

# Syracuse erases memory of Le Moyne loss with back-to-back wins over nationally-ranked foes

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New York – Andy Rautins doesn't have to talk about Syracuse's loss to Le Moyne anymore.

Rautins and his Syracuse teammates had been answering questions about the Orange's exhibition loss to the Division II Dolphins for the better part of the last two weeks.

Syracuse (4-0) put to rest the Le Moyne discussion with back-to-back wins over nationally ranked teams over the past two nights, punctuating the exacta with an 87-71 victory over No. 6 North Carolina (4-1) here at Madison Square Garden on Friday night.

The Orange's demolition of the defending national champion Tar Heels came just 24 hours after a 95-73 thrashing of No. 13 California.

"Clearly, we just didn't bring it against Le Moyne," Rautins said. "It really fired us up. I'm really tired of talking about that game. It definitely lit a fire under our butts. It let us know we're not the team of last year.

We're not the Sweet 16 team. We have no credibility. We have to come out and make an identity for ourselves and I think we did that this weekend."

The Orange did do that. Just two weeks after being college basketball's punch-line following the loss to Le Moyne, Syracuse knocked out two big-time opponents on a national stage.

Technically, the four teams that came to the Garden for the 2K Sports Classic, Syracuse, North Carolina, California and Ohio State, all came into this event in the national rankings. But Syracuse, the lowest ranked of the four, was ranked only in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll and unranked in the Associated Press poll.

"We knew coming in here we were the underdogs," Syracuse senior center Arinze Onuaku said. "But we felt like we were the best team in the tournament. We felt like that from the beginning."

Syracuse trailed by two points at halftime, but put the defensive brakes to North Carolina's high-octane offense in the second half. The Orange held the Tar Heels to 32 second-half points on 37 percent shooting. North Carolina went 1-for-7 against Syracuse's harassing zone defense in the second half.

"We got our tails beat by a very good basketball team," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "The second half is about as bad as you can play."

Syracuse outscored North Carolina 50-32 over the last 20 minutes, including a pivotal 22-1 run midway through the period.

North Carolina cut SU's 20-point advantage down to 68-60 with seven minutes remaining, but the Orange answered with six straight points, including four points from Onuaku.

"We got the ball to AO and he has to do what he did tonight every night," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "When he is a force in there, it makes us a different team."

Onuaku was one of five Syracuse players to score in double-figures. Wes Johnson, who was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player, led the Orange with 25 points. Andy Rautins, who made the five-player all-tournament team, contributed 11 points, seven assists, seven rebounds and seven steals.

Onuaku received no trophies or awards; however, he came up big in the second half, scoring 13 of his 15 points after halftime after Boeheim had challenged him to step up his game.

"I told the guys, I brought them in and I just said 'Give me the ball,'" Onuaku said. "I got a couple early buckets and we just rolled from there."

Syracuse let two well-kept secrets out of the bag with its play down here in the Big Apple. One, the Orange's performance against Le Moyne notwithstanding, this team has the potential to be very good.

"I would hate to play that non-Division I team on a regular basis if they are better than Syracuse," Williams said.

And two, Wes Johnson is a budding star. A horde of national media hovered around the 6-foot-7 transfer from Iowa State after the game.

"I'm still speechless about it," a beaming Johnson said of shining in his first run on Broadway. "I had fun."

Syracuse's defense pitched a virtual shutout for the first eight minutes of the second half.

The Orange, which had given up 82 points to Le Moyne, forced North Carolina to miss its first 13 shots of the second half and also caused five Tar Heel turnovers.

"I think it says a lot about us and let us know that we learned a lot from the Le Moyne game as far as our defensive intensity," Johnson said. "It's a statement game for us. It let everybody know they underestimated us. I think we've still got a lot to do and a lot to learn."

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# Kris Joseph gets on track in second half

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Syracuse's Kris Joseph shoots a 3-pointer from the corner in the second half of Friday's game against North Carolina at Madison Square Garden.

New York — Scoop Jardine sailed through the lane and attempted a layup that rimmed out. In the scrum of bodies beneath the Syracuse basket, Kris Joseph's hand reached above the rim and guided the ball inside it.

