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Oregon overcomes much adversity to win 26-18

If you left the stands at the end of the first quarter, you would have probably thought Syracuse would have won easily. Unfortunately, you would have been wrong.

Syracuse jumped out to an 8-0 lead at the end of the 1st quarter, as they pushed the ball up the court with ease. Ayden Woolston (8 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals) lead the way by dashing to the basket for quick lay-ups, and Greg Johnson (2 points, 9 rebounds) worked hard down low, racking in 5 rebounds and scoring a basket. Syracuse was playing their game, controlling the tempo each possession.

However, Oregon came out angry starting in the 2nd quarter, realizing they would have to slow the game down and protect the ball if they wanted any chance to compete. By the end of the game, it was clear Oregon's new plan of attack worked. Although Blake Denhaese (4 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals) scored to give Syracuse a 10-2 lead, after that moment, it was all Oregon.

Oregon clawed their way back, taking the lead by the end of the 3rd quarter. It was not that Oregon had a shooting clinic, but rather, they played scary good defense, only allowing 1 point from the beginning of the 3rd until 3 minutes remaining in the 4th. Aaron Quinn and Connor Burkestone led the way for Oregon. Aaron Quinn finished with 8 points, including 4 in the 3rd, while ripping down 15 rebounds. Connor Burkestone controlled the tempo for much of the game after the 1st quarter for Oregon. At the end of the 3rd, Oregon led 11-10.

Connor Burkestone went off in the 4th quarter, as he scored 9 points in the quarter alone, helping secure the comeback win for Oregon. Dylan Froelich also got big in the 4th, ripping down 4 offensive rebounds, while scoring 4 points.

Syracuse attempted to make a comeback, as Woolston scored 4 points and Blake Denhaese scored a basket, however, it was too little, too late. Although Oregon's lead was cut to 4 with 90 seconds remaining, Oregon ultimately pulled away, winning 26-18.

In the loss, Ryan Tuite and Nick Worinecki played good defense and handled the ball well when called upon. However, a multitude of missed opportunities ultimately led to Syracuse's demise. Oregon controlled the pace of the game for the final 3 quarters, and worked together as a team to defeat Syracuse.