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Thunder 23, Bucks 13

Thunder outlast Bucks

The Bucks and Thunder were tied at the end of the 1st quarter at 6. Each team played stingy defense all evening long, although the Thunder ultimately prevailed. In the first quarter for the Thunder, Jacob Smith (5 points, 11 rebounds) got the scoring rolling, grabbing an offensive rebound and putting it back up for two. Lucas Johnson (2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal) then added a jumper from the corner to put the Thunder up 4-0. On the Bucks side of things, Sal Constantino (7 points, 6 rebounds, 1 block, 1 steal) led the way, scoring 4 quick points. Then Nick Holman added a jumper. Near the end of the quarter, Nate Patterson of the Thunder added a basket, and the score was tied at 6.

The Thunder began to pull away in the 2nd quarter, using their vicious 2-3 zone to stop Bucks players. Anthony Battaglia (8 points, 1 steal) transitioned steals into points, scoring 6 points in a row. Brady Rogers (5 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals) used the momentum to hit a 3-pointer and put his team up by 9 points. Jacob Smith was also a force down-low during the quarter, pulling down 6 rebounds. For the Bucks, Sal Constantino added 3 points, to trim the lead to 6. The score was 15-9 in favor of the Thunder at half-time.

Each team locked in on defense in the 3rd, as only the Thunder score—as Steven Pienta added a free-throw. Each team applied great pressure. Brenon Tokarczyk had 3 steals in the quarter for the Bucks, and Johnny Bertini grabbed 2 steals of his own. The Thunder did the same, as Brady Rogers got 3 steals in the quarter and Ryan Grimm also stole the ball. The score was 16-9 at the end of the 3rd.

The Thunder ultimately pulled away late in the 4th, as Jacob Smith had 3 points from working hard in the paint, and then Anthony Battaglia hit the dagger with 90 seconds remaining. In the final minute, Brady Rogers also nailed a jumper that hit nothing but net.

The Bucks made it tough, however, as Matthew Bradley and Nick Holman hit a couple baskets near the middle of the quarter.

Ultimately, the Thunder won to remain undefeated, 23-13.