

Saturday March 23, 2019

Mystics 29, Liberty 25

Brittany Day has huge day in win over Liberty

The Mystics got off to a slow start in their game against the Liberty, however a huge 2nd quarter helped propel them to victory. The Liberty's hot start was led by Alexis Juliano (11 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assist, 2 steals), who scored two quick baskets to give her team the edge. Kiyanna Harris (6 points, 5 rebound) also went to work in the paint, scoring 4 points in the frame. The Liberty held a 9-4 lead at the end of the 1st.

The Mystics had a huge 2nd quarter, storming all the way back to take the lead. Brittany Day had arguably her best game of the season, playing lock-down defense, which lead to great offensive possessions for the Mystics. She scored 10 points in the quarter, taking the ball to the hoop for lay-ups and hitting a couple of mid-range jumpers. Although she scored all the points for her team in the quarter, she couldn't have done it without her teammates, who also played superb in the frame. Natalie Endres and Sophia Waliszewski played fantastic defense in the quarter, pushing the ball up the court as well. At the end of the 2nd quarter, the Mystics led 14-11.

Each team continued to battle in the 3rd quarter. Alexis Juliano was once again unstoppable, scoring 6 points in the quarter off strong takes to the basket. Kaylee Juliano (4 points, 3 rebounds) and Ella Waliszewski each scored a basket in the frame as well, off grabbing offensive rebounds. However, the Mystics matched the Liberty step-for-step. Kyler Shiesley (5 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals) led the offense in the opening part of the quarter, scoring 3 points. Brittany Day also added a basket, while Natalie Endres (2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 blocks) and Kierra Tokarczyk (2 points, 2 steals) each hit mid-range jumpers. At the end of the 3rd quarter, the Mystics held a 23-21 lead.

The Mystics pulled away late thanks to the strong play by Maddie Ringler (6 points, 6 rebounds), who scored the final 4 points of the game for her team. Sophia Waliszewski also notched an assist to Kyler Shiesley on a basket in the paint. Although Kaylee Juliano and Avery Geartz each added baskets in the quarter, it was ultimately not enough. Brittany Day and Kyler Shiesley locked down on the defensive end, making it difficult on many Liberty players. Natalie Endres also had a strong game on the defensive end.

The Mystics defeated the Liberty, 29-25.

The Mystics are the regular-season champions, and will have a first round bye in the playoffs. They will face the winner of Liberty vs Sparks (March 30th) in the Championship game on Saturday, April 6th, at 1 pm.