He immediately raised his hand, as if to acknowledge that he was the author of that tip-in.

"It was me, you know what I'm saying? It was my bucket. You gotta let'em know," he joked later.

That tip-in gave the Orange a 54-40 lead in a game SU would eventually win over North Carolina. It also unscrewed the cap on the basket for Joseph, who went 0-for-4 in the first half, but finished the game with 12 points on 5-of-12 shooting.

"I got an offensive tip-in and that kind of made me feel a little bit better, made me feel a little bit more comfortable in there," he said. "That was just kind of like the ice-breaker. I wish it would have happened in the first half.

"I think I help out a lot on the defensive end, but sometimes it just takes me awhile to get started on offense. Better late than never, that's how I see it as."

Included within Joseph's contributions were seven rebounds, two assists and one steal. He did not commit a turnover in 30 minutes.

He also sank two of his four attempts from beyond the 3-point arc. Those two threes, coming as they did in the second half, helped bury the Heels.

"I worked a lot on it this summer," Joseph said of his 3-point shooting. "Why work if you're not going to use it, that's how I feel."

Said SU coach Jim Boeheim: "I was waiting for him to make a three. I told him he was either going to make one soon or he isn't going to be taking them. He made a few. We needed to get those threes to get that separation."

### **Tall Tar Heels**

North Carolina has six players on its roster that stand 6-foot-9 or taller. Four of them are 6-10. One is an even 7-feet tall.

It seemed on Friday as if the Heels kept sending waves of tall, lanky big men into the game. All those big bodies grabbed 10 first-half offensive rebounds. But SU's pair of bigs — the 6-foot-9 Rick Jackson and Arinze Onuaku — made it a point to get more assertive in the second half.

"I actually like playing against the big guys," said Onuaku, who scored 15 points — 13 of them after intermission. "You know they're gonna check you one-on-one and you know that it's you against them."

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"They were looking to get their bigs the ball every time down court," Jackson said. "You just had to be in there big. They went after all the rebounds. You had to go GET the rebounds. It was a fight. But we came out on top."

# Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim was right all along about Wes Johnson

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Syracuse's Wes Johnson celebrates the Orange's win over North Carolina in the finals of the 2K Sports Classic at Madison Square Garden.

New York -- Jim Boeheim tried to tell everyone.

In the offseason Boeheim made some very complimentary comments regarding Wes Johnson, a transfer from Iowa State who had sat out the 2008-09 season. It was a very un-Boeheim-like move, but his praise didn't seem to get Johnson on the national radar.

In the preseason, Johnson failed to make the Big East coaches' bloated 11-player all-league team.

With sterling performances in SU's wins over No. 13 California and No. 6 North Carolina here at Madison Square Garden, Johnson backed up Boeheim's words. Johnson scored 25 points to go with his eight rebounds.

"I told you," Boeheim told reporters after the game. "Did I lie? Did people think I was just talking?"

"Yes," Sports Illustrated's Seth Davis quipped.

"If you look at my record," said Boeheim, "I've never just talked."

### **Like father, like Rautins?**

Syracuse senior Andy Rautins stuffed the stat sheet on Friday, putting together 11 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and seven steals against North Carolina.

But in the post-game press conference, a reporter committed the Freudian slip of asking Boeheim about Leo. That would be Leo Rautins, Andy's father who starred at Syracuse in the early 1980s.

"I can only imagine what he said," Andy Rautins said when told of the question.

Boeheim had fun with the mistake.

"Leo? I wish Leo was still here," Boeheim said. "But he committed too many turnovers. Andy doesn't turn it over as much as Leo."

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# Andy Rautins does the dirty work in Syracuse's win over UNC

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New York — Andy Rautins stared into the television camera lens and declared he was “not just a one-dimensional player.”

“I’ve been trying to tell everybody that for a long time,” he said.

Rautins said it with a smile and a wink, but deep down, the Syracuse shooting guard meant it. His ability to drain the deep ball has defined the senior guard from Jamesville-DeWitt. But one glance at his stat line from Friday’s 2K Sports Classic win over North Carolina provided evidence for his multifaceted theory.

