

Saturday, February 22, 2020

## **Tennessee 38, Baylor 31**

### **Tennessee Survives Last Push By Baylor**

Tennessee led 21-6 at the end of the first half, thanks to great ball movement and sharp defense. In the first half, Natalie Endres (8 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals) led the charge with 6 points and 4 rebounds, attacking the basket with a full head of steam. Brittany Day (16 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals, 5 blocks) also attacked the basket, scoring 9 points in the opening 16 minutes, while Lia Seelbach (4 points, 3 rebounds) scored 4 points. Kiera Tokarczyk (6 points, 3 rebounds, 4 blocks, 2 steals) was once again a force on the defensive end, being in the correct spot at all times, to record 2 steals and 2 blocks. All Tennessee players scored on the afternoon, thanks to the great team basketball they played.

However, Baylor never gave up, and as a result, cut the deficit to 6 points by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 25-19. This run was led by the sharp shooting of the Baylor Bears, as Madeline Ringler (9 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals) scored 5 points, and Ella Cashion (6 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals) knocked down back-to-back jumpers. This surge rejuvenated Baylor, as Maggie Shiesley (4 points, 1 assist, 1 rebound) also scored a basket, while Cadence Hill (4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist) scored off a nice inbound play. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the Bears simply couldn't miss a shot, and replaced the pressure on Tennessee.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter saw good back-and-forth action, as Avery Geartz (8 points, 2 assists) scored 6 points for Baylor to eventually claw the Bears back within three points. Avery did a great job of creating space, and showing off her sharp shooting abilities. After Brittany Day knocked down a crucial three to regain a 6-point lead, Baylor answered with a jumper from Madeline Ringler. However, it was the clutch play of Kiera Tokarczyk down the stretch, who scored back-to-back baskets off passes from Brittany Day.

Ultimately, Tennessee held on to defeat Baylor, 38-31.

Saturday, February 22, 2020

## **Arizona 21, UConn 15**

### **Arizona Pulls Away Late in Victory**

Arizona and UConn played a tight game throughout, as UConn simply would not quit in their pursuit of knocking off the undefeated Arizona Wildcats. Arizona jumped out to an early lead, thanks to the ball sharing of the Juliano sisters, Kaylee (8 points, 23 rebounds) and Alexis (7 points, 11 rebounds, 4 blocks), who combined for 7 points and 11 rebounds in the quarter. Emilie Smith also scored for Arizona, after knocking down a jumper off a pass from Ella Smith. At the end of the first quarter, Arizona led 9-5.



However, UConn settled in nicely after this point, making key adjustments to make life difficult for Arizona the rest of the way. UConn's tenacious defense forced Arizona into a plethora of difficult shots. At the same token, however, Arizona's defense was also lights out, as they rebounded up a storm on the afternoon, registering 41 total rebounds.

The scoring re-opened up in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, as UConn's efforts on the offensive end eventually paid off after Sophia Waliszewski (10 points, 5 rebounds, 2 blocks, 1 steal) nailed a 3-pointer that hit nothing but net, to tie the game at 11 late in the frame. Sophia had a very strong game, using her great dribbling abilities to slice and dice through the defense, and get her teammates good looks at the basket. Alexis Juliano eventually broke the tie with under 20 seconds remaining, after grabbing an offensive rebound. In the quarter, Kaylee Juliano ripped down 7 rebounds, while Ella Smith snagged 2 rebounds of her own. Arizona led 13-11 heading into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Early in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, it looked like UConn would take the game right down to the wire, as Raygen Manzare (5 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal), who had a very strong game on both ends of the floor, scored on a strong take to the basket. Sophia Waliszewski continued to make moves to the baskets, as she scored off a strong take to the hoop. The speed and size of Arizona helped them pull away at the end, as Ella Waliszewski (4 points, 2 rebounds) went to work, scoring 4 points to put the game on ice. Kayle Julinao grabbed 5 rebounds and scored a basket during the quarter, while Alexis Juliano scored a basket and had 3 rebounds. Over the course of the game, Kaylee Juliano ripped down a whopping 23 rebounds.

Arizona came away with the victory, pulling away in the final minutes, to win the game, 21-15.

## February 22, 2020

Player of the Week	Unsung Hero of the Week
Sophia Waliszewski--UConn	Ella Cashion--Baylor
 A photograph of Sophia Waliszewski, a young woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a white t-shirt with "NT Parks & Recreation" printed on it and grey shorts. She is standing against a purple background with her hands clasped in front of her.	 A photograph of Ella Cashion, a young woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a bright green t-shirt with "NT Parks & Recreation" printed on it and black shorts. She is standing against a purple background and smiling.
<p>Sophia had a great game on Saturday, showing off her handles and making moves to the basket throughout the afternoon. Sophia's aggressiveness was on full display, as she made moves in traffic that may wouldn't even dare to make. In addition, Sophia nailed a 3-pointer that hit nothing but net, and also did a great job of finding open teammates throughout the game. Finally, Sophia displayed her all around abilities by having a very strong game on the defensive end as well.</p>	<p>Ella's big third quarter helped Baylor crawl back into the game on Saturday, as she had scored 4 points and ripped down 4 rebounds in the frame. These baskets provided a spark for Baylor, who crawled back from a big deficit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of their game. Overall, Ella had arguably her best game of the season, finishing with 6 points, 8 rebounds, and 2 steals.</p>