

# Team Ramrod rolls; Retirement Squad squeaks by

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Team Ramrod has been the most impressive team during the first week and a half of play. With blowouts over Chi Phi in the pre-season and defending Recreation Champions, Dehavens in the regular season opener, Team Ramrod has made a statement to the league.

Ramrod quickly grabbed control of the

its ability to overcome adversity when it came back from a small deficit late in the second half, forcing the game into overtime, where they pulled off the victory.

## Games To Watch

(10) Nuggets vs. (6) Detox 9:30 p.m. today  
(2) Shaolyn vs. Dehavens 10:30 p.m. Sun.  
Surprise Me vs (7) Dub Mafia 8:30 p.m. Mon.  
(2) Shaolyn vs (9) Hardwood Classics 10:30 p.m. Sun.

game against the Dehavens, starting with a 12-3 run, making three straight 3-pointers. Team Ramrod was led by shooting guard, James Baker's, eight 3-pointers and eventual 28 points in the rout. With three of the six teams in Ramrod's division in the Top 10, Ramrod will have to continue to prove itself with games ahead against four-time defending champions, Shaolyn Warriors and a scrappy no. 9 Hardwood Classics team.

The Retirement Squad began the pre-season with a scare in an overtime victory over Detox. The Retirement Squad then showed

On Monday, The Retirement Squad showed flashes of its brilliance and its weaknesses in a not so easy 57-48 win over Stankonia. The Retirement Squad jumped out to a 25 point lead in the first half but let it slip down to two points with five



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Team Ramrod's James Baker shoots a 3-pointer over Dehaven's guard Justin Sullivan. Baker made eight 3-pointers in the 66-46 win for Ramrod.

minutes to play in the game. The experienced squad would eventually take the game, making clutch baskets and free throws down the stretch.

It took a buzzer beater for No. 5 Primetime to win in nail-biting fashion on Tuesday over the Nuggets. With four seconds to play, Nuggets guard Tim Swiderski hit a 3-pointer to give the Nuggets a one-point lead. After a timeout, Steve Nelson hit an eight-footer off the glass with time expiring to propel Primetime over the Nuggets 56-55. The game was filled with lead changes as neither team went ahead by more than five points in the second half.

## TOP TEN AT A GLANCE

- 1 (1). **Retirement Squad (1-0)**  
W 57-48 v. Stankonia
- 2 (3). **Shaolyn Warriors (1-0)**  
W 60-40 v. Shockers
- 3 (5). **Team Ramrod (1-0)**  
W 66-46 v. Dehavens
- 4 (4). **Say What (1-0)**  
W 71-69 (OT) v. Surprise Me
- 5 (2). **Primetime (1-0)**  
W 56-55 v. Nuggets
- 6 (NR). **Detox (1-0)**  
W 69-39 v. Undeclared
- 7 (NR). **Dub Mafia (1-0)**  
W 60-48 v. Beach Bums Unfortunately
- 8 (NR). **Good Ole Boys (1-0)**  
W 51-21 v. Team Diesel
- 9 (NR). **Hardwood Classics (1-0)**  
W 45-20 v. Aftermath
- 10 (8). **Nuggets (0-1)**  
W 55-56 v. Primetime

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