



From the Pine

So what is up with JSL?

A quick look at the leagues often updated stats and JSL has three players as the leagues top scorers in Killer Kyf, Reach for the Sky Skylar and white man can jump in Doggie Dog Doug yet these guys can't get wins. It sounds a whole lot like the early season Raptors. And like them Raps, if they can just get a handle on their defense then ol'JSL may be a force to contend with in the latter half of the YKBA season.

Speaking of the late season wins don't count out the Juniors just yet. The YKBA may only run four months of the year but there are nearly 40 games in our 40 in 4 season. That is near a NBA like schedule. Let's face it, MedicNorth and BP's aren't getting any younger. The long season can do a lot of damage to the old-before-their-time YKBA'ers which will only benefit the Juniors as the season wears on. The Juniors are also in an AWG season which means their game should only get sharper as March approaches.

Watch for the both JSL and the Juniors to climb the standings.

Uphere's early season funk could be a long one. That team is really missing Eman's drive to the hoop and the demoralizing stop-and-pop shot. Nick Diem is playing solid ball but he's no point guard, he's a pure scorer. If Uphere can line up a solid

point guard, then it'll free up Nick and take the pressure off of J-Cut. Since there is no true point currently available in YKizzo, Uphere will continue to run amok.

What of the re-branded Blackknight team?

BP's is the new title contender in town. The team is mostly made up of BK but with the addition of Rug and Damien. Now that Josh Campbell has returned to town, BP's is starting to smell a lot like a throw back mid-90's high performance team. Other than a return of a YK basketball family of sorts there isn't anything all that exciting about this team which is not a necessarily a bad thing for them. BP's is a well rounded team. They may not only win the title this year but they also make Boston Pizza return to its glory days of YK's top hang out. Anybody wanna buy a ticket?

The league defending champs have started strong and will likely continue to play well. First off there has been way too much talk about C-train in this early season. Let's take a second to remind everyone that MedicNorth won the championship last season without Mr. Taylor's services. That being said if C-train stays healthy and the Mavs keep playing defense the way they have, watch for more blow out games.

That about sums a league round-up as seen from the pine.

What to write about next time? The ref'ing, nah. How 'bout an ode to the bench players and an article on the leagues top underrated players. Start dishing on Trashtalk and see who gets the most nods.

'From the Pine' is written by one of the many YKBA fans and players with the best seats in the house - the bench.