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Thank you so much for your generous support to the Palm Bay Youth Basketball Association B9-10 Division.

The 2010-2011 season has ended, although the season started out rough with some bumps and bruises along the way, overall we had a great season. This year's division consisted of six (6) teams with a minimum of seven (7) players to maximum of ten (10), to allow kids that were on the waiting list an opportunity to play. All games were played at SWMS.

Boys in the age group 9-10 years of age received personalized instruction on individual skill development such as; passing, footwork drills, rebounding, shooting as well as teamwork. Our goal is to allow players the opportunity to make enormous strides in their game in a short period. Our purpose is to stress repetition and fundamentals in order for players to make the most improvement possible during the season. Development will come through drills, lectures and competition with other teams. My overall objective this year was to emphasize what I call the three "F's" of basketball – Fundamental, Fun and Friendship.

Fundamentals- each kid receiving personalized instruction on individual basketball skills such as: passing, dribbling, rebounding, and shooting. Along with learning the fundamentals, teaching each kids the do's and don'ts of basketball and that basketball is a team sport.

Fun- Encourage the kids to come out each game and have **fun**; although basketball is competitive it is also about teamwork and having a great time.

Friendship – While being competitive, learning the fundamentals and having fun help build lasting friendships amongst the youth of tomorrow.

I would like to take this time to say "THANKS" to all the parents, sponsors and individuals that made this season a success. A "**Special Thanks**" goes out to my coaches:

- Jazz – Stephen Cox
- Lakers – Naren Dwarka
- Heat – Spiro Kollanda
- Magic – LaToya Bell

- Celtics – Robert Centeio
- Suns - Dennis Leto

Without your support, this season would not have been a success, once again thanks for your time, effort, and dedication to providing the kids the fundamentals of basketball.

As I mentioned earlier the season did not go without its bumps and bruises, but we were able to pull it all together for a fun filled season. The final standings for the 2010-2011 season was:

1. Jazz 9-1
2. Lakers 8-2
2. Heat 7-3
3. Magic 4-6
4. Celtics 2-8
5. Suns 0-10

The playoff picture going onto the final was as follows:

Semi Finals Game #1	Semi Finals Game #2	Final
Jazz Vs Magic	Lakers vs. Heat	Jazz vs. Lakers

The overall winner for the 2010-2011 B9-10 Age Group - **Jazz**

The team consisted of the following players:

• ANTHONY AVILA	• JORDAN MARTIN
• BRODY BOYER	• JOHN MAY
• NATHAN COX	• BRANDON RIOS
• JOSHUA LAGUERRE	• GRAYSON VINCENT
• JASON MARTIN	

Along with learning the fundamentals of basketball, sportsmanship was a key contributor in their learning. Each coach was asked to provide the name of a player on the team that demonstrated the most “Most Sportsmanship’ for his team, the selectees were

- Jazz – Grayson Vincent
- Lakers – Giovanni Crooks

- Heat – Jacob Crowe
- Magic – Renal Gaspard (RJ)
- Celtics – Lino Odenat
- Suns - Ben Kaufmann

The overall individual selected for the “**Most Sportsmanship**” for the Boy’s 9-10 Year Age Group was - **Lino Odenat** (Celtics)

With the pros are the cons. There was not enough support with timekeeping and scorekeeping. I am asking each parent to look into devoting a few minutes of his or her time to help the division and their kid’s team by volunteering as a timekeeper or scorekeeper for their respective team. The regulation states each team will provide a timekeeper or a scorekeeper, or the game will be forfeited, because I am here for the kids this season, I asked my family to support my efforts and provide support as timekeeper and scorekeeper for the teams that could not provide one. I am not sure the situation will be the same next year with my kids getting older and other obligations.

In closing, with the generous support of people like you, the divisions kicked off and finished a great basketball season and I look forward to working with each one of you in the near future.

For more information on how you can volunteer and help to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to visit our Web site at <http://www.pbyba.com/> or if you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Mark Tanski for details (321-725-9254).

You can also find information there on our upcoming events for this year and volunteer opportunities.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

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