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### **Cardinals soar over Bengals**

The Cardinals used a big second quarter to create separation from the Bengals as they soared to a 25-14 victory.

The game was a tight one in the early going, as Lily Day kicked off the scoring with a steal and a layup to give the Cardinals the early 2-0 lead. A rebound and basket from Ellie Fox (6 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals) tied the game; however Emeline Sparks (6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals) had an immediate answer with a nice corner jumper shot to help the Cardinals regain the lead. From there, Day (9 points, 10 rebounds, 5 steals) took over, with some stellar defense, creating turnovers and blocked shots, while also pouring in three more points in the quarter. Down 7-2, the Bengals received a boost from Grace Gabel who grabbed a rebound and turned it into a basket to make it a 7-4 ballgame.

The second quarter was the difference maker for the Cardinals who spread the scoring as Liliana Watson scored 4 of her 6 points, while Lila Mirowski made a stellar long-range jump shot, and Day and Sparks each added baskets as their team went on a 10-2 run to open the lead to 17-6. Emma Bush stopped the bleeding with a nice mid-range jumper, while Avery and Adalyn Devonshire each added baskets to pull the Bengals closer; however the damage was already done, and with each Bengals basket, the Cardinals answered with one of their own, as Ella Winkler banked home a long-range jumper and Watson, Day and Sparks each added one final basket to keep the lead at a comfortable margin.

In the loss, Ashlyn Gabel played superb defense, snatching three steals, while Madison Mascardo and Jordyn Szczesnak chipped in with solid defensive efforts. In the win Liliana Watson finished with 6 points, 3 rebounds and 4 steals, while Gabriella Casewell added a pair of steals. For the Bengals, Emma Bush finished with 10 rebounds 1 assist and 3 steals, while Ellie Fox played a solid all-around game, leading the team with 6 points and a number of blocked shots.