

Thursday February 14, 2019

Thunder 22, Celtics 17

Thunder pull away in the 4th

In a game that featured 6 lead changes, the Thunder pulled away late to defeat the Celtics, 22-17. For the Celtics, Cameron Gruarin (4 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals) opened the game with a jump-shot from the top of the key and then Zach Wilson (8 points, 11 rebounds, 3 blocks) added a finger-roll lay-up. For the Thunder, Anthony Battaglia (13 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals) controlled the tempo of the offense. Battaglia opened the scoring with a free-throw, and then Jacob Smith (3 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals) added a basket. At the end of the 1st quarter, the Thunder led 5-4.

Each team played great defense in the 2nd quarter, as each team only surrendered 2 points. Wilson added another basket for the Celtics. Brady Rogers hit a jumper off a pass from Nate Patterson. The score was 7-6 Thunder at half time.

Each team opened up the scoring a bit in the 2nd half. Nate Patterson (4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals) added a basket early in the quarter to get the Thunder rolling. Then Battaglia added a jumper from the corner. The Celtics then went on a roll, thanks to back-to-back baskets by Joey Polek (5 points, 2 rebounds) and then another jumper by Cameron Gurarin. With 20 seconds left, Zack Wilson made a lay-up to give the Celtics a 3-point lead. However, Nate Patterson used his speed and went coast-to-coast and score right before the buzzer rang, making the score 14-13 in favor of the Celtics.

Anthony Battaglia took over for the Thunder in the 4th, scoring 9 straight points, including 7 straight in the first 3 minutes of the quarter. The Celtics made an attempt to come back, as Zack Wilson scored a basket and Joey Polek added a free-throw. However, the come-back was too short, as the Thunder won 22-17.