

Saturday March 9, 2019

76ers 29, Trailblazers 20

Shiesley leads the way in 76ers victory

Connor Shiesely was a man on a mission on Saturday, scoring 21 total points, ripping down 9 rebounds, tallying an assist, grabbing 5 steals, and blocking 3 shots. The 76ers got out to a quick lead, winning 14-3 at the end of the 1st quarter. Shiesley scored 10 points in the first quarter, using a mixture of drives to the basket and nice jump shots. Brody Schmutzler (4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals) also added a basket in the frame, and had a really good game overall. Cole Frank (4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals) also scored a basket, and assisted on Schmutzler's basket.

The Trailblazers clawed back in the 2nd quarter, using a mixture of players. Aiden Shingleton (6 points, 4 rebounds) scored 4 points in the quarter, while Cullen Battaglia (6 points, 2 rebounds, 2 blocks, 2 steals) added a basket in the frame. Wesley Stahl showed off the range multiple times in the quarter, scoring a jumper. AJ Millar also cleaned up an offensive rebound and put it in for 2 points. The score was 18-13 76ers at the end of the first half.

The 76ers retook their lead in the 3rd quarter. Shiesely scored 4 points while also grabbing 3 steals. Brody Schmutzler added an offensive rebound and basket as well. Matthew Vittum also had a strong quarter, making good passes and ripping down 2 rebounds. Much of the 76ers success came from playing great defense, pressuring the ball at half-court, making it difficult for any Trailblazers to create separation. At the end of the 3rd, the 76ers held a 24-15 point lead.

The 76ers ultimately kept the lead, defeating the Trailblazers 29-20. In the final frame, Shiesley added another 3 points, continuing to attack the basket. He also assisted on a jumper by Cole Frank. Mason Richau and Brody Schmutzler snagged 2 rebounds each in the frame.

In the 4th quarter for the Trailblazers, Braxton Vailancourt (4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block) added 4 points off jumpers from the baseline. In addition, Caleb Herbert snagged 4 total rebounds in the loss.