

Saturday February 18, 2019

## **Cardinals 19, Blue Devils 16**

### *Cardinals hold-off Blue Devils*

Each team came out on fire, seeming to hit every shot they took from the field, with the score being tied at 8 at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. For the Cardinals, Liliana Watson (6 points, 3 steals) and Lily Day (7 points, 12 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block) started off the scoring. Liliana scored 4 quick points in the 1<sup>st</sup>, and Lily Day added a basket and 3 rebounds. The Blue Devils matched them step-for-step as Emily Desiderio (6 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals) hit two awesome jump-shots and Gabby Schmidt (4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 9 steals) added a basket, and then assisted on a basket by Haley Geartz (2 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals, 4 blocks). Near the end of the quarter, Emeline Sparks (6 points, 6 rebounds, 9 steals, 1 block) of the Cardinals hit a jumper to tie the game at 8.

The second quarter was all Cardinals, as they outscored their opponents 9-2 in the frame. The Cardinals spread the wealth, as each player contributed on the plays thanks to great passing through the opponents zone. Liliana Watson added a basket, and then Lily Day scored 5 points and ripped down 5 rebounds. Emeline Sparks also worked perfectly with her teammates, distributing the to the open Cardinals, while scoring 4 points as well. At half-time, the score was 19-10 in favor of the Cardinals.

Each team played stingy defense in the second-half, meeting their opponents at half-court. This made it very difficult for either team to re-gain the offensive momentum they had in the first quarter. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Gabby Schmidt played fantastic defense, grabbing 4 steals in the span of 3 minutes. These steals opened up space for Victoria Kowalewski (4 points, 3 steals, 1 steal), who added a basket in the quarter. he also added a basket for the Blue Devils in the quarter. However, the Blue Devils still faced a 7 points deficit heading into the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Blue Devils controlled the pace of play in the 4<sup>th</sup> as well, pressuring the ball at every turn. Emily Desiderio put the pressure on this quarter, working with Schmidt to get many steals on basically every pass. Haley Geartz also used her height to grab rebounds and steals, having 4 rebounds in the 4<sup>th</sup> along with 3 steals. Gabby Schmidt and Victoria Kowalewski each scored in the first few minutes to cut the lead to 3.

However, the Cardinals defense prevailed, as Ella Winkler and Gabby Casewell did their best to stay in front of Blue Devils point guards. Emeline Sparks and Lily Day were also forces in the paint, grabbing many steal. Lily Day had the game sealing rebound, and the Cardinal held on to win, 19-16.