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## Senator Carlucci Coaches Cherry Lane Bombers Against Harlem Wizards in Suffern

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The famous Harlem Wizards, their 50th anniversary season well underway, swooped into Suffern High School to take on the Cherry Lane Bombers before a capacity crowd and quickly became the fan favorites.

The Bombers brought in New York State Senator David Carlucci to manage the team, Rockland Boulders' pitcher Bobby Blevins to play for their side and Suffern Police Chief Clarke Osborn to maintain law & order on the basketball court.

Law & order didn't last long as a Cherry Lane player allegedly committed a flagrant foul prompting the Wizard's Loonatik to rush across the court with a folding chair wrestling style.

After Loonatik had been restrained, the fouled Wizard, King Arthur, had to be revived with a spectator's smelly shoe.

The Wizards are extremely audience friendly as much of the game seemed to take place in the stands or with audience members invited down to the court.

Bobby Blevins of the Rockland Boulders previously played and lost to the Wizards when he was in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. In a strange turn of events, the Wizards switched from basketball to baseball late in the fourth quarter and managed to strike out Blevins.

The Bombers came with everything they had and pulled close at one point but in the end the Wizards proved to be the better team on this day winning handily 81-58.

At one point in the contest, Swoop declared Chief Osborn to be the worst basketball referee ever. With the D.A.R.E. hockey season right around the corner we'll have to see if his hockey refereeing skills are any better.

Each of the Wizards players graciously stayed on the court and signed every autograph they were asked for and repeatedly posed for photographs making sure that no child went home disappointed.

Congratulations to the Cherry Lane PTA and Melissa Gelardi for all of the time and effort put into bringing this fantastic, entertaining fundraiser to Suffern.