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UCLA wins nail-biter against UNC, 25-23

UNC's comeback fell just short in a nail-biter against UCLA, as Joshia Oliver hit the game-winner with under a minute remaining. In the first quarter, UNC focused on team-basketball, as Chris Desiderio, Andrew Barnes (4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals), and Nash Rieselman (8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals) all scored in the quarter. For UCLA, Joshiah Oliver (10 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals) and Connor West (8 points, 14 rebounds, 3 blocks, 2 steals) led the way, each scoring 4 points in the quarter. UCLA was up 8-6 at the end of the 1st quarter.

Each team continued to battle in the second quarter. Aaryn Samsel of UCLA did a good job of running the point-guard position, helping feed West in the paint, along with hitting a jumper of his own. Dylan Franusiak heated up for UNC as established himself in the paint, scoring 3 points and ripping down a few rebounds during the quarter. Andrew Barnes did the same, as he added another basket. At half-time, UCLA led 14-11.

The 3rd quarter was all UCLA, and it looked like they would easily run-away with the game. Connor West secured 6 rebounds and added a basket, and Jayden Mayville hit a huge 3-pointer off an assist from Oliver. UCLA also did a good job of containing UNC's big-men in the quarter, only surrendering 4 points. At the end of the 3rd, UCLA looked poised to run away with the game, leading 21-15.

However, UNC stormed back in the 4th, led by Nash Rieselman, who had 4 points in the quarter. However, it was Nash's defensive work that helped his team storm back, as he locked down UCLA's key scorers for much of the quarter. Dylan Franusiak also got big in the quarter, adding another 2 huge baskets to give help his team come back. With under a minute remaining, the game was tied at 23.

After Rieselman scored to tie the game, Joshiah Oliver hit the game winning jump-shot, as he crossed over a defender at half-court, and hit a 15-foot jump shot nothing-but-net. UNC had a chance to tie, however it ultimately came up short.

UCLA was victorious, 25-23.