



Game 1 between the All Stars and the Cavs came to a close end on the weekend, the Cavs taking the early lead in the series by 6. With game 1 taking place at the All Stars home court, which we are sure was packed to the rafters, the Cavs did well to push through for the win. But now all the pressure is on the All Stars. They have to force this series into a game 3 and in order to do so, must win on Cavs home court. And if the All Stars crowd was huge, just wait until Saturday night.

Let's spend some time going through what was a great game 1 in this YL2M grand final series. The first points of the game went to the Cavs Nathan Dodgson thus kick starting the Cavs early lead in the game. The All Stars may have had to shake off a few nervous twitches before getting on the board but did so in due time. Unfortunately for them though, the Cavs had already made a decent dint in the scoreline and led by 5 at the first break.

As the 2nd quarter got underway, there was no wasting time for the Cavs Jordan Gooiker, nailing a 3 point shot within 5 seconds of the quarter starting. From here on out, there seemed to be a lot of toing and froing, both teams taking it in turns to score. With this being the case, the All Stars had no opportunity to minimise the margin, the Cavs only extending their lead. By half time, they led by 11.

With a full half now under their belts, the All Stars were raring to go as the 3rd quarter got underway. And if you are one to follow patterns, you would have noticed that the team that scores first seems to win the quarter. And with this being said, the All Stars Deng Dut hit the first shot to kick off of the 3rd.

Half way through the 3rd quarter, the All Stars had already cut the margin down by more than half and were within 5 points reach of the Cavs. With 4 minutes remaining, the game was tied at 46 a piece, the Cavs now beginning to panic. Once again the scores began to jump from one to the other, but at quarters end, the Cavs managed to hold onto their lead but now it was only by 4.

With one quarter left to go, the game was still up for grabs. 4 points is by all means a small margin, one that is quite attainable, especially for the All Stars. This final quarter was tight to say the least. The lead swapped and changed and there is no doubt in our minds that the crowd at Collingwood would have been playing a massive part in the game at this point in particular. After only a minute and a half of play down, the scores were already level. And only a few seconds after that, the All Stars had taken the lead. From this point on, the lead swapped so much it was almost hard to follow. But with 2.24 left on the clock, the Cavs were back up to their 4 point lead. It was then 6 with less than a minute remaining and that was where it ended.

Game stats:

Jordan Gooiker – 30 points, 7 boards, 3 assists and 3 steals

Mitchell Gooiker – 10 points and 16 boards

Deng Dut – 27 points

Noah Lacey – 16 points

Machar Mayor – 14 boards

Keep an eye out for the times of game 2 and possibly 3 on the Big V website.

Casey defeated **Collingwood** (78-72)



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