

Thursday March 14, 2019

Thunder 26, Jazz 12

Thunder take down the Jazz to remain undefeated

The Thunder and Jazz played at-par in the first half, however, the Thunder pulled away in the 2nd half to remain undefeated on the season with one week remaining. The Thunder's effort was led by Jacob Smith (4 points, 23 rebounds), who ripped down an impressive 10 rebounds in both the 1st and 4th quarters. In the first quarter for the Thunder, Anthony Battaglia (9 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals) added a basket and ripped down 3 rebounds, while Lucas Johnson (6 rebounds) and Matthew Szabo (2 points, 6 rebounds) each ripped down 4 rebounds a piece in the quarter. The Thunder dominated on the boards the entire game, however, early on, the Jazz hung tough.

The Jazz were led by Jack Giancola (6 points, 9 rebounds) and Derek Leiker (6 points, 11 rebounds) who each put-up high percentage shots all evening. They were also able to get space by utilizing screens from Jacob Abramowski and Matthew Schmutzler, while Gavin Haynes ripped down 2 rebounds.

After the score was 8-2 at the end of the 1st half, each team scored 10 points a piece in the 3rd quarter. For the Thunder, Steven Pienta (6 points, 1 rebounds) was on fire, making moves and scoring with ease. Brady Rogers and Jacob Smith also added baskets in the frame for the Thunder. However, the Jazz matched the Thunder's offensive out-put with 6 points by Giancola and 4 points by Leiker. At the end of the 3rd quarter, the Thunder led 18-12.

The Thunder went off in the 4th quarter to put the Jazz away, thanks to 7 points by Antony Battaglia, including a game-sealing 3-pointer in the corner. Jacob Smith also ripped down 10 rebounds, keeping plays alive for the Thunder. Nate Patterson (6 rebounds) also snagged 3 rebounds in the final frame.

The Thunder defeated the Jazz, 26-12.