

Saturday February 1, 2020

Arizona 41, Baylor 27

Arizona Knocks Off Baylor To Stay Undefeated

Alexis Juliano (23 points, 4 rebounds, 7 assists, 4 steals) got the ball rolling for Arizona, as she scored 10 points and dished out 3 assists in the first quarter, helping her team build an early 16-6 lead. Many of these passes went to sister Kaylee Juliano (16 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 blocks, 2 steals), who scored 6 points off great post feeds, while also dishing out 3 assists. The Wildcats continued to ride the dynamic duo of the Juliano sisters, as the two combined for an additional 9 points in the second quarter. Marisa Richard (2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals) added 2 points and 2 rebounds, while Ella Smith (2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals) dished out an assist in the quarter. At the end of the first half, Arizona held a 27-11 lead.

Baylor answered back in the 3rd quarter, cutting the deficit to 8 with under a minute remaining in the frame. This surge was led by the sharp shooting of Elizabeth Lyons (10 points), who knocked down a 3-pointer in the quarter, and scored a total of 10 points during the game. Ella Cashion (2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals) also went to work in the third quarter, scoring 2 points and grabbing 3 rebounds. Maddie Ringler (4 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal) also scored a basket. Throughout the afternoon, Macey Kovach did a great job of spreading the floor and finding open teammates, as she added 9 points and grabbed 3 rebounds.

However, a jump shot by Alexis Juliano with 30 seconds remaining in the quarter put an end to the hot streak from Baylor, and regained the momentum for the Wildcats.

Arizona ultimately defeated Baylor, 41-27. On each team's first offensive possession of the game, each team elected to take an 8-second back-court violation's in honor of Kobe and Gianna Bryant, and all others who lost their lives last Sunday. Kobe Bryant's "Mamba Mentality" is what many of our Rec Staff grew up with when playing basketball in our leagues as children, as it taught many of the workers to always play hard, regardless of the score and outcome.

Saturday was about more than just playing basketball.