

Saturday, January 25, 2020

LSU 32, Syracuse 29

LSU Holds-off Syracuse Comeback

LSU and Syracuse played a great game on Saturday evening, resulting in the game coming right down to the final possession. LSU held a 10-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, after four quick points by Dylan Burd (7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists). Five LSU players found the scoresheet during the game, as Romeon Alriche (8 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals), Landon Calvert (11 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal), and Henry Millar (4 points, 10 rebounds) each scored a basket in the frame. For Syracuse, the team relied on playing team basketball, playing strong help-side defense and pushing the ball up the court. Luke Bradley (6 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists) and Dominic Caccamise (11 points, 3 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 block) led the way for the Orange, scoring a combined 17 points while being good floor generals while on the court.

LSU held onto the lead for the majority of the game, as Landon Calvert hit back-to-back tough baskets in the second quarter. Henry Millar also had a big game in the paint, scoring on an offensive rebound. For Syracuse, Luke Bradley had four points in the frame, and Dom Caccamise added a tough basket. At the half, LSU led 17-12.

LSU continued to keep the lead from Syracuse in the second half, as Romeon Alriche added 5 points and Matt Grinnell went to work in the paint, recording 3 rebounds, a basket, and a block. Henry Millar also continued to work hard in the paint, grabbing 5 rebounds in the frame. After LSU jumped out to a 25-14 lead, Syracuse began to claw back, thanks to four points by Dom Caccamise, and four huge points by Ryan Wojtaszek (4 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal) during the fast break. Luke Bradley also dished out an assist in the frame, and Mateo Marazzo added two rebounds and a steal. LSU held a 27-21 lead at the end of the 3rd.

It looked like LSU was going to pull away with an easy victory after securing a 32-24 lead by the middle of the 4th quarter. Landon Calvert once again went to work, scoring 5 points and grabbing an impressive 6 rebounds in the frame. Matt Grinnell also grabbed 3 rebounds in the quarter. However, Syracuse did not quit. After a big basket by Mateo Marazzo on the fast break, Ian Wilson (5 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals) took a steal to the basket to cut the deficit to six. Then, with 30 seconds remaining, Dom Caccamise hit a 3-pointer to pull Syracuse within 3. However, LSU was able to break the Syracuse press thanks to a great play by Landon Calvert and Joseph Holman.

LSU held on to win, 32-29. In the victory, Dylan Burd had a fantastic game, making great moves to the basket, while consistently finding open teammates.