

Saturday February 2, 2019

Mystics 28, Liberty 21

Mystics hold off Liberty's late-push

The Mystics got out to an early 8-2 lead on Saturday thanks in large part to the prolific scoring duo of Brittany Day (8 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 4 steals, 1 block) and Madelyne Ringler (14 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals). Each player had 4 points a piece in the quarter. For the Liberty, Kaylee Juliano (4 points, 3 rebounds, 4 blocks) scored the lone basket of the 1st.

The Liberty picked it up in the 2nd quarter. Kiyanna Harris (4 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks, 2 steals) led the charge by racking up 4 points and 4 offensive rebounds to get her team back in the game. Alexis Juliano (7 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals) also played fantastic defense from the 2nd quarter til the end of the game, deflecting nearly every pass thrown her way. The Mystics still led at the end of the 1st half however, 12-8.

The Mystics picked things back-up in the 3rd quarter, thanks to an explosive first 4 minutes. Sophia Waliszweski (4 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals) and Marissa Rickard (2 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal) did a great job of pushing the ball up the court for the Mystics, finding Maddie Ringler in the middle of the court by making the correct reads. Waliszweski and Ringler each had 4 points a piece in the quarter. Brittany Day also had a nice lay-up at during the quarter.

In the second half of the 3rd quarter, the Liberty got some offense going. Alexis Juliano scored 3 points off hard takes to the basket. Her sister Kaylee also added a basket by cleaning up the offensive boards. At the end of the quarter, the Mystics held a 22-13 lead, although the Liberty had the momentum going into the 4th.

Although the Liberty would continue to push the pace in the 4th quarter and play crisp basketball, the deficit was too much to overcome. Brittany Day scored two crucial baskets near the middle of the quarter, and Marissa Rickard hit the would-be dagger with a jump-shot from the corner. However, the Liberty would makes things interesting near the of the quarter. Alexis Juliano had 4 points off of steals, and Valentina Moscato hit a jumper.

The Mystics ultimately held-on to win, 28-21.