**Beverley Cougars 59 – 23 Hornsea Lightning**

The Cougars hoped to hit the ground running when they travelled to Hornsea searching for a win in the first match of the season.

The Cougars edged a close first quarter 14-12, thanks to points from Simon Schofield, who had a 100% success rate in the match, and Rob Brown, the game’s top scorer with 16 points. In the second quarter, the Cougars began to pull away. Some brilliant defence from the Cougars meant that the Lightning couldn’t find a way to the basket and allowed the Cougars to stretch their lead to 24-12.

The Cougars started the second half brimming with confidence, and it showed, Pat Dooner adding six points to his haul of fourteen for the night. This gave the Cougars a comfortable lead going into the final quarter and allowed Coach Steven Lindsey to switch the team around. However, the changes didn’t stop the momentum as the Cougars kept on scoring until the final whistle.

After the match, Coach Lindsey was delighted with the win. “It is an absolutely brilliant result for the team. Winning the first match of the season gives us a big confidence boost going into the next game”