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Lakers 26, Grizzlies 23

Lakers squeak past Grizzlies

The Lakers vs Grizzlies battled to the end, as each team made it extremely difficult on each other to get any positive possessions. The Lakers held the upper hand in the first half, as they outscored the Grizzlies 14-8 in the first 16 minutes. Anthony Savino (12 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals) led the way for the Lakers, doing a great job of attacking the basket and distributing the ball. In the first half, Savino had 6 points. In addition, Matt Grinnell (6 points, 18 rebounds) was a beast inside the entire evening, especially in the first half. In the first quarter alone, Matt had 4 points and ripped down 10 rebounds. The Lakers led 6-2 at the end of the first quarter.

The Lakers began to pull away late in the 2nd quarter, after Savino added 4 points and Ryler Mnich hit a beautiful mid-range jumper. Blake Suitor also added a basket. The Grizzlies had a quick run in the middle of the 2nd quarter, when Andrew Brydges (4 points, 5 rebounds, 3 blocks) and Matthew Brydges (6 points, 8 rebounds) each scored a basket off hard takes to the basket. Braedon Dembek also hit a floater in the quarter. At the end of the 1st half, the Lakers led 14-8.

The Lakers really turned it on in the 3rd quarter, as they held a 12 point lead with under 2 minutes remaining in the frame. Anthony Savino took two hard takes to the basket for a total of four points, and then Matt Grinnell added another basket and 4 rebounds. Near the end of their run, Anthony Dichiara also added a basket from in the paint.

The Grizzlies captured some magic in the final 90 seconds of the quarter when Greydan Barnwell (10 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist) took over for his team. Greydan first hit a floater, and then he hit a 3-pointer on the next possession, bringing his team back within single-digits. Despite this, the Grizzlies still held a commanding 22-14 lead.

The Grizzlies cut the lead to one with under 3 minutes remaining in the 3rd quarter, but then the tides turned, and each team played terrific defense. Greydan Barnwell continued his shooting streak, as he hit a huge 3-pointer on his team's first possession of the quarter, cutting the lead to 5. Anthony Savino answered back for the Lakers, but then Barnwell found Matthew Brydges for an open lay-up on a backdoor cut.

A few minutes later, Barnwell hit 2 free-throws to continue to cut the lead. With under 2-minutes remaining, Andrew Brydges found his brother Matt, who then laid it in to cut the lead to one. However, with under 40 seconds remaining, Chase Smith (2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assists, 2 steals) followed up on an offensive rebound with a huge basket to give his team a 3-point lead. This cushion was enough to put the Grizzlies away.

The Lakers defeated the Grizzlies, 26-23.