Because there, in stark black and white, were reminders of Rautins’ varied contributions. In 34 minutes, playing on a tender ankle, Rautins scored 11 points on 4-of-9 shooting. He grabbed seven rebounds and collected seven assists.

But the number that leapt from the page in SU’s 87-71 dismantling of the Tar Heels came in the steals column where Rautins registered seven thefts.

Those steals came as he stuck his hands in passing lanes, or drifted toward the middle of the SU zone to snare an errant North Carolina pass heaved in desperation from an Orange trap. They ignited the pro-Syracuse crowd at Madison Square Garden and more importantly for Orange players, they provided a spark of energy.

“He shoots the ball well, he plays defense, he dives,” SU forward Rick Jackson said. “He gets all the loose balls — things like that. It’s just good to have him out there. He talks. He’s really our vocal guy. He talks to everybody and then we just do what we gotta do.”

“He gets a lot of things started, especially on defense when we get easy baskets in transition,” SU forward Kris Joseph said. “He was one of the reasons I got my fast-break dunk. He tipped the ball to Wes, Wes passed it to me and I got a dunk. Although it wasn’t his assist, it was his effort that got me that basket. His effort throughout the game both offensively and defensively helps us out a great amount.”

The play Joseph described happened with about 3 minutes and 35 seconds left in the game. Rautins stretched to reach a ball up top, tipped it and directed it toward Wes Johnson, who fed the streaking Joseph for that aforementioned slam. The Orange led 81-62. The SU rout was nearly complete.

Rautins frequently slaps or picks at balls on defense, his hands and arms a moving blur of body parts. He gave credit to SU coaches who provide the Orange with scouting reports that detail the offensive tendencies of opposing players. But part of the ability to make steals comes from reading the offensive situation and instinctively reacting.

“We watch a lot of tape,” Rautins said. “We know our assignments and where we’re supposed to be. A lot of it is anticipation within the zone. If you know your spots well enough, you’re able to anticipate certain passes and where to be on the floor.”



Andy Rautins tries to draw a charge from UNC's Will Graves.

In this, his senior year, Rautins has evolved into SU's emotional core. Orange players have talked this season about Rautins' leadership qualities, about his ability to draw the best from his teammates. He, as much as anyone, wears his emotion on his uniform.

He roars and jubilantly swings his arms when teammates sink big shots. Case in point: Rautins shoved the ball to Johnson, who buried a 3 at the top of the key to give SU a 57-40 lead. Rautins swung a fist in celebration and fairly danced to the SU bench after Roy Williams called a Carolina time out. A couple plays later, Rautins found Joseph in the corner and again pumped his fist when Joseph drained that ball.

"I love that," Rautins said. "That was a dagger 3-pointer. It was a big swing in the game. For Kris Jo to knock down a big shot like that, it really gets me jacked up."

Rautins tried to draw a charge in the first half. He crumpled to the Garden floor, was whistled for a block and gingerly picked himself up. That's the moment, he said, when he rolled his ankle — again. But he kept playing, despite the swelling and the soreness. He quickly drained a 3-pointer after that play. He quickly determined he was not watching Friday's game from the bench.

Rautins was rewarded for his effort with a spot on the 2K Sports Classic All-Tournament team — evidence that others believe his game does not solely consist of sinking 3-pointers.

"I gotta be a leader out there. Fire these guys up," Rautins said. "They respond to it very well. Somebody's gotta bring the energy. And I don't mind being that guy."

"I'm gonna play my game," he continued, "and that's to be 100 percent aggressive on defense. I anticipate well and on defense I can get in the lane and penetrate and find guys too. Like I said, I'm not just one-dimensional out there."

# SU-North Carolina Recap

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The stories of how Wes Johnson would dominate practice almost reached urban legend status in Syracuse over the past year.

They were a tease to SU fans curious as to what he could bring to the court. They did their best Allen Iverson impressions when they heard about it.



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"Practice?" "Practice?" Let's wait until we see it in a game.

Jim Boeheim tried to tell anyone who would listen how good this kid was in the off season, even with practice as his only barometer to that opinion. Even hinted he may be another "one and done" player for the Orange.

