having played 66 career games... Tonight was Adam's first game back following an 8 week suspension... Ross played his 5th career Hulkamaniacs game tonight, therefore qualifying for a possible finals campaign later this season... The Camels have been replaced in division 2 by "The Saints"... See the [Records](#) and [Player Stats](#) sections for more.

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