

Saturday February 16, 2019

Oregon 34, Notre Dame 32

Oregon holds on in win over Notre Dame

Oregon was led by Dominic Hickok (24 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 blocks, 7 steal) on Saturday, who was the heart and soul of the team's offense and defense. Dom started out on fire, scoring 9 points in the first quarter, dashing to the basket after stealing the ball from opponents. Aaron Quinn (6 points, 7 rebounds) also added basket, cleaning up the rebounds on the offensive end. However, Notre Dame weathered the storm, as Michael Shaprio (9 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 blocks) worked hard in the paint, grabbing 5 offensive rebounds in the frame, and scoring 4 points. Henry Hughes (9 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists) also did an efficient job of running the point guard position, adding a basket of his own. Oregon led 11-6 at the end of the 1st quarter.

Oregon continued to push the tempo in the 2nd quarter, as Dom "the Dominator" Hickok added another 5 points off of steals, and Aaron Quinn added another basket off of a pass from Connor Burkestone (4 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists). Burkestone did a great job of finding open teammates, earning 4 assists on the evening. Notre Dame hung tough however, as Derek Jelen caught fire, scoring 5 points, including a deep shot from the corner. Landen Schult also used his size in the paint to score a basket. Oregon held a 18-13 lead at half-time.

It looked like Oregon would run away with the game in the 3rd quarter, as Dom Hickok added another 8 points, including hitting a 3-pointer, off of 3 steals. Burkestone had 4 points in the quarter, and assisted on 2 of Hickok's jump-shots. Evan Eodice and Henry Hughes helped keep Notre Dame in the game, as they combined for 9 points in the quarter. Shaprio also added a basket and assist. Oregon led 32-24 at the end of the 3rd.

Notre Dame would claw back in the 4th quarter, eventually cutting the deficit to 2 points, while only surrendering 2 points in sum; Hickok was the lone Oregon player to score in the frame. Derek Jelen hit a huge 3-pointer to cut the lead after Michael Shapiro hit a basket-and-the-foul, cutting the lead to 4 with a couple minutes remaining in regulation. Hughes would then come down and hit a big 2-pointer to cut the deficit to 2 with 40 seconds remaining.

Oregon, however, was able to get past the full court pressure from Notre Dame, and sneak away with a 34-32 victory.