

December 28, 2009**Day 1**

Strong Morning Lifts the Orioles to Day 1 Victory

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The Ravens got out of the gates first, winning the warm-up agility relay, but the Orioles dominated the rest of the morning, taking an 8-3 lead and then cruising to a 10-3 victory (one tie) on the first day of the API Winter Holiday Camp at the Park School. The best-of-three series continues tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the Park Athletic Center. Both teams worked hard in the team agility relay, with George Russell and Jesse Feller-Kopman turning in impressive performances. A strong leadoff leg by Devin Lowe set the pace for the Ravens, who started camp off with an early morning victory. The individual races ended in a tie, with Sydney Lowe's match-up with George turning out to be the closest showdown. After the warm-up it was on to basketball, with the Big Ravens earning two points thanks to victories by Devin in the shooting contest and knockout. George won the shooting contest for the Little Orioles, and the full Oriole squad captured the basketball dribbling relay. Devin led all scorers with 18 points, while George recorded 16 in the shooting events. Morning soccer provided many strong performances and allowed the Ravens to take control as they won the dribbling control contest, the shooting contests, World Cup and the mini-game. Jacob Hirschhorn and Sydney showed great ball control for the Ravens in a losing effort, and Justin Alperstein hit the post twice in the deciding round of World Cup before George and Wills Millin scored the game-winner for the Orioles. Justin rebounded with the only two goals in the mini-soccer game, a 2-0 Orioles victory. Isabel Feller-Kopman turned the tide in the shooting contest, shutting out all five Raven shooters. Craig Millin also made some amazing saves for the O's. J.J. Citron, Ellie Citron and Madison Russell also performed well in goal for both sides. The a.m. session ended with an 8-6 Orioles victory in handball, with Justin and Wills leading the way with three goals apiece and Quinn Seidenman adding four assists. Other Oriole goal-scorers included Craig and Isabel, while Ellie, Justin and Wills each added single assists. Devin netted three of the Ravens' six goals, with Sydney scoring twice and Ellie adding a score of her own. Jesse, Ellie, Jacob and Devin each had assists for the Ravens. The goalies for both teams played well, with Ellie, Madison, Craig, Sydney and Devin all making great saves. Aaron Hirschhorn was all over the court for the Ravens, starting several fast breaks with quick passes that led to eventual goals.

