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MEMPHIS HUSTLE DEFEAT OKLAHOMA CITY BLUE 104-97 IN FIRST OF CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS

Southaven, Miss. – The Memphis Hustle, the Grizzlies' NBA G League affiliate, knocked off the Oklahoma City Blue 104-97 in a Sunday matinee at Landers Center.

Shaq Buchanan paced the Hustle with 27 points (9-19 FG, 5-11 3P), five rebounds and three steals. **Ahmad Caver** posted his third double-double, the most from a Hustle player this season, with 18 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists. **Cameron Young** scored 15 points off the bench and **Tyrell Terry** added 17 points and three rebounds.

Melvin Frazier Jr. and **Zavier Simpson** led Oklahoma City with 18 points apiece. **Scotty Hopson** (11 points, 10 rebounds) and **D.J. Wilson** (16 points, 14 rebounds) posted double-doubles for the Blue. **Justin Jaworski** added 15 points and **Rob Edwards** added 10 points.

Wilson connected on a 3-point jumper to push the Blue ahead 93-90 with 4:37 to play in regulation. Memphis responded with a 14-4 run to close the game, highlighted by six points from Terry. The Hustle limited the Blue to 1-of-8 from the field in the final four minutes to close the door on Oklahoma City. Memphis shot just 36.8 percent from the field in the fourth quarter but outscored Oklahoma City 13-6 from the free throw line and 6-0 in points off turnovers.

The Blue came out of the gates strong, opening with a 14-3 run to begin the game. Memphis shot just 26% from the floor in the first quarter but battled to stay within striking distance after the first 12 minutes. Caver sparked the Hustle in the second quarter with nine points and five rebounds, cutting the deficit to 53-50 at the break. The Hustle outscored the Blue 12-0 in second chance points in the first half.

Buchanan caught fire with 14 points in the third quarter, including four 3-pointers, as the Hustle carried a 75-71 lead into the final quarter of play. The Hustle, ranked fourth in the NBA G League in turnovers per game, committed zero turnovers in the fourth quarter while forcing five turnovers from the Blue.

Memphis and Oklahoma City complete the back-to-back at Landers Center tomorrow, **Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. CT**. Fans unable to attend can catch the game on [NBAGLeague.com](https://www.nbagleague.com).

All-inclusive Floor seats and tables are available for purchase. Additionally, the Memphis Hustle are accepting \$50 deposits for groups of 15-or-more. Single Game Tickets are available for purchase at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com), the Landers Center Box Office, online at [memphishustle.com](https://www.memphishustle.com) or by calling (901) 888-HOOP.

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