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Mavericks 33, 76ers 20

Mavs top 76ers

The Mavs started out on fire, and didn't look back. A large part of their success was because of the energy from point-guard Braydon Marcus (14 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals), who scored 6 points in the 1st quarter off of steals. Preston Loncar (14 points, 13 rebounds, 4 steals) also had a huge first quarter, scoring 4 points off of offensive rebounds and passes from Marcus. Vincent Giannantonio also got in on the action in the quarter, scoring a basket. At the end of the 1st quarter, the Mavs led 12-2.

The 76ers found their groove in the 2nd quarter, thanks to the duo of Trevion Robertson (4 points, 6 rebounds, 1 block) and Brayden Wilson (2 points), who combined to score 6 points in the quarter. This was all made possible by Connor Shiesley (12 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals, 2 blocks), who ran the point guard position to perfection, finding open teammates with ease. The Mavs lead was cut, 16-8, at half-time.

The Mavericks locked down on defense in the 3rd quarter, only giving up 1 basket in the frame. Their offense was led by Braydon Marcus in the quarter, who dropped 6 points in the quarter, running coast-to-coast, stealing the ball and making the lay-up. Preston Loncar also began to show his size in the paint, scoring a basket and ripping down 3 rebounds. The Mavs held a commanding 24-10 lead at the end of the 3rd.

The 76ers did find a groove in the 4th, however it was ultimately too little, too late. Connor Shiesley scored 8 straight points in the quarter; applying great pressure at half-court, and attacking the basket. He also found Cole Frank (2 points, 6 rebounds) for a basket as well, which at one point, cut the lead to 5 points.

However the Mavs size was too much to match. Preston Loncar scored 6 points to put the 76ers away. His points came off of offensive rebounds, muscling his way in the paint. Anthony Baran also hit a deep 3 to swing the momentum back into the Mavs favor.

The Mavericks won, 33-20.