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Bucks 20, Lakers 20

Bucks and Lakers end in a tie

The Bucks and Lakers gave it their all, and after 34 total minutes of game-time, a winner could not be decided, and the two teams ended in a tie.

Each team's offenses started off on fire, with the score 9-6 in favor of the Lakers at the end of the 1st. For the Lakers, Anthony Savino (7 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals) led the way, as he scored 5 quick points. However, the Bucks answered back with a baskets by Robbie Burgio (2 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal) and Nicholas Holman, created off drives by Johnny Bertini (3 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals). After a pair of free-throws by Matthew Bradley (2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals), the Lakers regained some momentum, as Ryler Mnich and Jaxson O'Connell each hit jump-shots near the end of the quarter.

Each team locked-up on the defensive end for the remainder of the evening. After a basket by Joey Bihary of the Lakers, his team held a 11-6 lead. Facing a deficit that could have gotten out of hand, the Bucks turned it up a notch.

Brenon Tokarczyk was one of the players who turned it up a notch, as he took the ball to the basket for two points. Johnny Bertini then also found the scoresheet when he scored on a floater in the lane. During the quarter for the Bucks, Robbie Burgio ripped down 4 of his 7 rebounds, while Kalen Drury (8 rebounds) began to assert himself in the paint, ripping down a couple of boards. At half-time, the Lakers clung to an 11-10 lead.

Only the Bucks were able to manage a point in the 3rd quarter, after a free-throw by Johnny Bertini late in the frame to tie the game. Kalen Drury snagged another 4 rebounds, becoming a force in the paint. The Lakers also played fantastic defense, as Matt Grinnell (2 points, 9 rebounds, 1 block, 2 steals) ripped down 2 rebounds and recorded a block, and Anthony Dichaiara and Blake Sutor (3 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal) did a great job of pressuring the ball as soon as it crossed over half-court. The game was tied at 11 headed into the 4th.

The 4th quarter featured fantastic play by both teams, who both played desperately for a win. The Lakers took a 4 point lead to break the tie, after Antony Savino and Jayden Kramarz (2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal) each scored in the paint. However, the Bucks clawed back, thanks to the tremendous play by Sal Constantino (9 points, 8 rebounds, 1 block), who came alive in the 4th quarter and eventual overtime. Sal scored off a basket in the paint, and then added a free-throw to bring the score within one. Matt Grinnell then answered back with a basket of his own after ripping down the offensive rebound.

The Lakers held a 4 point lead with under a minute remaining when then the Bucks turned up the full court pressure. The speedy duo of Brenon Tokarczyk and Johnny Bertini did a great job of speeding up the Lakers point-guards, causing them to turnover the ball. As a result, Sal Constantino scored 4 points to tie the game at 19. The game went to overtime.

In overtime, Blake Sutor knocked down a free-throw to give the Lakers a 1-point lead. However, with under 20 seconds remaining, Constantino was sent to the free-throw line, and he knocked-down a free-throw to tie the game up at 20. The Lakers had one more offensive possession to take the led, but the Bucks defense held strong, and the game ended in a hard-fought tie, 20-20.