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Celtics down Bulls to earn first win of the season

Although the majority of the game was close, the Celtics pulled away late to down the Bulls on Thursday night. For the Bulls, the Sayeta brothers lead the way. Both brothers, Michael (5 points, 7 rebounds) and Mitchell (3 points, 3 rebounds) both got their team out to a quick start. However, the Celtics had a response to the Sayeta brothers quick start, and it was with strong teamwork.

While Joey Polek (6 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block) lead the way, 5 of the team's 6 players found the scoresheet. Cameron Gruarin (4 points, 4 rebounds) and Zach Cilano (4 points, 9 rebounds) both scored for the Celtics in the quarter, giving their team a 5-3 lead.

Once the Celtics got their lead, there was no looking back. Carter Becker used his speed to dash to the basket (4 points, 1 rebound) and Trey Pecoraro (2 points, 9 rebounds) hit a jump shot, while also establishing himself as a prominent player in the paint. It was difficult for the Bulls to find any offensive mojo, as the Celtics defense did a good job of speeding the Bulls up, forcing them to miss contested shots.

Each team would add a few baskets in the 2nd and 3rd quarter, as the score was 13-10 in favor of the Celtics. Michael Sayeta added 4 points in the 3rd quarter for the Bulls, and Joey Polek also added a basket for the Celtics.

The 4th quarter was all Celtics, as they pulled away in the final frame. The Celtics defense locked down the Bulls in the 4th, giving up zero points. Meanwhile, Joey Polek added a couple of baskets, and the Zach Cilano and Cameron Guarin duo put the final straw into the Bulls. Jake Zorn of the Celtics also played great defense, deflecting many passes. The Celtics went on to double up the Bulls, 20-10.

In the loss, Philly Onevelo added a basket and 9 rebounds, using his size on to disrupt many shots on the defensive end. Dominic Baker added 3 rebounds and an assist, and Payton Hutchinsonn added 6 rebounds and an assist as well.