

Thursday February 28, 2019

**Celtics 20, Grizzlies 13**

*Celtics outduel Grizzlies in defensive battle*

The Celtics jumped out to a 7-3 lead by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, thanks to strong drives to the basket by multiple players. Joseph Polek (5 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal) and Zack Wilson (5 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist) got the scoring going for the Celtics with 5 total points. Cameron Gruarin (6 points, 6 rebounds) also added a basket off a steal. The Grizzlies were able to get things going late in the quarter, when Anthony Christian (4 points, 1 assist) hit a 3-pointer. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup>, the Celtics held a 7-3 lead.

The Celtics dominated in the final 2 minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, when Carter Becker (2 points, 3 rebounds) and Joey Polek each scored 12-foot jump shots. Cameron Gurarin also utilized his size and agility to score 4 points overall in the quarter, while Zach Wilson ripped down 3 rebounds and assisted on a basket. For the Grizzlies, Matthew Brydges (4 points, 1 rebound) had back-to-back baskets, registering a jump shot and a lay-up. Tristian Mcgee (8 rebounds) did a good job of preventing extra baskets by grabbing 4 rebounds in the frame. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> half, the Celtics led 15-7.

The Grizzlies held a slight edge in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, playing great defense by not giving up a basket. Braedon Dembek was the go-to guy for the Grizzlies in the quarter, as he scored their 4 points off two nice jumpers. Anthony Christian fed Dembek on one of his baskets during the quarter, making a nice pass through defenders. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Celtics still held a 15-11 lead, although the Grizzlies held much of the momentum.

The Celtics regained the momentum with a huge final few minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. After Trey Pecoraro hit a key basket to give the Celtics some cushion, Zack Wilson hit the dagger lay-up to put the Grizzlies away with under 90 seconds remaining in regulation. They also prevented the Grizzlies from making a field-goal in the quarter. The Celtics went on to defeat the Grizzlies 20-13.