



## Hooping for Humboldt Park: We are the Champions!

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Community as a Campus' 8th Annual Hooping for Humboldt Park Championship was nothing short of electrifying! Young athletes from across the community laced up their sneakers, bringing passion, teamwork, and heart to the hardwood. Here's a game-by-game breakdown of the action!

**Boys Semi-Finals:** Barreto vs. Sabin (35-22) Barreto came out strong, setting the tone early with aggressive defense and fast-break buckets. Sabin fought hard, keeping the score close in the first half, but Barreto's sharp shooting and relentless hustle secured the win, punching their ticket to the championship! Stowe vs. Rowe (31-26) A nail-biter from start to finish! Rowe's three-point shooting kept them in the game, but Stowe's clutch play making in the fourth quarter helped them pull away in the final minutes. A true battle that had the crowd on their feet!

**Girls Championship Game:** This was a defensive showdown with both teams locking in on every possession. Sabin took an early lead, but Erie stormed back with a late rally, cutting the deficit to just two points. In the final seconds, Sabin's defense held strong, sealing a thrilling 14-12 victory and the Girls' Championship Title!

**Boys Championship Game:** The grand finale did not disappoint! Barreto and Stowe went head-to-head in a high-energy clash. Barreto's offense was unstoppable, with key players draining shots from beyond the arc and dominating the paint. Stowe kept the pressure on, but Barreto's defense came up with big stops when it mattered most. With the crowd roaring, Barreto clinched a 44-34 win, taking home the Boys' Championship Trophy!

**Shout Outs!** Throughout the night, DJ Keys kept the crowd hyped with music, adding to the championship atmosphere! A huge **THANK YOU** to all the fans, supporters, coaches, teams, and players who made this event a success. A Special thanks to Roberto Clemente Community Academy and in particular **Willa Hawkins** and **John Lucas** who went above and beyond to ensure the playoff games were safe events. **Thanks to our sponsors** whose support keeps us growing and building a sports league that our community deserves. This year's Hooping for Humboldt Park was a true display of skill, sportsmanship, and community spirit. Until next year—keep hooping, Humboldt Park!

