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Arizona 30, UConn 15

Arizona Offense too Much for UConn

The first quarter began with stellar play from the Juliano sisters. Both Alexis Juliano (19 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals) and Kaylee Juliano (5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 blocks) started the game with 4 points a piece in the opening frame. For the opposition it was Arianna Caron (2 points, 3 rebounds) and Kiyanna Harris (4 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals) that got UConn on the board as each contributed a basket in the quarter.

Much like the first quarter, everything was clicking for Alexis Juliano in the 2nd quarter. Alexis tallied 6 of her 19 in this quarter and also got some big help from fellow teammate Taylor Sciandra (4 points, 1 rebound) as she scored all of her points in this frame and hit some key jumpers. The Arizona defense seemed to be too much for UConn as they were held to only one basket scored by Raygen Manzare (3 points, 3 rebounds). At the half Arizona held a 13 point lead with a score of 20-7.

The 3rd quarter was quiet in terms of points scored but was a big defensive quarter for both teams. Ella Waliszewski (2 points, 1 rebound, 3 steals, 1 blocked) was the spark plug for her team defensively as she posted a 3 steal and 1 block stat line for the day. Molly Lyons (4 points, 4 rebounds) also contributed with a few steals of her own. On the other side, Ella Smith and Emilie Smith both forced turnovers on the defensive end with a couple steals and blocks between the 2 players.

In the end, the fire power possessed by the Arizona offense outweighed UConn's defensive efforts. Alexis Juliano posted another 6 point quarter scoring all of her teams points of the frame. Molly Lyons and Kiyanna Harris added a 4th quarter basket in a losing effort.

In the first meeting of many this season, both teams proved this is going to be a action packed matchup each time they play. Arizona takes the first one with a final score of 30-15.