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### **Lakers pull away late verses Jazz**

In a team effort, the Lakers defeated the Jazz 20-15 on Thursday night. However, it was the Jazz who got out to the early lead in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Derek Leiker (13 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks) scored 2 early baskets to give his team an early 4-0 lead. In addition, Matthew Schmutzler scored a basket for the Jazz. However, the Lakers began to claw back. Blake Sutor (8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist) scored 2 baskets late in the quarter to help turn the momentum in his team's favor. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup>, the Jazz held a 6-4 lead.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was all Lakers, as Anthony Dichiara (4 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals) scored 2 nifty lay-ups early in the quarter, and Anthony Savino (4 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal) added a basket as well. In addition, Matthew Grinnell began to establish his dominance inside, as he grabbed 11 rebounds over the course of the night, including 4 in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Lakers were up 10-6 at half-time.

The Lakers continued to play team basketball in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, as Jaxson O'Connell found the score sheet, along with playing great defense, pressuring the point guard nearly every possession he was on the court. He helped control the pace of the game for the Lakers throughout the night.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter saw the Jazz begin to claw back, as Derek Leiker was methodical inside, scoring 6 points and ripping down 2 rebounds. However, Blake Sutor helped put the Jazz in the rear-view mirror as he scored 4 points in the final minutes. In addition, Joey Bihary added a huge basket to give his team a cushion, as the Lakers would go on to win 20-15.