

A Thunderous Comeback

My son and I have had tremendous fun with both the football and basketball games for the last 8 years. If I have to pick our best story, it is this one:

My son is coaching the 2013 Portland Trail Blazers while I am leading the 2013 Oklahoma City Thunder. He gets out to an early 20-point lead. Westbrook and Durant can't make anything. By the middle of the 3rd quarter, he is up 35, and is taunting mercilessly. He's 12 at this point, so I have to take it.

All of a sudden, all the flip cards start going my way, and I keep hitting '5" on the 3 point range on the defensive card. I cut the lead to 15 going into the 4th and the streak continues. I have the ball down 3 with 2 flip cards left. Durant banks one in and I am down one. He flips the last card - STEAL TAKE OPEN SHOT - Durant steals the ball and lays it in at the buzzer, 114-113. Thunder win!!

We still talk about this game. I am sure we will have many more classics in the years to come.

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