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## **Liberty's strong start leads them to victory**

The Liberty came out firing Saturday afternoon, jumping out to an 8-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. After a step-back jumper by Valintina Moscato (4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals), Alexis Juliano (4 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal) hit a smooth three-pointer to give their team a 5 point lead. Later in the quarter, Kiyanna Harris (7 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block, 2 steals) completed a three-point play to set the lead at 8.

The Sparks began to turn things around in the second quarter, as Taylor Sciandara (2 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal), Raygen Manzare (3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal), and Sophia Wilson (4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, and 2 blocks) all added jumpers for their team. For the Liberty, Kaylee Juliano (6 points, 6 rebounds, 1 block) established herself in the paint as a scorer with a rebound and basket. Moscato continued to run the point for the Liberty, as she added another basket and showed her leadership by controlling the pace of play very nicely. At half-time, the Liberty lead 12-6.

The Sparks outscored the Liberty in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, although they still trailed by 5 at the end of the quarter. Maddie DeVantier, Maya Reynolds, and Sophia Wilson all added baskets for the Sparks. The Liberty's offense flowed through Kaylee and Alexis Juliano, as Alexis repeatedly found her sister sprinting to the basket for easy lay-ups.

Ultimately, the Liberty shut-down the Sparks in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, only giving up 2 points. This was lead by Kiyanna Harris, who played stingy defense and scored 4 points on the offensive end.

The Liberty pulled away from the Sparks, and came away victorious 24-15.