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Liberty 31, Mystics 12

Big 3rd quarter propels the Liberty to victory

In a matchup between the Liberty and the Mystics, both teams got after it in the first quarter. For the Liberty, it was Kendall Dead who was able to attack the basket early and often as she was able to score 6 points in the first quarter alone for her team. Her teammate Peyton Smith (7 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals) scored 2 points of her own while also assisting on one of Dean's baskets as well. Olivia Nelson (4 points, 3 rebounds, 8 steals, 5 blocks) got the Mystics on the board early while Amelia Savino (2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals) was able to hit a corner jumper before the end of the quarter. Liberty held on to a slim lead at the end of the quarter, 8-4 over the Mystics.

It was more of the same for Kendall Dean in the second quarter as she connected for 6 points and 6 rebounds in the second quarter to keep the Liberty offense rolling. Teammate Sophia Echevarria (2 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals) led the Liberty in assists as she was able to connect with open teammates and get them the ball for easy baskets. It was a slow offensive quarter for the Mystics as they were only able to score 2 points in the quarter courtesy of Olivia Cinquino (6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block). At the end of the first half, the Liberty extended their lead to 17-6.

Liberty came out of the halftime intermission on fire as multiple players were able to find success around the basket including Dean, Smith, Echevarria, and Ellie Fox (4 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, 2 blocks). The four girls combined for 12 points in the quarter as they and their teammates played selfless basketball. Although the Mystics did not score in the quarter, the team got good defense production out of their players like Sophia Dingman and Olivia Nelson who both had 2 rebounds in the quarter. However, the Liberty continued to extend their lead at the end of the third quarter, 29-6.

The Liberty offense eventually slowed down by the fourth quarter as they only scored 2 points, but the 2 points may have been the most electrifying 2 points of the night as Meryl Mirowski was able to score her first points of the season on a beautiful jump shot. Olivia Cinquino led a late charge for the Mystics, capitalizing on 4 points in the quarter while Olivia Nelson added 2 points of her own. In the end, the Liberty came out on top by a score of 31-12 over the Mystics.

In the win, Liberty's Kendall Dean walked away with an impressive statline of : (16 points, 14 rebounds, 10 steals) in a triple-double effort.

Player of the Week



Peyton Smith—Liberty

In the Liberty win, Peyton Smith was the spark plug for the team providing stellar offense and defense by scoring 7 points and grabbing 7 rebounds in the win.

Unsung Hero



Meryl Mirowski—Liberty

After working hard all season, Meryl was able to score her first basket as she also scored the Liberty's only points in the fourth quarter. Her hard work and dedication finally paid off in a win against the Mystics.

