**Beverley Cougars 49 – 91 Hull Stingers**

The Cougars went into this game knowing that they were going to have to play better than ever before, if they were to get anything from this game against the undefeated league favourites, Hull Stingers.

Early in the first quarter, Samson Anene and James Moore linked up well and finished their chances, to give the Cougars hope. However, the Stingers then began to pull away. They went on a run where they couldn’t seem to miss. This allowed them to take a lead of 22-8 after the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, it looked like the Cougars might be able to claw their way back into the game. Unfortunately for them, the Stingers decided to pile on the pressure. In the last four minutes of the quarter, they scored 15 points, without a reply from the Cougars. To get back in contention for the win, the Cougars were going to need a miracle, as they trailed 44 – 18 at half time.

The third quarter was a much more balanced affair. Some of the Cougars’ players started to accumulate some points. The strength of team was clear to see, as seven players scored baskets in the third quarter. The standout player was Chris Cummings, who was at the centre of everything the Cougars did. His baskets prevented the Stingers from extending their lead any more.

But for the final quarter, the Stingers again produced some momentum. Baskets from Cummings and Steven Lindsey couldn’t halt the Stingers progress, as they dominated the last quarter. They kept on converting chances until the final buzzer. They won by a score-line of 91-49.

Coach Lindsey was still confident in his team’s ability despite the recent run of defeats. “The Stingers are a top side, and we didn’t expect anything different from them. They played well, but so did we. The Cougars still have lots of potential”