

Saturday February 2, 2019

## **Raptors 17, 76ers 8**

### *Raptors defense prevails in victory*

The Raptors played fantastic team defense on Saturday, holding the 76ers to only 8 points. The 76ers also had a full defensive display, holding the Raptors to only 13 points after 3 quarters.

Each team only surrendered 2 points in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Spencer Juliano (4 points, 3 rebounds) and Milo Reynolds (2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steals) made their presence known on the defensive end, playing stingy defense all morning on key 76ers. The same could be said for Connor Shiesley (1 points, 6 rebounds, 3 blocks, 2 steals) and Brayden Wilson (4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal), who locked down Raptors players. Spencer Juliano finally got a Raptors basket late in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter on a jump-shot. For the 76ers, Brayden Wilson scored on a lay-up.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter featured much of the same tenacious defense. The Raptors were able to work together near the end of the quarter, as Aidan McGuire scored off a nice pass from Devan Barnwell, and then Devan Barnwell scored on a lay-up thanks to a screen from Carter Micoli. At half-time, the score was 6-3 in favor of the Raptors.

Each team continued to battle on the defensive end in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. However, the Raptors were able to break-free a bit on offense. The plays started with a great combination of Devan Barnwell (7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 8 steals) and Michael Touma (2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal), who set screens for one-another. After Barnwell hit a jumper, Spencer Juliano made a lay-up off of a steal. Matthew Vittum and Brayden Wilson answered back with baskets of their own for the 76ers, to make it a 3 point game.

With 20 seconds remaining in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Touma set a beautiful screen for Barnwell at the top of the key. Barnwell came off the screen, and then found Touma, who displayed a textbook role to the basket. The basket was huge for the Raptors, giving them a 13-7 lead at the end of the quarter.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the 76ers gave it their all, as Shiesley and Michael Perfetti did a good job of distributing the ball and getting to the basket. However, the Raptors continued to utilized great teamwork in the final frame. Devan Barnwell did a good job of controlling the pace of play, finding his open teammates. Milo Reynolds also came alive in the final few minutes of the quarter, as he played lock-down defense and registered a basket to help seal the victory. The Raptors would hold on to win, 17-8.

In the loss, Cole Frank played great help-side defense for the 76ers, and Michael Perfetti did a good job of bringing up the ball when he was called upon to do so.