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## **UCLA 38, Oregon 34**

### *UCLA prevails in victory over Oregon*

Joshiah Oliver (17 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 6 steals) was the go-to guy for UCLA in their victory over Oregon, using a bunch of moves to the basket to control his team's tempo on offense. In the first quarter, Joshiah repeatedly took the ball to the basket, scoring a total of 7 points in the frame. However, it was the supporting cast of UCLA that ultimately propelled them to victory. Connor West (3 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist) and Jayden Mayville (5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist) each played well all afternoon, rebounding and pushing the ball up the court. Despite the success of UCLA, Oregon matched them. Daniel Liberti (9 points, 11 rebounds) scored 4 points off drives to the basket in the frame, while Domenic Hickok (16 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals) also scored on a take to the hoop. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, UCLA led 9-6.

UCLA opened up the game in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, as Jayden Mayville used screens to get open and take the ball to the hoop, scoring a total of 5 points. A key piece of UCLA's success was the play of Dylan Hebler (9 points, 3 rebounds), as he hit three total 3-pointers in the game, including one in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Oliver also had all 3 of his assists in the frame, finding Aaryn Samsel (4 points, 1 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals) open for baskets. However Domenic Hickok and Oregon continued to battle as well, as he scored 4 points, while Dylan Froelich (4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist) and Daniel Liberti each scored a basket and ripped down 3 rebounds in the frame. At the end of the first-half, UCLA held a 21-14 lead.

Each team slowed the game down in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, playing tremendous defense. For Oregon, Aaron Quinn ripped down 4 rebounds, while Danny Liberti and Domenic Hickok each grabbed 3 rebounds. Near the end of the quarter, Hickok hit a 3-pointer to break the stalemate. For UCLA, they found rebounds and defense from Oliver and Dylan Hebler, as each player grabbed 2 steals and 2 rebounds. Heading into the 4<sup>th</sup>, UCLA held a 23-17 lead.

Each team battled hard in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, finding great offensive play. The 3-pointers were flying for UCLA, as they hit 3 total 3 pointers in the final frame, including two by Dylan Hebler to ultimately sink the Ducks. Joshiah Oliver also did his part, breaking the Oregon pressure, and scoring 6 points in the final minutes.

Oregon did make it tough, as Domenic Hickok continued to do what he does best—attacking the basket. He scored 7 points in the final quarter, while finding Evan Johnson for a 3-pointer. Danny Liberti scored 3 points and recorded 3 rebounds in the final frame, in addition to a basket by Dylan Froelich. However, Joshiah had a key drive to the basket in the final minute to push the UCLA lead to 4 points. Although Oregon tried to comeback, they ultimately fell short, as UCLA won 38-34.