

Basketball One-On-One Tourney

Since the basketball game came out, it was only natural to expect something from readers similar to the home run hitting contests and field goal kicking contests that earlier appeared on the pages of the Review.

So along comes Steve Inkles, of Port Jefferson Station, NY, with the results of a 64-player one-on-one basketball tournament, similar to that conducted at halftime of the televised NBA games.

Here's what happened in that first one-on-one tourney:

The first round featured some interesting pairings as well as exciting action as John Havlicek slowed the bigger Elvin Hayes, ousting him, 20-14; Mike Riorden stunned Pistol Pete Maravich in overtime, 23-18; Elmore Smith upset MVP Dave Cowens, 25-21; and, in what turned out to be the most exciting game, Cazzie Russell finally beat Austin Carr, 32-27.

Other first round matchups saw league scoring leader Nate Archibald bow out to Bobby Dandridge, 21-16; Neal Walk prove too tall for Jerry West, 22-18; Tom VanArsdale beat brother Dick, 20-11; big Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, after a tough tussle, finally edge Spencer Haywood, 22-18; Jeff Mullins whip Oscar Robertson, 25-20; Nate Thurmond overpower Earl Monroe, 20-14; Dennis Awtry fell Curtis Rowe, 23-18; and Calvin Murphy [the small of the NBA] succumb to Wilt Chamberlain [the tall] and his inside game, 20-6.

HAVLICEK OUSTED

In the second round, unsung Mike Riorden prevailed again, this time ambushing Havlicek, 22-18. Other contests saw Walt Bellamy whip Atlanta teammate Lou Hudson in a thriller, 28-24; Lenny Wilkens smash Chet Walker, 20-9; Barry foil teammate Cazzie Russell, 20-6; Gail Goodrich stun Sidney Wicks, 26-22; Tom VanArsdale knock off Charlie Scott, 20-10; Jeff Mullins upset big Connie Hawkins, 20-13; Wes Unseld edged Nate Thurmond in a battle of the giants, 33-28; Awtry continued his winning ways against Don Chaney, 20-6; and Walt Frazier edged teammate Dave DeBusschere in a cold-shooting game, 28-23.

CENTERS DOMINATE

The big guys took over in the third round as Bellamy forced Riorden to the sidelines, 20-8; Elmore Smith overcame Wilkens' outside shooting, 23-19; ice-cold Rick Barry was bounced by Bob Lanier, 21-8; Kareem put away Gail Goodrich, 21-7; Mullins downed VanArsdale, 20-16; Unseld, in early foul trouble, bid a farewell as he was ousted by Awtry, 21-10; Wilt overpowered Frazier, 22-17; and Jerry Lucas turned back Jack Marin, 20-14.

In the quarter-finals, Bellamy continued to roll, defeating Elmore Smith, 21-15; Jabbar edged Lanier in a great matchup, 20-16, after Lanier had gone outside with his shooting guns and almost pulled off an upset; Awtry continued to lift eyebrows by ousting the last of the little men, Mullins, 20-12; and Chamberlain beat Lucas, 20-15. Now, only centers were left.

JABBAR VS. CHAMBERLAIN

In the semifinals, Bellamy surprised by staking out a 19-12 lead over Jabbar, but couldn't connect on the clincher and finally lost, 26-21. Awtry stayed close all the way in the other semifinals before Wilt pulled out a 26-22 victory.

The super showdown between the giants of the NBA turned out to be more one-sided than you would expect as Chamberlain, after sliding ahead, 9-8, turned it on and ran his point lead to 19-14 and then finished off Jabbar with a hook shot.

Wilt Chamberlain is No. 1 again after fighting off the challenge of a younger and equally as tall foe.

And that's the way it was in the first Strat-O-Matic one-on-one NBA tournament.

[3] For passing situations spin the two red dice. If the result is 9-11, refer to the Opponent Defensive Turnover Rating. If result is 2-8, 12, roll a red and a white die (read red die first) and refer to following chart:

11-LG to AG	31-AG to AF	51-AF to LG
12-LG to AG	32-AG to AF	52-AF to LG
13-LG to C	33- C to LG	53-AF to AG
14-LG to LF	34- C to AG	54-AF to AG
15-LG to AF	35- C to LF	55-AF to C
16-LG to AF	36- C to LF	56-AF to LF
21-AG to LG	41- C to AF	61-66--roll dice again
22-AG to LG	42-LF to LF	
23-AG to C	43-LF to AG	
24-AG to C	44-LF to C	
25-AG to LF	45-LF to C	
28-AG to LF	46-LF to AF	