

Saturday March 2, 2019

Gonzaga 32, Oregon 29

Gonzaga holds off Oregon

Gonzaga and Oregon battled until the final buzzer on Saturday in a dramatic game. After the end of the 1st quarter, Oregon held a 9-6 lead. Domenic Hickok (15 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals) had 5 quick points off steals to the basket, to give . Danny Liberti (7 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assists) also had 4 points in the quarter for Oregon by working in the paint. Gonzaga had difficulty finding any offensive momentum in the 1st quarter due to Oregon's speed and size. Despite this, Adam Kyler (10 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals), Nick Argenio (12 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals), and Jacob Schiesser (9 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 block) each had hard-earned baskets. At the end of the 1st quarter, Oregon led 9-6.

Oregon extended their lead to 11-6 after a Hickok steal and basket early in the 2nd. From there on out for the next 2 quarters, it was all Gonzaga. Nick Argenio got the ball rolling with a 3-pointer, and then an assist on Jacob Schiesser's basket. While Schiesser added another, Adam Kyler scored on a steal and dash to the basket. At half-time, Gonzaga held a 15-11 lead, with the momentum strongly in their favor.17

Gonzaga extended its lead to 26-17 by the end of the 3rd quarter. The opening minutes looked like they would run away with the game, however, Oregon hug around. Nick Argenio added another 5 points in the frame, as he led the heart and soul of his team. Nick had a playground style up and under move, and then added a 3-pointer later in the quarter. Jacob Schiesser also added 4 points, while swatting a shot away for a block. Jack Mineo (1 point, 5 rebounds, 1 assists) also assisted on Adam Kyler's basket. However, Oregon regained some momentum late in the quarter after Aaron Quinn (5 points, 4 rebounds) had a basket in the paint, and Dylan Froelich (2 points, 3 rebounds) grabbed a rebound and basket. Right before the end of the quarter, Domenic Hickok added another steal and basket. Going into the 4th quarter, Gonzaga held a 26-17 lead.

Oregon came storming all the way back in 4th quarter, thanks to strong play by their big-men. Aaron Quinn added another basket, and then Domenic scored a basket. Daniel Liberti then added a huge 3-pointer to cut the score 26-23. Gonzaga answered back with a drive by Nick Argenio and then a 3-pointer by Adam Kyler. The score was now 31-23, as Gonzaga looked poised to win the game. Oregon gave it one final push with 3-minutes remaining, and even had a chance with 3 seconds remaining to tie the game. With under a minute remaining, Hickok used his intincts and stole the ball right under the basket, to score an easy two points and bring the game within reach. With 30 seconds remaining Hickok took another hard drive to the basket to make the score 31-29. Jack Mineo then added a free-throw to give Gonzaga a bit of wiggle room. Oregon drew up a beautiful play to get a great look at the basket to tie the game as time expired, however, the shot did not fall, and Gonzaga held on to win, 32-29.