Thursday February 14, 2019

**Lakers 35, Bulls 12**

*Lakers run away from Bulls*

The Lakers offensive fire-power was too much for the Bulls to match as they won, 35-12. The first quarter started off close, as Jaxson O'Connell (6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist) started the scoring with a lay-up. Then, Anthony Savino hit a jumper to give the Lakers an early 4-0 lead. For the Bulls, Michael Sayeta answered with a lay-up of his own. Near the end of the quarter, Joey Bihary hit a jumper to give his team a 6-2 lead.

The Lakers blew the game open in the 2$^{nd}$ quarter, thanks to a slew of Lakers players who contributed by pushing the ball up the court. Anthony Savino (8 points, 5 rebounds) led the team from the point guard position, getting steals and finding the open teammates. Matt Grinnell (4 points, 6 rebounds) also worked hard setting screens for Savino, helping all of his teammates get open. Chase Smith (8 points, 2 rebounds) had a huge game, hitting 2 3's, including one in the 2$^{nd}$ quarter. Chase also played great defense all evening. Near the end of the quarter, Ryler Mnich (4 points, 7 rebounds) hit a jumper, and then Blake Suitor (3 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists) hit a deep 3-pointer right before the buzzer. At the half, the Lakers led 19-2.

The Bulls began to claw back in the 3$^{rd}$ quarter, as Philip Onevelo (5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist) had five straight points, and then Mitchell Sayeta (2 points, 4 rebounds) hit a jumper. However, the Lakers continued to keep their lead, as Jaxson O'Connell added another basket on a nifty up-and-under move, and Chase Smith hit his second 3 of the game. At the end of the 3$^{rd}$, the Lakers led 24-9

The Lakers ultimately held on to win 35-12. In the 4$^{th}$ quarter, Anthony Savino had 5 points, including a 3-pointer. Ryler Mnich and Chase Smith added jumpers as well. For the Bulls, Talan Garver added the lone points.

In the loss, Payton Hutchinson of the Bulls played great defense while pressuring the ball, and Leo Janowsky made his presence known in the paint, grabbing 3 rebounds.

The Lakers defeated the Bulls, 35-19.