

## Girls 7-9 Grade Basketball

February 29, 2020

Arizona 32, Baylor 15

### Juliano Sisters combine for 22 points in victory over Baylor.

Arizona put their undefeated record on the line on Saturday as they faced off against the Baylor Lady Bears. It was all Arizona to start in the first as Alexis Juliano (10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists) as she attacked the basket and got rewarded by scoring 4 points in the quarter. Alexis also added 2 rebounds and an assist. Kaylee Juliano (12 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocks) scored 6 in the quarter as she posted up and got results. The Juliano's combined to score 10 in the first quarter. For Baylor, it was tough sledding as they were not able to score any points in the quarter. Avery Geartz and Maggie Shiesley provided good defense in the quarter, pulling down rebounds. However, Arizona led 10-0 at the end of the first.

Ella Smith (4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal) of Arizona came out of the gate strong as she scored all 4 points in the second quarter as she was able to convert on a layup and hit a corner jumper as well. Alexis Juliano also scored in the quarter to give the Arizona Lady Wildcats 16 points in the quarter. Ella Cashion (2 points, 1 rebound, 1 block) got Baylor on the scoreboard. Arizona still remained steadily in the lead at the end of the first half, 16-2.

To start the third quarter, Emilie Smith (2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal) kicked things off for Arizona on the scoreboard. The Juliano sisters combined for 6 points in the quarter while Alexis added a rebound and Kaylee added an assist on Emilie Smith's basket. Ella Smith got the assist on Kaylee Juliano's basket. Elizabeth Lyons (3 points, 1 rebound, 2 blocks) was able to get energy going for her team as she was able to connect on a deep three pointer for Baylor. Maggie Shiesley was also able to score in on a layup while Avery Geartz (3 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals) converted on one of two free throws to close out the third. Arizona remained in the lead with a score of 24-8.

It was Kaylee Juliano and Ella Waliszewski (4 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists) who each scored 4 points in the quarter to extend the Arizona lead with a combination of layups and jump shots. Waliszewski assisted on one of Kaylee's baskets while sister Alexis Juliano added an assist on Ella Waliszewski's basket. For Baylor, Macey Kovach (5 points, 2 rebounds) had herself a quarter as she scored all her points in the fourth, including a made three pointer. Kovach also grabbed a rebound as well. However, it was ultimately Arizona who would go on to win over Baylor, 32-15.

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**Tennessee 32, Uconn 22**

**Tennessee defeats the shorthanded Uconn Huskies.**

In a matchup that pit Tennessee against Uconn, it was anyone's quarter to start as both teams were trading baskets back and forth. For Tennessee, it was Brittany Day (17 points, 10 rebounds, 3 blocks, 2 steals) who scored all 8 of Tennessee's points in the first quarter. Her teammates helped her by making crisp passes to her as well as a good all-around defensive effort. Tennessee as a team combined to rip down 14 rebounds to limit Uconn's second chance opportunities. Uconn did not show any fear however as the team played as a unit to score 6 in the quarter. Ava Devald (2 points, 17 rebounds, 1 steal) scored in the quarter while adding 2 rebounds. Raygen Menzare and Sophia Waliszewski (3 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 blocks, 3 steals) each added a basket as well. Tennessee came out on top at the end of the first quarter 8-6.

It only remained a close effort as teams continued to battle back and forth in the second quarter as well. Multiple Lady Volunteers scored in the second as Day scored a basket while adding 2 rebounds as well. Natalie Endres (2 points, 11 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block) and Kyler Shiesley (7 points, 8 rebounds, steal) each added a basket as well for their team. Molly Lyons (7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 block) converted on a corner jumper for the Huskies. Raygen Manzare (10 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals) had 4 in the quarter. It remained a close one as the first half ended with Tennessee still winning, 14-12.

Tennessee and Uconn only kept the game closer as the third quarter started Brittany Day kept her scoring effort going as she connected on a long range three while also grabbing 3 rebounds. Lia Seelbach (4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal) scored in the quarter as well. For Uconn, Lyons and Manzare converted on layups as well while Waliszewski converted on one of two free throws to give Uconn 17 to end the third. Heading into the fourth, Tennessee was still leading 19-17 over Uconn.

After three close quarters of play, Tennessee was finally able to pull away with it in the fourth. Thanks to Day scoring 4 in the final quarter while teammate Kyler Shiesley had 5 including a three pointer. Kiera Tokarczyk (2 points, 9 rebounds) also scored in the quarter to eventually put the game out of reach for Uconn. Molly Lyons hit a three in the final quarter while Manzare made a layup. Tennessee ended up pulling away in the fourth and winning, 32-22.

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<b>Player of the Week</b>	<b>Unsung Hero of the Week</b>
<b>Ava Devald--UConn</b>	<b>Ella Smith--Arizona</b>
	
<p>Despite the loss, Ava made life difficult for Tennessee, as she as a force on both ends of the floor, ripping down 17 total rebounds on the afternoon. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter alone, Ava ripped down 7 boards. Ava also played great defense in the process, not only preventing her opponents from gaining second chance opportunities, but stopping them in the paint. Ava finished with 2 points, 17 rebounds, a steal, and 3 blocks.</p>	<p>Ella had a great game on Saturday, playing great on both ends of the floor. In the second quarter, Ella came alive, scoring back-to-back jumpers. Ella also ripped down 2 rebounds and had an assist during the game, in addition to playing great defense.</p>