

PRESS RELEASE



GOLD EARNED A 116-111 WIN OVER THE OSCEOLA MAGIC

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (Jan. 7, 2024) – In a hard fought battle for both teams, the Grand Rapids Gold (5-1) earned their 116-111 win over the Osceola Magic (1-2). The game remained closely contested throughout all four quarters, but the Gold was able to extend their lead by as much as 15 points. The Gold had impressive long range shooting making 40.9% beyond the arc compared to just 29.4% for the Magic. The Gold also took advantage of the 17 turnovers by the Magic which cost them a total of 26 points.

The entire starting lineup for the Gold put on a show tonight with them all recording points in the double digits. Jalen Pickett had an impressive triple-double with 18 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Zak Irvin had a double-double with 17 points, 12 rebounds and 7 assists. Hunter Tyson led the team in points with 30 and had 8 rebounds and 3 assists. Other notable performances for the Gold include Au'Diese Toney with 19 points, 6 rebounds and 2 steals and Andrew Funk with 16 points and 4 assists.

Kevon Harris had an impactful performance off the bench for the Magic recording a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Daeqwon Plowden led the Magic in points with 22, 3 blocks and 2 rebounds. Mac McClung was also one of their high-scorers with 21 points. Other players in the double digits include DJ Wilson (17pts) and Jett Howard (13 pts).

The Grand Rapids Gold will face the Mexico City Capitanes in Mexico City on Wednesday January 10th at 9:00 p.m. EST. Fans can catch the live action on ESPN+.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Full Game](#)

[Box Score](#)

[Hunter Tyson](#) (30 pts)

[Au'Diese Toney](#) (19 pts)

[Jalen Pickett](#) (18 pts)

[Zak Irvin](#) (17 pts)

[Andrew Funk](#) (16 pts)

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About the NBA G League

The NBA's official minor league, the NBA G League prepares players, coaches, officials, training and front-office staff for the NBA while acting as the league's research and development laboratory. Featuring 30 teams, 28 with direct affiliations to NBA franchises for 2023-23, the league offers elite professional basketball at an affordable price in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. A record 47 percent of

all players on 2022-23 NBA opening night rosters boasted NBA G League experience. In fostering the league's connection to the community, its teams, players and staff promote health and wellness, support local needs and interests, and assist in educational development through NBA Cares programs.

About the Grand Rapids Gold

The Grand Rapids Gold are a member of the NBA G League and affiliated with the Denver Nuggets. The organization is committed to providing an elite level of basketball to the West Michigan community, while also investing in and contributing to the West Michigan community. The team is owned by SSJ Group LLC. For more information about the organization, visit www.nbagranderapids.com and follow the team on its social media channels.

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