

Saturday February 16, 2019

UCLA 30, Duke 25

UCLA tops Duke

Each team started out even, as the score was tied at 12 at the end of the first half. Duke led at the end of the 1st quarter, 5-2. Joseph Holman got the scoring going for Duke, hitting a jump shot. UCLA answered with a Connor West (9 points, 17 rebounds, 1 block) rebound and basket. Aidan Hurely then finished the quarter with 3 straight points for Duke, giving them the lead after 1.

UCLA got the offense rolling in the second quarter, as Connor West and Joshiah Oliver (10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist) combined to score 7 points in the frame, by getting the ball into the low-post. Dylan Hebler also recorded a basket and Aaryn Samsel added a free-throw as part of UCLA's 10 point quarter. Duke also got the offense rolling a bit, as Aidan Hurley added another 3 points, and Luke Bradley and Ian Wilson both scored on steals and drives to the basket. The score was tied at 12 at half-time.

UCLA took control in the 3rd quarter, with Joshiah Oliver running the point. Oliver found Connor West and Aaryn Samsel for baskets, while also scoring 4 points himself. Henry Millar also made his presence known in the paint, adding a basket of his own. Duke did swing some momentum back into their favor late in the quarter, when Ina Wilson had 5 straight points off of strong takes to the basket. The score was 23-18 in favor of UCLA at the end of the 3rd.

After a quick basket by Jayden Mayville to start the quarter for UCLA, Duke began to claw back. Michael Logar had all 5 of his points in the 4th, hitting a couple of deep 2's in the process. The score was 27-23 UCLA when Joshiah Oliver added a free throw to give his team a 4 point cushion. With 2 minutes remaining, Ian Wilson added a deep 2-pointer of his own, cutting the lead to 2 points. However, Joshiah Oliver controlled the tempo for UCLA perfectly in waning minutes, as he added a basket to seal the victory, 30-25.