

## Hulkamaniacs Match Review - Dwarfz

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

Semi-final, 2004/05 Summer Season

Wednesday, 23rd March 2005

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Hulkamaniacs advance to first Grand Final, defeat Dwarfz by 19 points.

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The Hulkamaniacs have bounced back and now move directly into next week's Division 2 Men's Grand Final, following a convincing 19-point victory against the Dwarfz on Wednesday night.

With a [recent encounter with the Dwarfz](#) fresh in their minds (a game which saw their opponents jump to an early lead before pegging them back late in the second half), the Hulkamaniacs needed to be switched on from the outset - with both sides getting off to a cautious start.

The Hulkamaniacs looked the more dangerous team however, despite the slow start, missing on a number of opportunities and open shots. Some great teamwork resulted in Beau sinking the Hulkamaniacs first field goal from 15 feet, but the Dwarfz had the quick response, with a 3 point play giving the underdogs an early lead.

Adam and Ross entered the line-up and provided a spark immediately, with Ross converting on a fast break basket (assisted by Adam), followed soon after by a fast break to Murray (assisted by Phil C), and finally the Hulkamaniacs were off and running. A 3-point basket from the baseline from Phil C, followed quickly by a 3-point play conversion down low by the same player, extended the lead to 12-3 in favour of the Hulkamaniacs.

Adam was next to get into the scoring action by hitting a circus shot in the paint, more than making up for a turnover minutes earlier which lead to the Dwarfz second basket of the night. Beau continued his solid night, with a 3-point play of his own to make the Hulkamaniacs lead 10 points nearing half time.

A 3-point field goal from Luke and another fast break basket from Beau finished off a competitive half for the Hulkamaniacs, finishing with a solid and well-deserved lead of 14 points - 22-8.

Despite the Dwarfz switching to a man-on-man defence after half time, the Hulkamaniacs were not fazed. Murray got on the board with a patented mid-range field goal at the start of the second half, before a couple of field goals from likely 2004/05 MVP Phil C - courtesy of some great assists from Ross and Murray - extended the lead to 16 points.

To their credit, the Dwarfz made a charge midway through the second half, sinking two 3-point field goals in succession, with a further field goal soon after bringing the lead back to 10 points, giving the Hulkamaniacs something to think about at a dangerous time in the game.

However, the Hulkamaniacs leading scorers throughout season 2004/05 - Phil C and Beau - steadied the ship, with Beau firstly converting a lay-up whilst being fouled in the process, and then Phil C finishing off one of the plays of the season just minutes later, when Adam rejected a Dwarfz shot attempt, before hurling the ball 60 feet to Beau who then skip passed to Phil C who finished, sealing a great win for the Hulkamaniacs.

It was all about defence for the Hulkamaniacs, with Phil S characteristically leading by example throughout the match and playing a blinder - providing further proof that good defence makes for good offence - a trademark of the Hulkamaniacs franchise.

Adam capped off a solid all-round night for himself as well as the team, with his own 3-point play in the final seconds.

The final score was 41 to 22.

Leading scorers for the Hulkamaniacs were Phil C with 18, Beau 9, Adam 5, Murray 4, Luke 3 and Ross 2.

After two agonising first round finals losses (in seasons 2003/04 and 2004), tonight's victory was long overdue - and finally, the Hulkamaniacs are set to possibly capitalise on 4, almost 5, seasons of hard work and preparation with a premiership win.

Their opponents will be the Mustangs, who defeated the Pre Mix King comfortably in Wednesday's other final. It shapes as an intriguing match-up, as [past meetings](#) between the teams have been anything but boring. Make no mistake, both teams will be hell-bent on securing the Division 2 title, with bragging rights on the line for the victor.

Don't miss it. The match is at 7:00pm, on court 2 this Wednesday 30th March 2005.

MVP Standings: Phil C (73.0), Beau (56.0), Murray (39.0), Luke (35.0), Ross (34.5), Adam (29.5), Jayson (19.5), Phil S (14.0).

- Luke


### Hulkamaniacs Website Poll

Will the Hulkamaniacs win the 2004/05 Division 2 title?

Yes

No

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Last weeks Hulkamaniacs Poll results:

Q: What aspect of last weeks match against the Mustangs let the Hulkamaniacs down the most?

A: A bit of everything (3 votes), Attitude (2 votes), Offense, Defense, Rebounding, Hustle (1 vote each).

**Game notes.**

Tonight was the Hulkamaniacs first finals victory, following defeats in 2003/04 against Phoenix and 2004 against the Camels... Phil C is the Hulkamaniacs all-time scoring leader

In post-season play, with 34 from his 3 finals so far... Luke scored his 500th point all-time for the Hulkamaniacs on his 14th 3-point field goal for the season, becoming the third player to do so behind Adam and Phil C... Beau is sitting on 429 points all-time and could join the "500-club" next season... Ross could score his 50th point for the Hulkamaniacs in Wednesday's grand final... Tonight was Murray's 40th game with the Hulkamaniacs all-time - he is sitting 6th in games played all-time with the franchise... See the [Records](#) and [Player Stats](#) sections for more.

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