

CCSE Scrambles to Bag 4th Straight Championship

The champion culture continues for College of Computer Studies & Engineering with their 4-peat run, denying the College Radtech on a 1-game win-all ending to Lorma Cup 2k15 Basketball tourney, 60-49.

At tip-off, CCSE were up-and-running, posting a 17-4 run lead by team captain Xeo Abaigar, 10 points, to set the momentum at their side. 1st quarter ended with a 21-9 rout from the champs.

The tide shifted in quarter number 2 with the retaliation from the RT's. A 15-0 run, via 3-point barrage courtesy of Bueno, gave them the lead at 24-21. CRT out-scored CCSE, 20-6. The quarter ended, 27-29.

As Radtech looked to capitalize on their new found momentum, CCSE countered with their 2 pointguard setup of Flores and Castañeda, leading to a run-and-gun offense to regain the lead. CRT proved to be a tough rebounding team, preventing further bleeding at quarter number 3's end, 44-37, CCSE on top.

4th Quarter Story: Mike Hermosura happened. The wing-man off the bench drained 2 big treys, carving the will out of Radtech's heart, pushing the lead to double digits, as CCSE never turned their backs from then on, finishing their tilt with a final score of 60-49.

Quotable:

Veteran CCSE Bigman Clarence Escobar on his rare Four-Ringed Career: "Sa last game ko dito sa Lorma, masaya akong ga-graduate bilang champion sa 4 na taon, kaya talagang sulit." Abaigar, team captain, on CCSE's continuing legacy: "Masaya. Yung feeling na proud na proud ako sa team, kasi kahit na wala na sila (Ablao, Pimentel, Corpuz)... nagtiwala parin sila sa amin na maka-4peat." As to their foe: "Sa Radtech nahirapan talaga kami, lalo na sa 2nd quarter nung puro pasok mga tres nila, kaya kinabahan din kami," and to CMA's failure to reach the finals: "Hindi ko rin in-expect nung natalo sila sa Radtech. Bawi nalang sila next year."

Tip-ins:

We're talking about runs, and CCSE has been undefeated for the last 4 years. (Better than GSW's 27-0 this season)

Meanwhile, one of the top-seeded teams early on, CMA Blacksmiths settled to a 3rd place finish after routing CON, 69-61.

Game Stats:

CCSE Top scorers:

Abaigar, 15pts. Hermosura, 11pts. Ignacio, 10pts. Escobar, 6pts. Castañeda, 6pts. Flores, 6pts.

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CRT Top scorers:

Guiang, 14pts. Bueno, 11pts. Rivera, 10pts. Luna, 10pts.