

Saturday February 9, 2019

Gonzaga 40, UCLA 29

Gonzaga pulls away from UCLA late

Joshiah Oliver (18 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals) started out on fire for UCLA, scoring 8 points in the 1st quarter. However, Gonzaga weathered the storm, with a plethora of Gonzaga players finding the score-sheet on the afternoon. Nick Argenio (13 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals) and Shawn Watson (10 points, 13 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 3 blocks) scored 4 points apiece for Gonzaga in the 1st. After Jack Mineo added a deep 2-pointer for Gonzaga late in the 1st frame, Jayden Mayville of UCLA came down off a screen at the top of the key and hit 3-pointer. At the end of the 1st quarter, UCLA led 11-10.

However, that would be the last of UCLA's lead on the day, as Gonzaga held the upper edge for most of the 2nd and 3rd quarters, despite UCLA playing well. In the 2nd quarter, Adam Kyler (6 points, 2 steals) was the Bulldog who stepped up, adding 6 key points to give his team a 18-13 cushion. Adam used his speed and quick hands to steal the ball on defense, and then run coast-to-coast for layups. Nick Argenio also hit a jumper in the quarter for Gonzaga.

UCLA tried to get back in the game in the 3rd quarter. In the opening minutes, Joshiah Oliver had 2 strong takes to the basket to pull his team within one point, however then Caleb Mouton (3 points, 4 rebounds) added a total of 3 points on consecutive plays. Nick Argenio then found Jack Mineo for a basket down-low, and then added 4 points of his own in the quarter. UCLA continued to battle however, as Henry Millar (4 points, 3 rebounds) added 2 points and 2 rebounds in the quarter. Gonzaga held a 27-20 lead at the end of the 3rd.

Gonzaga ultimately pulled away in the 4th quarter, thanks to Shawn Watson and Jacob Schiesser; both dominating the boards and combining for 10 points in the final frame. UCLA attempted to crawl back, however the offensive firepower of Gonzaga was ultimately too much to overcome. In the 4th, Landon Calvert added a jumper and Joshiah Oliver tallied another 3 points, while Henry Millar scored on a beautiful pass from Oliver for UCLA.

Nick Argenio hit a dagger 3 with a few minutes remaining in regulation to give Gonzaga a double-digit lead, as they went on to win 40-29.