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# ALBA Berlin Tournament



Dear Sports Fans,

I am happy to present to you the first sports report of the BMS Hawks Basketball Team.

These boys are taking the first steps in engaging the BMS community into a future of competitive sports where BMS teams can measure their skills and strategies against other schools in Berlin. After only 6 practices, the commitment of these boys gave them the opportunity to play against 3 other Berlin schools in a tournament organized by ALBA Berlin.

For our first game, the Hawks were up against the Refik-Veseli Schule. The first challenge for our capacities as a team. Our boys played a well-organized offence and defense at the start of the game. With the advantage of Balsa's height and positioning under the basket, we were able to take a good lead in the game. After a few substitutions, RVS was able to catch up and hang on in the game. Our BMS Hawks were not going to lose their lead and stood up to play a stronger defense. This made it harder for RVS to cut through and often lose ball possession. Quick changes and solid passes from Roman and Yonathan got us back to a comfortable lead, winning the game 16-26.

The second game was going to be a bigger challenge. Primo-Levi Gymnasium had a few very experienced players on the team. Although the Hawks were a bit lost at the start of the game and

having a tough time getting to the basket, they were able to get back into the game after a few substitutions and a time-out to get reorganized and focused. We managed to catch up on PLG's score until they put their strongest team on the court to finish the game. Tuff game, but a good one to learn from. We finished this game with a loss, 26-37. Revelation on how to play a stronger defense and a better controlled offence against a dedicated team. For the last game, our Hawks were more confident and ready to get another win. A tricky start due to the chaotic play of the Kurt-Tucholsky OS, our Hawks were a bit thrown out of their game and it became difficult to score. The game was as good as tied for a while until a time-out was called to change our organization. Emil took the lead on court coordinating offensive play and getting some solid passes to Jonas and Kaan. Taking a small lead and a new team set-up on court, the second half of the game belonged to the BMS Hawks. A steady win gave BMS second place in the tournament and a move up to the next round. 26-5 was the final score!

Well played, Hawks! Looking forward to our next round!  
Coach Tom