

Saturday March 2, 2019

Mystics 21, Sparks 12

Mystics overcome deficit to defeat Sparks

The Mystics defeated the Sparks thanks to a defensively sound 2nd half. However, the Sparks kicked off the scoring as Sophia Wilson (5 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assists, 3 steals, 2 blocks) hit a jumper. Ariana Caron got the scoring going for the Mystics, as she had an offensive rebound and basket. Maddie Ringler (8 points, 8 rebounds) then added a basket to give them the 4-2 lead. Molly Lyons then had a nice take to the basket to tie the game for the Sparks. Near the end of the quarter for the Mystics, Kyler Shiesley (5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists) made a beautiful pass to Sophia Walizewski (4 points, 3 rebounds) on the block, who then made the textbook finish while posting up. At the end of the 1st quarter, the Mystics led 6-4.

The Sparks played a fantastic 2nd quarter, as they took the lead. Molly Lyons assisted on a basket by Raygen Manzare (3 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steal, 2 blocks), and then Sophia Wilson had a key And-1 play to give the Sparks a 9-6 lead. Near the end of the quarter, Sophia Walizewski scored a basket to re-shift some momentum in the Mystics favor. At the end of the 1st half, the Sparks led 9-8.

Maddie Ringler led the way for the Mystics in the 3rd quarter, running the floor and grabbing offensive rebounds, totaling 6 points and 4 rebounds in the quarter. With 90 seconds remaining in the quarter, Marissa Rickard hit a jumper off a pass from Natalie Endres on an in-bounds play, giving the Mystics an 18-11 lead.

The 4th quarter was a defensive battle, however, the Mystics ultimately held off the Sparks, winning 21-12. In the 4th for the Mystics, Kyler Shiesley had a nice And-1 basket to officially put the Sparks away, and clinch the victory.

In the victory, Marissa Rickard did a nice job of controlling the pace of play when asked to do so, and Ariana Caron ripped down 6 rebounds. For the Sparks, Angelina Ratzel added a basket and recorded a steal.