

Saturday February 23, 2019

Warriors 21, Raptors 16

Cinquino has a block party in victory

Odds are pretty good that if someone threw anything in the direction of AJ Cinquino on Saturday (11 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal, 11 blocks), he blocked it. Cinquino had himself a game by using his size to disrupt almost everything in the paint, swatting an impressive 11 shots. He also got off to a hot start on offense, scoring 6 early points by blowing past defenders and getting to the basket. However, the Raptors stuck with the Warriors in the first half as Devan Barnwell (6 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 8 steals), Ryan Brady (6 points, 6 rebounds, 1 block) and Carter Micoli (2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals) all scored during the quarter. For the Warriors, Colton Becker also added a basket. At the end of the first half, the score was 8-6 in favor of the Warriors.

The Warriors built a comfortable lead in the 2nd quarter, as they only allowed 2 points over the next 2 quarters. AJ Cinquino also took over once again on offense in the 2nd quarter, as he started the quarter with a 3-pointer, and then made an acrobatic lay-up to build the lead. Ryan Richner (4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal) also stepped up, scoring 4 points off drives to the basket. Colton Becker and Brandon Starich did a great job of playing defense in the quarter, shutting down any plays by the Raptors.

The Raptors slowed the Warriors down in the 2nd half, only allowing 4 points over the final quarters. In the 3rd, each team's defense was terrific, as they only surrendered one basket each. For the Warriors, Diego Andres hit a jumper, and for the Raptors, Michael Touma made a lay-up. Devan Barnwell, Ryan Brady, and Jackson Hacker all recorded steals in the frame. The Warriors led 19-10 at the end of the 3rd.

The Raptors held the momentum in the 4th quarter, however, the Warriors lead was too much to overcome. Devan Barnwell did a great job of distributing the ball, finding Ryan Brady in the paint for 2 baskets while also adding a basket of his own. Milo Reynolds (3 blocks) did great job of playing defense in the 2nd half, while also making the correct decisions on offense by setting screens and finding open teammates. Michael Touma also did a great job of finding open teammates.

Although the Raptors were able to find their offensive rhythm, the deficit was too much to overcome. Corin Harden added a basket and 3 rebounds, while AJ Cinquino and Rocco Prezioso (4 rebounds, 2 steals) did a good job of controlling the tempo of the Warriors offense. The Raptors comeback ultimately came up short, as the Warriors won, 21-16.