Wes has finally gotten a chance to showcase those skills and is not doing anything to disprove those urban legends through the first few games of his young Syracuse career.

His biggest breakout came on the biggest stage.

Wes Johnson had 25 points, including four three-pointers as Syracuse beat # 4 North Carolina 87-71 at Madison Square Garden on Friday night. Add that to a 17-point, 11 rebound, six block performance the night before vs California, and Wes was as easy a choice as it came to be named the Most Valuable Player of the

2k Sports Classic.

Wes started off the scoring in this game with a three-pointer from the wing and never looked back. He scored 11 straight points for Syracuse at one point early in the game. He added a few of his nightly highlight reel dunks and plays around the rim, pitched in on defense, showed an aggressive style of play his coaches have been encouraging, and flashed a grand smile on the court the whole time he was doing it.

Syracuse fans' grins are as wide as Wes can get his right now.



North Carolina may have lost four starters from a national title team and definitely needs more time in the oven before they are done, but, that was North Carolina that Syracuse tore apart on this night at the world's most famous arena.

A 87-71 win over North Carolina is a 87-71 win over North Carolina.

The Tarheels led at halftime after a back and forth first half that featured four lead changes.

But Syracuse stormed out to a 22-1 run to begin the second half to take command and never looked back. North Carolina missed their first 13 shots of the half. Syracuse made 11 of the first 15 shots of the half. The tenacious Syracuse defense that has shown up in force this season was at it again in forcing 19 UNC turnovers.

Syracuse came into Madison Square Garden the lowest ranked team of the four in the field of the 2k Sports Classic.

They may have come out of it with the highest expectations of where they can go from here.

Jim Boheim was happy with what he saw.

"I am proud of the way we played down here. We played hard on defense and played very, very unselfish on the offensive end. That is all you can ask of your team as a coach".

That said, Boenheim being Boenheim, was always coaching.

"I told them one thing, Tuesday night (vs Cornell) is going to be the toughest game they have all year so hopefully they will get ready for that the next three days."

Cornell may prove to be a tough one, even though they lost to Seton Hall, at home, on Friday 89-79.

But North Carolina and California were supposed to be as tough as they come as well. Any Syracuse fan alive would have been more than happy with a split against those two in this tournament.

Instead, after a 95-73 win over the Bears and a 87-71 win over the 'Heels, the bar has been raised on where this team can go.

Good thing Wes Johnson is for real.

And not just a practice legend.

### **Curb Our Enthusiasm?**

The prevailing thought going into the two-day run at Madison Square Garden in the 2K Sports Classic for most followers of the Syracuse Men's Basketball team had to be something along the lines of "let's see what these guys really have"

A sharp shooting California team and either North Carolina or Ohio St loomed when this began two days ago. Syracuse entered this tournament having blown out Albany and Robert Morris and was still trying to shake off the nightmares of losing to LeMoyne in exhibition play when they arrived in New York City two days ago.

So, after beating # 12 California 95-73 and blowing past defending national champion and # 4 North Carolina 87-71... what do they have, Syracuse fans?

The Debbie Downer in all of us wants to downplay this.

*"It's too early"*

*"California is overrated and had some key injuries"*

*"North Carolina lost four players from a national title team, they aren't groomed yet"*

The Debbie Downers and the Doug Gottlieb's of the world can say all they want about overreacting to this, the fact is it is going to get harder now as the days go by to deny just how darn good this Syracuse team is and how good it can become.

It is not even Thanksgiving yet, and every Syracuse fan is already thinking big. And why shouldn't you? Let us count the ways.

### **1. This team plays relentless defense.**

They are very long in the zone and are very active in it. North Carolina was held to 38% shooting in this game, 25% from three-point range. UNC committed 19 turnovers. True, this haven't-quite-found-our-way UNC team had been committing a lot of turnovers coming into this game, but you can't tell me for one second that a majority of the 19 turnovers in this game didn't come from Syracuse's heat-seeking missile like pursuit of the basketball.



