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Bulls complete comeback over Bonnies

While the Bonnies dominated play in the first quarter, it was the Bulls who found chemistry in the second-half to sneak away with the victory. The Bonnies started off hot, scoring the first 6 points of the game, thanks to an opening-tip lay-up by Lexi Gampp and 4 points inside the paint by Kaylee Juliano (6 points, 10 rebounds, 2 blocks, 3 steals). Maggie Shiesley added the lone basket for the Bulls at the end of the 1st quarter on a deep 2-pointer, and seemed to give a spark to the Bulls teams.

The second quarter fit the same narrative, as Juliano scored once again for the Bonnies. Near the end of the quarter, Sophia Waliszewski (9 points, 12 rebounds, 2 blocks) of the Bulls began to gain traction, as she scored 4 points in the quarter. However, the Bonnies swarming defensive duo of Gabby Giesing (2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 6 steals) and Grace Giesing (5 steals) made an offensive momentum for the Bulls nearly impossible, as they continuously stole the ball from their opponents and forced turnovers. At half-time, the Bonnies lead 8-6.

Both teams continued to play tough in the second half. Lexi Gampp and Emma Schwabe of the Bonnies helped control the tempo of the game when they were on offense, and Sophia Waliszewski and Ava Devald did the same for the Bulls. Waliszewski saw her hard work pay off, as she scored all five Bulls points in the quarter, and give her team the one point lead heading into the 4th quarter.

As the Bonnies began to focus their attention on Waliszewski on defense, it allowed other Bulls player to shine, as Ava Devald and Juliana Haacker both added big baskets to give their team a 15-10 lead with 2 minutes remaining. Gabby Giesing did add a late minute lay-up to try and give her team a final push, however, the Bulls swarming defense and offensive rebounding skills were too much for the Bonnies to overcome.

During the final 10 minutes of the game, the Bulls out-rebounded the Bonnies 19-7. The tenacious efforts of the Bulls helped them claw back into the game, and defeat the Bonnies 15-12.