

PTL preview: 7/8/2012 games

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Here's a rundown of what Iowa basketball fans can expect Sunday afternoon with the two Prime Time League games taking place inside the Jones Gym at the North Liberty Community Center:

Culver's/Iowa City Ready Mix (0-3) vs. L.L. Pelling Company/McCurry's (2-1), 3 p.m.

Both of Sunday's contests are rematches from the PTL's first evening. The afternoon's first game features a Pelling/McCurry's squad currently tied for first place after a convincing 98-84 win last week over the league's lone unbeaten, while Culver's/Ready Mix still seeks its first victory of the summer after losing its game last week 109-94.

Pelling/McCurry's won the first meeting between these teams on June 19, 97-94, and did so despite not having junior guard Devyn Marble available for the first half due to class. Marble still went on to have 15 points in that game, and is coming off a performance last week where he had 14 points, five rebounds and four assists. Meanwhile, sophomore forward Gabe Olaseni looks to continue his improved play this summer after scoring 20 points on 9-of-15 shooting and grabbing seven rebounds last week.

As for Culver's/Ready Mix, it will be looking for another dominating outing Sunday from sophomore forward Aaron White, who had a double-double of 40 points and 16 rebounds the last time these teams met. Also performing well in that contest was senior forward Eric May, who had 21 points on 10-of-16 shooting. Last week, May finished with 17 points and six rebounds and incoming freshman guard Anthony Clemmons had

eight points.

Another name worth mentioning is incoming freshman Kyle Meyer. The 6-10 forward was “traded” to Culver’s/Ready Mix before its game last week and proceeded to finish with 14 points and 12 rebounds in that contest.

Jill Armstrong of Skogman Realty (2-1) vs. Vinton Merchants/Mike Gatens Real Estate (2-1), 4:30 p.m.

The second game features a pair of teams currently tied for first place along with Pelling/McCurry’s. Merchants/Gatens won the first meeting between these squads 93-89 back on June 19, but comes off its first loss of the summer last week while Armstrong/Skogman enters on a two-game winning streak.

Once again, the spotlight will be on a pair of incoming freshmen – center Adam Woodbury and point guard Mike Gesell. Woodbury only had two points and five rebounds in the first meeting for Merchants/Gatens, but has played better since. Last week, the 7-1 center finished with eight points and 14 rebounds. As for Gesell, he had 27 points in that first meeting and comes off a 25-point outing last week in Armstrong/Skogman’s 109-94 win over Culver’s/Ready Mix.

In addition to Gesell, Armstrong/Skogman will continue to rely heavily on junior forward Melsahn Basabe, who had a dominating 32-point, nine-rebound effort last week against Culver’s/Ready Mix. Also worth keeping an eye on Sunday is former center Jarryd Cole, who forced Woodbury into early foul trouble the last time these teams met and spent the majority of that contest guarding him. Sophomore forward Darius Stokes had four points in the first go-around with Merchants/Gatens.

This time around, Merchants/Gatens will have sophomore guard Josh Oglesby available after he was unable to play in the previous match-up between these teams. Last week, the Cedar Rapids native scored 20 points on 8-of-11 shooting. One of the reasons Merchants/Gatens was able to win that first meeting

was the play of junior forward Zach McCabe, who had 29 points and shot 7-of-10 from 3-point range that night. Incoming transfer Jarrod Uthoff will also be looking to build off an eight-point, eight-rebound showing last week.

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