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Liberty 22, Sparks 11

Liberty pull away in the 2nd half; defeat Sparks

The first half of Liberty vs Sparks was very close, however, the size of the Liberty ultimately helped them pull away in the 2nd half, outrebounding their opponents. The Liberty held a 4-0 lead at the end of a very defensive 1st quarter. Alexis Juliano (5 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, 1 block) did a good job of attacking the basket, scoring 4 points and ripping down 3 rebounds in the frame. Valentina Moscato also did a good job of distributing the ball, running the point guard position very well.

In the 2nd quarter, the Sparks battled back, as Sophia Wilson (7 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 blocks, 1 steal) and Molly Lyons (4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal) each hit mid-range jumpers in the quarter. For the Liberty, Valentina Moscato also added a basket, while Alexis Juliano and Ella Waliszewski each knocked down free-throws. At half-time, the Liberty held an 8-4 lead.

The Sparks tied the game at 8 early in the 3rd quarter, looking poised to make a run. Sophia Wilson knocked down a jumper, while Molly Lyons added a lay-up in the frame. Tayler Woolston also had a very strong 2nd half, ripping down 2 rebounds.

After the tie however, the Liberty turned it up, outscoring their opponent 14-3 in the final 12 minutes. Kiyanna Harris was on fire in the 2nd half, scoring all 10 of her points, while also ripping down 11 rebounds. She did a great job of snagging the offensive rebound, and then putting it up for well-earned points. At the end of the 3rd quarter, the Liberty led 14-8.

The Liberty continued to pull away in the 4th quarter, as Kiyanna Harris and Ella Waliszewski added 4 points each. Alexis Julianon added 5 points and assisted on a Waliszewski basket. Avery Geartz also grabbed a couple of rebounds in the frame. The Liberty were ultimately victorious, winning 22-11.

In the final quarter for the Sparks, Sophia Wilson added another 3 points and ripped down 3 rebounds. Taylor Sciandra also added an assist.