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### **SCAN OVERCOMES A TOUGH POOL TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Fairfield, CT – SCAN Basketball Program from New York exploded on the Fall AAU Circuit winning the 14U Division at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Best of the Fall tournament at Sacred Heart University this weekend. SCAN lost 2 pool play games, but still advanced to the playoffs because one of the pool winners (Rhode Island Breakers 2-0 beating New Hartford D-Struction and CT Hurricanes in pool play) could not make it back to CT for playoffs on Sunday. SCAN started the tournament off with a tough one point loss to the New York Rising Stars, who went on to finish undefeated in pool play. SCAN was short handed in the second game and lost to Hoop Starz Gym Ratz from New Jersey by 14 points. New York Rising Stars won too tough close games against SCAN by one point and Hoop Starz Gym Ratz by two points. The Semi-Finals featured a rematch between SCAN and New York Rising Stars, but this time SCAN reloaded with new energy and beat the Rising Stars to advance to the Championship Game against Hoop Starz Gym Ratz who beat New Hartford D-Struction (CT) in the Semi-Finals.**

**The Championship Game was set....a rematch between SCAN and Hoop Starz Rym Ratz for the 2008 Best of the Fall Championship Crown. This game was a high energy, physical, and emotional game from the tip-off all the way to the end. With Hoop Starz up in the final minutes, SCAN staged a great come back to win the Championship. SCAN was lead by Diamonte Zarba and Naim Thomas (both pictured below).**



**SCAN Basketball Program (New York)**



**Diamonte "extra credit" Zarba - 6'2 Point Guard (Brewster, NY)**

**Diamonte demonstrated why he is one of the premiere guards in the tri-state area by causing match up problems for his opponents throughout the weekend. His versatility allows him to rebound the ball on the defensive end, lead the break, and makes great decisions with the ball. He was able to keep defenders off balance with his ability to hit the deep perimeter shot, pull up mid range, or simply manhandle smaller guards by powering to the basket. With all of that in his arsenal, it is his leadership ability and never shying away from taking the big shot that will make him a DI prospect in the coming years.**

**Naim Thomas - 5'5 Point Guard/Shooting Guard (Poughkeepsie, NY)**

**If the last name wasn't a hint, this compact guard has a similar fearlessness to that of Isaiah and is a coach's dream in the open floor. His maturity in becoming the extension of the coach allows him to have an incredible assist to turnover ratio, while still managing to put points on the board like a two guard. It will be pretty difficult to find a 7th grader who can guard on the ball, rebound with the big boy's and hit the mid range jumper the way he does. Naim will certainly be one of the top 7<sup>th</sup> grade guards in the New York area this year.**