

Saturday February 9, 2019

Liberty 26, Sparks 13

Liberty's strong start leads them to victory

The Liberty played impeccable defense in the first half of their game on Saturday, and it helped them defeat the Sparks, 26-13. The Liberty's strong defense led to good offensive possessions, as they were able to get steals and push the ball up the court.

The Liberty were led by Alexis Juliano (10 points, 7 rebounds, 1 block) and Valintina Moscato (9 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block) on the offensive end. Alexis used her speed and size to blow past the defense, taking good drives to the basket. Valintina did a good job of spacing the floor, especially in the 2nd half. Kiyanna Harris (4 points, 6 rebounds, 1 block, 3 steals) also had a great start, getting in the middle of many plays on defense, creating turnovers. At the end of the 1st half, Liberty led 12-3.

The Liberty had a strong start to the 2nd half as well. Moscato dropped 7 points in the 3rd quarter, with a mix of jumpers and drives to the basket. Kaylee Juliano (3 points, 13 rebounds, 11 blocks) added a basket and ripped down 4 rebounds in the frame. Kaylee's defensive presence cannot be overstated, as she disrupted nearly every shot taken in front of her. Liberty had a commanding 20-3 lead at the end of the 3rd.

The 4th quarter saw the Sparks find their offensive groove. Raygen Manzare used her aggression to get steals, and score 4 points. Molly Lyons also scored a basket, along with Maddie DeVantier who hit a jumper. The Sparks would claw back, although it was a little too late. The Liberty won 26-13.