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## **2. This team has Wes Johnson.**

Let the "one more year" chants begin again. This guy is just a special talent and we are going to have to soak in all he has to offer this season.

## **3. This team has chemistry**

Wes is a dynamic talent and is going to rule the box score most nights, but you can already sense a true chemistry brewing. These guys really don't seem to care who scores and they are all genuinely happy for each other when someone else makes a play or something good happens to someone else. Tell me a team with Eric Devendorf or Paul Harris could have that going for it this season?

## **4. This team has a leader**

As discussed below, Andy Rautins' play in this game was just flat out awesome. He is vocal, leads by example, plays his butt off, and makes plays all game long, box score stuffers or not. These guys clearly will follow where he leads

## 5. This team has size

Wes is 6-7 with a wingspan that about makes him 7-5. Arinze Onuaku and Rick Jackson are two solid front line players who are being more aggressive around the basket and showing off better moves inside. They have all been great on defense and will continue to get better. A lot of teams would kill for a front line like this.

## 6. This team has some bench contribution

Scoop Jardine is as good a point guard coming off the bench as any team in the country has and Kris Joseph is playing more like a sixth man than a seventh, especially in crashing the boards. Mookie Jones may be rounding out as a guy who can come in and make some shots when called on.

Those are just some of the things that stand out. There is obviously a long way to go here and so much can happen over the next few months.

But why fight the feeling? This team can be special if it continues on this path.

Let's just see where it goes instead of finding ways for it to fail.

## The Sunny Side

\*Defense, defense, defense. It can't be said enough how impressive it is to actually watch a team that enjoys playing defense. North Carolina came in to this game as a team struggling with turnovers. But those were mostly self-inflicted wounds in the previous four games the Tarheels played prior to this one. The 19 turnovers they committed in this game were due to facing an honest-to-goodness, hard-nosed, aggressive zone defense.

Do they let the volleyball team practice in the Melo Center, because this Syracuse team gets an awful lot of tipped passes that result in turnovers. No loose ball is safe around this team. They are relentless in trying to get the ball back from whatever team they play.

One thing is for sure. Any coach that has to play Syracuse this season was watching this game and groaning out loud in knowing what they are up against with this zone clicking the way it is.

\*14 steals for Syracuse and UNC shot 38%. Relentless 'D. "Shut it Down", indeed.

\*Andy Rautins. 11 points, seven rebounds, seven assists, seven steals. Man, that is just a beautiful box score. What an effort by Andy, all on a bum ankle too. He aggravated it again in this game and you can tell it is going to be a nuisance for him for some time, but he just guts it out and plays through it. Gamer.

\*Wes Johnson. Just enjoy the ride with this guy, people. Enjoy the ride, because it may not last long here at Syracuse.

\*Arinze Onuaku had a solid 15 points and added eight rebounds, which is good because he wasn't active on the boards vs California. Apparently Jim Boeheim lit into Onuaku pretty good at halftime and challenged him a bit.

Maybe that should be a game-by-game tradition as A.O. has looked good to start off the second half in two straight games now. A.O. and Brandon Triche combined for 13 points in the 22-1 run to open the second half. A.O. got 13 of 15 points in the second half. It seems like the expected effects of off-season knee surgery and Arinze having to get back to game speed because of it aren't what we thought they were going to be. He looks fine (well, except for those free throws. But what else is new there?) and his decision making is much quicker this year. He just gets the ball now and says "get out of my way".

Boeheim made a great point in the post game with this comment.

"We are really unselfish on the offensive end. We got the ball to A.O. and he has to do what he did tonight every night. When he is a force in there, it makes us a different team."

## Bingo, Coach.

\*I don't think it would be a mistake to call Kris Joseph the sixth man for this team, even though technically he is the seventh. He sure is playing like a solid sixth man, dropping 12 points in this one, including three shots from beyond the arc, and another solid night on the boards with seven rebounds (he had nine vs Cal) in 30 minutes of action. Joseph is making the most of his early opportunities and has earned a lot of trust from Boeheim.



