



United States of America

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USA 124 CANADA 40

USA raced to a 16-3 lead until Canada called a timeout with 5:36 left in the first quarter. But the timeout did not slow down the speedy USA squad as they never looked back the entire game. It is obvious to the naked eye that Canada is outmatched in size, strength, depth and talent against their southern border neighbors.

Coach Jim DeStefano went to his bench in the first quarter earlier than usual as Shawn Harrington, Noah Valencia, Layton Seeber and Andy Cruz saw extra minutes as well. Jeremias Valencia and Trey Gordon also made their first appearances after sitting out a few games with injuries. Silent Frank Jackson is proving to be the steady backup to McGriff as he scored 4 quick points off the bench and protected the house with his heady defense. Jeremias Valencia played alongside his son, Noah, and the two provided some sweet father-son highlights on the court. The USA squad outscored the Canadians 63-26 in the first half and forced them into four 24-second violations. DeStefano credited it to his new "packline" defense that he introduced to his team in tryout camp.

The second half provided no relief for the Canadians as they scored only 5 points in 3rd and 9 in the last quarter. The deep USA team seemed to force a turnover just about every other possession. Overall, they forced 24 turnovers while managing just 7 of their own. Josh McGriff scored 23 points followed by Frank Jackson's 19 and Raymond Nelson's 16. The USA bench outscored the Canadian

bench 59-8 to close out the game 124-40. Morgan Proctor and Steven Okito scored 9 points apiece for the losing team.