



Alumni Homecoming 2016 Sports

AWOM survives AWIM come back scare in 2016 Alumni Homecoming Opening

MARIVELES, BATAAN – Alumni Working Outside MAAP (AWOM) blew a 12-point lead late in the fourth period but recovered just in time after escaping the resilient Alumni Working In MAAP (AWIM), 95-89, in an exhibition game as part of the 2016 Alumni Homecoming on Wednesday, May 25 at the MAAP Gymnasium.

Ruszell Apachecha (03) anchored AWOM with 22 points, while Francis Angue (03) and Glenn Bryan Vea (13) combined for 26 points to propel their squad to victory in the opening of this year's homecoming celebration. AWOM outscored AWIM in the first half, 55-39, and established their biggest lead at 20 midway in the second period.

AWIM, though, refused to go down without a fight as they started a comeback trail that saw them pull to within two points, 88-86, after a fast break play by Xavier Tabamo (06), who drilled for a team-leading 20 points, complemented by an assist of Philip Caesar Cruz (05), with over a minute left.

Apachecha, Angue and John Eric Micor (04) could only come up with charity splits, but that made it a five-point game and, although Vincent Joseph Abadicio (08) scored a charity split of his own to cut the deficit to just four, 91-87, there were only 20 ticks left.

Costly turnovers plagued AWIM caused by defensive hustling of Jeffrey Rodriguez (03) and Ed Jordan Gaspay (12) that led to the exploits of Apachecha who would then drain back-to-back baskets to finally seal the deal.

AWIM's Val Bryan Belibor (08), who also scored 11 points, was a force underneath, getting rebounds and blocking shots. But that was just until midway of the final canto when he fouled out of the game with over five minutes left.

The scores:

AWOM 95 – Apachecha (03) 22, Angue (03) 16, Vea (13) 10, Micor (04) 9, Rodriguez (03) 8, Rivera 8, Aguilar (12) 7, Bordios (05) 6, Suarez (10) 5, Gaspay (12) 4.

AWIM 89 – Tabamo (06) 20, Cruz (05) 13, Belibor (08) 11, Abadicio (08) 9, Wong (04) 9, Tagle (08) 8, Galang (04) 8, Amador (06) 4, Canales (08) 2, Sunga (08) 2, Orquina (10) 2, Malabanan (07) 1.

Quarter scores: 28-19, 55-39, 58-67, 95-89.

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