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\*Better game for Brandon Triche in this one than vs California. Triche dropped 11 points on 5-of-6 shooting and added three assists as well. Scoop had more minutes (25-20), but Triche made an impact in this one, especially in the beginning of the 2nd half with two strong drives to the basket, one of which drew a foul and helped spark the 20-1 run Syracuse had to start that half.

There are a couple of flaws that need to be pointed out on his game in the dark side, but one thing I like seeing out there is how fearless he is. This guy is not afraid to use his size and take the ball to the hole and take on all comers.

\*Quieter night for Scoop than his blow out game vs Cal, but he still put out a solid six points, four assists, and three steals on the night.

\*Another nice shooting percentage. 54%. Syracuse has shot 48% (Albany), 58% (Robert Morris), and 57% (California) so far this season.

### **The Dark Side**

\*With all this team does well, it hides this flaw a bit, but I'd like to see the rebounding margins swing Syracuse's way a bit more. With the size this team has and the effort they put in on defense, that can get a little better on the boards. You don't want to establish a habit of close and/or losing rebounding margins. That will bite you eventually. I thought UNC was going to dominate the boards with the way they were crashing on them in the first half.

\*I like that Brandon Triche is fearless and attacks the hoop, but there were 2-3 times he took it in where it was as if the rest of the world didn't exist and held the dribble too long. Always keep an eye out for that open man, Brandon. He'll learn.

\*A lot of Dick Vitale's act is growing old, but can you PLEASE stop with the "Syracuse doesn't go on the road

enough" stuff, Dick. Vitale and Dan Shulman made the point that Syracuse doesn't play a "true" road game until conference play and that 11 of the first 12 games are in New York State. A few points here.

1. Yes, Dick, 11 of the 12 games happen to be in New York State. New York happens to be a very large state. It takes almost five hours to get to New York City from Syracuse. New York City is over 200 miles from Syracuse. It's a road game, whether you like it or not. Syracuse does have a large following in New York City and plays at the Garden often. So...what, they should be punished for that? North Carolina had a huge fan base there as well for this game.

2. Those were two good teams Syracuse just beat. Neutral court, home court, "home away from home" court. How about you talk about the competition on the schedule for once instead of geography.

3. It may not be a "true" road game (whatever the hell that is) but Syracuse will play Florida in Tampa in a few weeks. How is that not considered a "true" road game? They played Kansas in Kansas City last year. It's not as if they will only play within the borders of New York State.

4. I like a lot of what Vitale does off the court as he is a tremendous guy and has a true passion for the game. I truly believe he doesn't have a bias for Duke, UNC, etc, it is just that ESPN always sends him to the big games so he will inevitably land at and talk about those places often. But, come on, do a little more research and get some new copy points. We hear about this, and how Boeheim "is a good recruiter" for landing Juli Boehiem every.single.time. you do a Syracuse game. Just end it.

### **This, That, and the Other Thing**

\*The Orange have won 6 of 7 and 14 of 18 against ranked non-conference opponents.

\*This was the first time Syracuse had trailed at halftime this season

\*This is the second straight year Syracuse defeated the reigning NCAA champs to win a season-opening tournament. The Orange knocked off 2008 national champ Kansas to win last year's O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic. Syracuse has won a season opening tournament four out of the last six years.



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\*North Carolina snapped a 44-game regular season win streak against non-conference opponents and a 10-game win streak overall dating back to last season.

\*Jim Boeheim improved to 67-44 all-time at Madison Square Garden and is one win shy of tying Eddie Sutton for seventh all-time wins in Division I.

\*At one point in the first half with about 10:00 to go, there was a line up on the floor made up of Mookie Jones, Rick Jackson, Scoop Jardine, Wes Johnson, and Kris Joseph. This segment brought to you by the letter "J".

\*It was scheduled ahead of time to honor the Boys and Girls Clubs 125th anniversary, but it was still fitting that the Empire State Building was lit up Orange and Blue on Friday night. Here is **a link to a photo** of it if you missed it.

\*Tweet of the night winner goes to Jonny Flynn or @J\_Flynn, as shown on the ESPN2 broadcast

"IM LOVING THIS! And you wanna know why? Wayne Ellington is my teammate and guess where he went to school. YEEEEEEEEAAAAA!!!

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