

PTL preview: 7/10/2011 games

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Here's a rundown of what Iowa basketball fans can expect Sunday afternoon with the Prime Time League, which takes place at the North Liberty Community Center:

Falbo Bros Pizza/Culver's of Coralville (3-2) vs. Iowa City Ready Mix/Vinton Merchants (2-3)

3 p.m., Roberts Gym (New Gym)

Not only will Falbo/Culver's be looking to bounce back from a rough 121-114 loss in overtime on July 5 to Coach's Corner/Two Rivers Bank & Trust, but payback will be on its mind Sunday afternoon against Ready Mix/Merchants.

Despite not having either senior guard Bryce Cartwright or freshman forward Gabe Olaseni on hand, Ready Mix/Merchants cruised to an easy 96-65 win on June 19 over a short-handed Falbo/Culver's squad missing the likes of senior guard Matt Gatens and sophomore forward Melsahn Basabe. The lone Hawkeye to play in these teams' first meeting was freshman forward Aaron White, who had 18 points and nine rebounds for Falbo/Culver's in the losing effort.

While Falbo/Culver's tries to avoid a second straight loss that featured a 36-point, 20-rebound effort from Basabe, Ready Mix/Merchants seeks its second consecutive win after snapping a three-game losing streak on July 5 in a 88-76 victory over Monica's/L.L. Pelling Company. In that contest, Ready Mix/Merchants got its best performance of the summer from Olaseni, who had 10 points and seven rebounds, while Cartwright came away with 21 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.

Coach's Corner/Two Rivers Bank & Trust (5-0) vs. Jill Armstrong of Lepic-Kroeger Realtors (2-3)

3 p.m., Jones Gym (Old Gym)

This will be the second meeting of the summer between these two teams. Corner/Rivers took the first game, 100-91, and has been on a roll since that point. After pulling off an incredible 121-114 win over Falbo/Culver's on July 5, Corner/Rivers remains the only unbeaten team in the PTL this summer at 5-0.

Anthony Hubbard comes into this game off a 36-point performance in his team's overtime victory and finished with 26 points and 13 rebounds in Corner/Rivers' first meeting against Jill Armstrong this summer.

As for Jill Armstrong, it enters Sunday's game stinging from an 86-72 loss to McCurry's/Mike Gatens Real Estate on July 5 and with a 2-3 record. Sophomore forward Zach McCabe finished with 16 points and nine rebounds in last week's action, but was virtually non-existent in Jill Armstrong's first contest with Corner/Rivers.

With a win Sunday, Corner/Rivers would lock up the top seed in the PTL playoffs, which are set to begin July 17.

Monica's/L.L. Pelling Company (1-4) vs. McCurry's/Mike Gatens Real Estate (2-3)

4:30 p.m., Roberts Gym (New Gym)

Although Monica's/Pelling comes into Sunday's game on a four-game losing streak, its lone PTL win this summer did come on June 19 against McCurry's/Gatens.

In that 100-88 victory, sophomore guard Devyn Marble had 32 points for Monica's/Pelling, and senior forward Devon Archie, who was the third overall pick in the PTL draft earlier this summer, finished with 14 points. Last week, Archie was not

available and Marble had 33 points on 15-of-30 shooting in a 88-76 loss to Ready Mix/Merchants.

As for McCurry's/Gatens, it received a major boost last week as senior forward Andrew Brommer was able to suit up for the first time this summer and contribute nine points and three rebounds in an 86-72 win over Jill Armstrong. In the aforementioned loss to Monica's/Pelling, junior Eric May had 24 points and freshman guard Josh Oglesby came away with 10 points. Oglesby had a team-high 18 points for McCurry's/Gatens on July 5, while May is coming off a 10-point performance himself.

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