

Mansfield Giants v Doncaster Eagles

At EIS Sheffield

Match Report 20 May 2007
From Ian Richards

A huge following of Mansfield Giants fans gathered to see their team lift the Three Counties Cup at the home and Head Quarters on England Basketball, the English Institute of Sport (EIS) Sheffield late Sunday afternoon.

After allowing Doncaster Eagles to take the lead and go 2 up the Giants hit back as Renton hit a two inside the paint quickly followed by Jagede (AJ) with a 3 pointer from the perimeter. The second minute of game brought the Eagles within 1 but that was the last time the Doncaster outfit would come close to the Giants as Renton again scored and Richards took 5 without reply to stretch the early lead to 12-4. By the end of the 1st qtr the Giants were up 20-13.

At the start of the second period the Eagles came out strong to claw back 4 points before the Giants big man duo of Renton and Adorian strung together 12 points between them to show complete dominance inside the paint. As the Doncaster defence collapsed around the two big men, this opened the door for Richards, Collins and Griffith to hit their shots to stretch the lead to 42-27 at the half.

The third qtr saw the Giants take total command of the game as the Giants outscored their opponents by 32-8. This came about as Coach Martin Richardson changed his tactics and put out a quick and athletic team and informed them to put a big 2-3 zone on the floor enabling the Giants to steel the ball time after time and get the Giants transition game going. Former Giants junior player Jonathan Pedley (now with Doncaster) was the last Doncaster player to score in the 7th minute as the Giants piled on a further 18 points. Rubbing salt into the wound, 6'5" forward Ben Coy hitting a running 3 point from 2mtrs outside the 3 point arc to take the Giants lead to 74-35 at the end of the third qtr.

The 4th saw the Mansfield team rip the heart out of the Eagles with Cubbin hitting another "3" to end an 8 point rout before Doncaster could reply through points from Ellis, Moses, Goodwin and again Pedley as they tried to stem the flow of points from the Giants who had led from the 2nd minute into the game.

The final score line ended Doncaster Eagles 49 – Mansfield Giants 96.

Scores for Giants: Renton 26, Richards 21, Cubbin 9, A.J. & Collins 8 each, Coy 7, Griffith 6, Adorian 5, Giliga 4, Bednaski 2, Haase DNP.

Scorer for Eagles: Pedley 13, Ellis 11, Moses/Martin/Goodwin 7 each, Davis 1.

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Family Learning (Basketball)

Adults and their Children are invited to take part in a FREE Basketball session to be held at Peafield Lane Primary School, Litton Rd Mansfield Woodhouse on Wednesday 23rd May 2007. The 2 hour event is open to all Adults and their children and starts at 6pm and ends at 8pm. People attending the course will get the opportunity to learn new skills, basic rules of the game of Basketball and play games. This is an ideal opportunity to have fun and meet new people.

Anyone wishing to attend should turn up in suitable clothing and footwear to participate in sport and contact Ian Richards on 01623 650770 before the evenings event.