

Saturday February 23, 2019

Notre Dame 31, UCLA 22

Notre Dame prevails over UCLA

Henry Hughes (8 points, 4 rebounds) started out on fire in the first quarter for Notre Dame, nailing 6 straight points, including hitting a deep 3-pointer. However, Joshiah Oliver (9 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 8 steals) matched him step-by-step early on, scoring 5 points in the frame. Late in the quarter for Notre Dame, they saw contributions from Derek Jelen (4 points, 7 rebounds), and Richard Matyevich, who each scored a basket. In addition, Michael Shapiro (8 points, 14 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block) ripped down 5 rebounds, to prevent UCLA from getting extra opportunities on the offensive end. At the end of the 1st, Notre Dame led 10-5.

In the 2nd quarter, Landen Schult and Derek Jelen each had a basket, while Jelen grabbed 6 rebounds. For UCLA, they found some offensive scoring from Dylan Hebler (4 points, 2 rebounds), who scored baskets off extra opportunities earned by Connor West, who ripped down 4 offensive rebounds in the frame. At the end of the 2nd quarter, Notre Dame held a 14-11 lead.

Each team played relatively similar in the 3rd quarter. Joshiah Olver added a basket, while Jayden Mayville also scored 3 points. Joshiah also played fantastic defense all afternoon, as he made it very difficult for Notre Dame point guards to get any separation. Henry Millar also added a basket in the frame. For Notre Dame, Evan Eodice found an offensive groove, as he scored 4 points. Michael Shapiro also scored 4 points on quick takes to the basket, seeming to scrape the sky when he jumped. At the end of the 3rd, Notre Dame led 22-18.

Notre Dame ultimately pulled away in the 4th quarter when Noah Matyevich hit the dagger 3-pointer with 2 minutes remaining. Henry Hughes and Landen Schult also added some cushion, as they each had 2 points in the quarter. Although Joshiah Oliver and Connor West did everything they could to get to the basket, Notre Dame did a good job of disrupting their shots within the paint. Notre Dame held on to win, 31-22.