

Saturday March 16, 2019

Liberty 26, Sparks 17

Liberty surpass Sparks in victory

The Liberty and Sparks were tied at 7 at the end of the 1st quarter, but the Liberty ultimately pulled away to defeat their opponent. Each team came out firing on the 1st quarter. After a basket by Sophia Wilson (11 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block) off the opening tip, Alexis Juliano (7 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists) answered back with a basket of her own. Kaylee Julinao then added 4 points in the quarter off offensive rebounds of the Liberty. The Sparks battled on their offensive end of the floor, as Molly Lyons (4 points, 2 rebounds) and Raygen Manzare (2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist) did a good job of finding their open teammates. Many times, this open girl was Sophia Wilson, who scored a total of 7 points in the frame by cutting to the basket.

The Liberty played fantastic defensive quarter in the 2nd quarter, not surrendering a point. This was led by the pressure applied by Alexis Juliano and Kiyanna Harris (6 points, 14 rebounds, 2 assists), who each had a few blocks in the frame. On the offensive end, Kaylee Juliano had 2 points and 3 rebounds, while Kiyanna Harris added 2 points off 4 rebounds. Avery Geartz also added an offensive rebound and basket. The Liberty led 13-7 at half-time.

After the Liberty were leading 14-7, the Sparks cut the lead to one point, 14-13. This surge was led by Sophia Wilson, who scored 4 points in the quarter. She also assisted on a basket by Molly Lyons. Taylor Sciandra had a strong quarter, when she grabbed 4 rebounds and had an assist. However, with under 3 minutes remaining, the Liberty went on a run of their own. This surge was led by Alexis Juliano, who had 5 points in the quarter, including a momentum-swinging 3-pointer. Valintina Moscato (3 points, 2 rebounds) and Kiyanna Harris each scored in the quarter as well. The Liberty led 22-13 by the end of the 3rd.

The Liberty held the lead in the 4th quarter, ultimately defeating the Sparks 26-17. Avery Geartz scored jumper in the frame, and Harris added a lay-up. Alexis Juliano and Kaylee Juliano each ripped down 4 rebounds in the frame.

Despite the loss, Molly Lyons and Raygen Manzare each added a basket in the final quarter, while Sophia Wilson added an assist.

The Liberty defeated the Sparks, 26-17.