

Saturday, February 8, 2020

## **Arizona 45, Tennessee 44**

### *Arizona Tops Tennessee 45-44*

Arizona and Tennessee played in a barn-burner on Saturday, as Arizona outlasted Tennessee 45-44 in a back-and-forth affair.

Arizona jumped out to a 9-2 lead in the first quarter, thanks to 5 quick points from Alexis Juliano (33 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block), and baskets from Taylor Sciandra (4 points, 3 rebounds, 2 blocks) and Emilie Smith (2 points). However, Tennessee finished the quarter strong, thanks to 4 quick points by Annabelle Day (22 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals). Arizona had a nice lead of 9-6.

Tennessee led at the end of the first half, clawing back with a score of 17-15. In the frame, Brittany Day (18 points, 3 rebounds, 10 assists, 3 steals, 3 blocks) began to take over, scoring 7 points, including a 3-pointer from on the wing. Annabelle Day also scored 4 points, while playing terrific defense in the frame. For Arizona, Kaylee Juliano (3 points, 3 rebound, 1 assist) added 3 points, while Alexis Juliano also scored a basket.

Each team once again went toe-to-toe in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. While Brittany Day dropped 5 assists and 3 points in the frame, she fed her sister Annabelle Day for 8 points, while Ava Seelbach (4 points, 3 rebounds) also knocked down a jumper. With 3 minutes remaining in the quarter, Tennessee held a 28-22 lead. However, then Alexis Julinao took over, dropping 9 points in the span of 90 seconds, by drilling 3, 3-pointers in a row. Alexis' amazing shooting display helped propel Arizona to a 31-30 lead, as they held much of the momentum heading into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

There were 5 lead changes in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, as Alexis Juliano and Brittany Day exchanged baskets. However, it was the strong play of Marisa Richard and Taylor Sciandra who hit key baskets during the frame for UConn. Annabelle Day also scored 6 points for Tennessee, while Ava Seelbach added another basket of her own. Lia Seelbach (7 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals) also had 3 steals in the quarter, helping Tennessee push the ball up the court.

With 33 seconds remaining, Tennessee held a 44-43 lead, but Uconn had the ball. Alexis Juliano took the ball to the hoop and scored to give the Wildcats a 45-44 lead. Ultimately, Uconn held onto win, and remain undefeated on the season.

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## **UConn 21, Baylor 17**

### *UConn completes comeback to defeat Baylor*

Uconn and Baylor started out in a defensive battle, as Baylor held a 6-4 lead at halftime. Each team had great defensive stands, suffocating each other's offenses as soon as they crossed over half-court.

The game began to open up in the second half, as Baylor held onto a 15-13 lead by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each team began to exchange baskets, as Elizabeth Lyons (7 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal) led the way for Baylor, dropping 5 points, including a 3-pointer. Maddie Ringler (6 points, 13 rebounds, 2 blocks) and Macey Kovach (2 points, 2 steals) also connected on back-to-back baskets for Baylor. UConn found offensive production from Molly Lyons (4 points, 1 rebound), who dropped 4 points of her own. Raygen Manzare (8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steal) also had a steal and basket in the frame, while Ava Devald (8 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals) scored a basket off a fantastic pass from Sophia Walizewski (1 point, 9 rebounds, 3 assists) to pull back within 2 points by the end of the frame.

Each team played hard in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, however it was the strong defensive play of UConn which was the difference. UConn only surrendered one basket in the quarter, as they locked in on defense to help secure a victory. On the offensive side of the ball, Raygen Manzare showed her toughness by scoring another 4 points. She was able to do so, thanks to the sharp passing an expert court-vision of Sophia Walzewski, who had 2 of her 4 assists in the frame, both the Manzare. Sophia was also able to set up Ava Devald, as Ava also scored 4 points during the final minutes of regulation. The strong 4<sup>th</sup> quarter play of UConn helped the team come back after trailing the majority of the game, ultimately defeating Baylor 21-17.