

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Memphis 33, Syracuse 18

Memphis Out Lasts Syracuse in Afternoon Affair

Memphis outworked Syracuse on Saturday, defeating the team 33-18 thanks to their fast and physical play. After Syracuse held the lead at the end of the first quarter, thanks to 5 quick points from Mateo Marazzo (5 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal), it was all Memphis for the remainder of the game. Aaron Quinn (14 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals) of Memphis had himself a day, as he was virtually unstoppable when on the court. Quinn finished with 14 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 blocks, continuously attacking the basket and out-working his opponent when in the game. Blake Denhaese (11 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists) also played great for Memphis, scoring 11 points and grabbing 3 rebounds, off a mixture of jumpers and drives. Memphis made life difficult for Syracuse, as the Orange went 12 minutes without scoring a basket. The Tigers did a great job of protecting the paint, disrupting basically every drive and jumper Syracuse took.

Dominic Caccamise (6 points, 8 rebounds) and Luke Bradley (6 points, 2 rebounds) each scored 6 points for Syracuse, however, it was extremely difficult for the team to find any groove. For Memphis, Adam Kyler grabbed 6 rebounds and dished out 2 assists in the victory, while Talan Garver (3 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists) and James Messer (5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals) each found the scoresheet by using an array of jumpshots.

Ultimately, Memphis defeated Syracuse 33-18. On each team's first offensive possession of the game, each team elected to take an 8-second back-court violation's in honor of Kobe and Gianna Bryant, and all others who lost their lives last Sunday. Kobe Bryant's "Mamba Mentality" is what many of our Rec Staff grew up with when playing basketball in our leagues as children, as it taught many of the workers to always play hard, regardless of the score and outcome.

Saturday was about more than just playing basketball.