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Rockets blast off to first victory of the season

The beginning of this game was a defensive battle, as Aiden Reed of the Bucks scored the lone point in the 1st quarter. However, the tides turned beginning in the 2nd quarter, and the Rockets blasted away with the victory.

Starting in the second quarter, Taydan Williams (11 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals) began to take over the game, using his size and athleticism to make room for himself in the paint. Williams scored 5 points in the second quarter and ripped down many rebounds. This helped open up space for jump shooters the rest of the game, as players like Mason Mikulski (2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist), Johnathan Touma (4 points, 2 steals), and Michael Mikulski (2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals) were able to control the pace of the game and get open shots when needed.

In addition, the Rockets relied heavily on precise passing, finding the open teammate with the intention of getting the best possible shot. At the end of the 3rd quarter, the Rockets held a commanding 12-3 lead.

The beginning of the 4th quarter saw the Bucks get into an offensive rhythm. With Johnny Bertini running the point, Brenon Tokarczyk was able to make moves to the basket and get great shot opportunities. In addition, Nicholas Holman hit a deep 3-pointer. With about 5 minutes remaining, the Rockets were only up 14-8. However, the Rockets ended the game on a 10-0 spurt. Johnathan Touma added 3 points, and Taydan Williams continued to rake up rebounds and added 4 points.

The Rockets defeated the Bucks 24-8.