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Bonnies stun Bulls with barrage of late baskets

The Bonnies overcame a sluggish start, receiving a barrage of late baskets, including a pair of clutch baskets from Amber Gambino as they handed the Bulls their first loss of the season.

The Bulls had the early momentum as Sophia Waliszewski (12 points, 19 rebounds, 5 steals, 1 assist) crashed the boards hard, grabbing 8 first quarter rebounds, turning two of them into baskets. Natalie Prezioso (2 points, 3 rebounds, 5 steals) added a basket on a nice layup to give the Bulls the early 6-2 lead.

The Bulls continued their dominance as Ava Devald wreaked havoc on the defensive side of the court, churning in 5 steals while grabbing 13 rebounds. Juliana Haacker added some additional force to the defensive side, contesting shots near the basket, and pulling down 7 rebounds, as the Bonnies struggled to find an offensive rhythm.

As the game wore on, the Bonnies picked up some momentum as Lexi Gampp (6 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals) gave her team a boost with a pair of baskets, while Emma Schwabe (2 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals) out-hustled the Bulls players to loose balls and created additional opportunities for her teammates to score. After chasing down two loose balls on the same possession, Schwabe decided to take things into her own hands, draining a corner jumper to pull the Bonnies to within one point.

In the final quarter, Kaylee Juliano turned up the heat on defense, contributing two of her team-high 11 blocks on the evening, as her length frustrated the opposing Bulls players who couldn't find ways to get good shots over Juliano's outstretched arms. The Bonnies then took advantage of the Bulls miscues on defense, as they found wide open Amber Gambino on consecutive trips down the floor, with Gambino cashing in for a pair of baskets to give the Bonnies the lead for good in the 18-14 victory.

In the win, Ella Smith added 2 points and 7 rebounds, while the Giesing sisters combined for 10 rebounds and 4 steals.