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Bulls 21, Bucks 20

Michael Sayeta's jumper leads Bulls past Bucks

    The Bulls and Bucks played arguably their best game's to-date in a great game that went down to the wire. The Bulls jumped out to a fast start, thanks to Michael Sayeta (6 points, 7 rebounds) and Payton Hutchinson (6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal), who each had baskets in the quarter. At the end of the 1st quarter, the Bulls held a 6-2 lead.

    Although the Bucks offense had struggled throughout the first few weeks of the season, they found life beginning in the 2nd quarter. The Bucks were led by Brenon Tokarczyk (8 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals), who controlled his team's offensive work and defensive heart. Matthew Bradley (4 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals), Nick Holman, and Robbie Burgio (4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist) also added baskets in the quarter to keep the Bucks running with the Bulls. While Michael Sayeta added a pair of free-throws for the Bulls, his brother Mitchell also added a basket. At half-time, the Bulls held a 11-10 lead.

    Each team adapted their game-plans slightly at half-time, focusing on passing the ball rather than driving to the hoop. It paid off for each team, as they were able to find the open teammates. Talen Garver and Payton Hutchinson each added 4 points in the quarter for the Bulls, while Leo Janowsky worked hard near the basket, snagging many rebounds. The Bucks continued to fight, as they were able to pass the ball into the paint, using ball-fakes to fool the defense. Brenon Tokarczyk added another 2 baskets and Robbie Burgio hit a jumper. The Bulls led by 1 at the end of the 3rd quarter, 19-18.

    In the 4th, each team wanted to win desperately, and it showed in their defensive efforts. With about 3 minutes left in regulation, Matthew Bradley hit a jumper to put the Bucks up 1. Each team continued to play great defense, mixing in a combination of man and zone on differing possessions.

    With 15 seconds remaining, Talan Garver of the Bulls set a screen for Michael Sayeta at the top of the key. Sayeta came off the screen, and sank a 15-foot jumper from the elbow that hit nothing but net. The Bulls held on for the win, 21-20.